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ABOUT US:

The Department of Religious Sciences began as a double-major undergraduate study program in the 2013/2014 academic year. In the 2016/2017 academic year, a double-major graduate program was added. The department academic staff consists of three members, of whom two hold scientific-teaching positions and one is a research assistant.

One of the main reasons for initiating a university undergraduate theology and catechetics program is in response to the demands that life in a multicultural and multireligious society places on education. The program is conceived to promote education in compliance with the educational strategies and standards aimed at imparting the knowledge, skills and professional, methodical-didactical and personal-social competencies of a catechist for educating the young in tolerance, intercultural and interreligious dialogue, coexistence and active and responsible participation in a plural world. Following the latest developmental guidelines for pedagogical and catechetical sciences, this program is in line with European reform trends and meets the needs for scientifically-based, religious-educational and catechetical practice and the development of catechesis through the practical application of scientific reflections. The program meets the needs for personnel with such knowledge, skills and competencies, especially in education. In addition to educational-pedagogical work, i.e., teaching confessional religious education in elementary and secondary schools, the program provides candidates with the qualifications to work in Church, social, cultural and humanitarian institutions and civil society organizations. The program also meets the needs of the Church for the training of catechists, in which a high academic-scientific level is achieved and the conditions that the local Churches establish for the creation of catechetical institutes *ex novo* are met.

A student who successfully completes the undergraduate theological and catechetical program receives the degree of Bachelor (Baccalaureus) of Catechetics. A student who successfully completes the graduate catechetics program receives the degree of Master of Catechetics.

Since the Department became part of the University of Zadar four years ago, academic staff members have participated in various symposia, as well as domestic and international scientific and professional gatherings. The Department of Religious Sciences also participates in book presentations, proceedings and the organization or co-organization of debates. In March 2016, it was the host of the Fortieth International Scientific Symposium of Professors of Philosophy and Theology.

The Department of Religious Sciences organizes retreats twice a year, which have been led so far by Fr. Ivan Ike Mandurić, Prof. Dr. Friar Ante Vučković and Fr. Damir Stojić, M.S.

STUDY PROGRAMS

Undergraduate university theological and catechetical study program (double-major)

Duration of the study: 3 years; 6 semesters (full-time study)

Admission requirements: Passing score on the National Secondary School Leaving Examination or successful completion of the admission procedure

Competencies acquired upon finishing the study program:

Actualize and communicate theological contents with their historical, systematic and biblical contexts for the purpose of education in faith.

Actualize and communicate the “catechetical role” of the liturgy.

Apply a multimedia approach in the presentation of religious contents.

Reflect one's own position and develop a religious identity in interreligious and intercultural dialogue.

Apply insights from the Christological, anthropological and ecclesiological dimensions of Mariology in educational practice.

Apply insights from theology and the humanities in developing catechetical practices.

Apply adequate models and methods in order to achieve and assess objectives in religious education classes.

Relate the theological and ecclesial aspects of God's revelation and the tradition of the Church to the anthropological and pedagogical aspects of students' life experiences.

Present the role of the Church in culture as well as the significance of religious literature and fine arts.

Independently interpret and analyze biblical texts, documents of the Magisterium.

Present Christological topics and their significance for theology and the Church of today.

Reflect upon the fundamental philosophical issues and philosophical problems in classical philosophical thought as well as in contemporary philosophical directions, and recognize the points relevant to the dialogue of faith with today's world.

Analyze the fundamental ethical issues and dilemmas in a manner based on ethical arguments.

Professional title acquired upon finishing the study program: Bachelor of Catechetics

Course list by semesters:

Course unit code	SEMESTER I	Status	Hours per week			ECTS
			L	S	E	
TKO101	Introduction to the mystery of Christ and the history of salvation	R	30	0	0	3
TKO102	History of philosophy	R	45	0	0	4
TKO103	Introduction to the Bible	R	30	15	0	3
TKO104	Research methodology	R	30	15	0	3
TKO105	Science of religions of the world	I	30	0	0	2
TKO106	Foreign language	I	15	0	15	2
	SEMESTER II					
TKO111	Church history	R	45	0	0	3
TKO112	Logic and theory of knowledge	R	30	0	0	3
TKO113	Fundamental moral theology	R	30	15	0	4
TKO114	Philosophical anthropology and cosmology	R	30	0	0	3
TKO115	The musical culture of the Church	O	15	0	15	2
TKO116	Eastern and ecumenical theology	I	30	0	0	2
	SEMESTER III					
TKO201	Introduction to religious pedagogy and catechetics	R	30	15	0	4
TKO202	Fundamentals of the liturgy	R	30	0	0	2
TKO203	Christian revelation	R	45	0	0	4
TKO204	Bioethics	R	30	0	0	3
TKO 205	Mariology	E	30	0	0	2

TKO 206	Movements in the Church	E	30	0	0	2
SEMESTER IV						
TKO211	Trinitarian theology	R	45	15	0	4
TKO212	Ethics	R	30	0	0	2
TKO213	Exegesis I	R	30	15	0	3
TKO214	Patristics	R	30	0	0	2
TKO215	Pneumatology	R	30	0	0	2
TKO216	Selected topics in the Bible	E	30	0	0	2
TKO217	Electives from the Bible	E	30	0	0	2
SEMESTER V						
TKO301	Christology	R	30	15	0	3
TKO 302	Sacraments	R	45	0	0	3
TKO303	Didactics and educational methodology of religious education	R	45	0	0	4
TKO304	Cannon law	R	30	0	0	2
TKO305	Social doctrine of the Catholic Church	R	30	0	0	2
TKO306	History of the Church in Croatia	E	30	0	0	2
TKO307	The role of the laity in the Church	E	30	0	0	2
SEMESTER VI						
TKO311	Exegesis II	R	30	15	0	3
TKO312	Religious education of preschool children	R	30	0	15	3
TKO313	Ecclesiology	R	30	15	0	3
TKO314	Final exam	R	0	0	60	5
TKO315	Postmodernizam i kršćanstvo	E	30	0	0	2
TKO316	Pastoral sacraments	E	30	0	0	2

Graduate university theological and catechetical study program
(double-major)

Duration of the study: 2 years; 4 semesters (full-time study)

Admission requirements: Completed double-major or single-major undergraduate theological-catechetical studies or other relevant studies in the area of the humanities and social sciences

Competencies acquired upon finishing the study program:

Compare and integrate the theological-anthropological, pedagogical-psychological and cultural-historical understanding of modern man from the Christological perspective.

Evaluate and critically assess contemporary challenges in the area of religious practice.

Function at qualitatively higher levels within the complex demands of working in the religious-pedagogical field.

Compare and assess religious and scientific views of the world, man and society.
 Organize and manage research projects by selecting the appropriate research paradigms, as well as analyze and interpret the results of research.
 Correlate and present theological and catechetical knowledge at the level of scholarly work.
 Compare and critically assess the relationship between catechetical knowledge and its concrete application in religious education practice.
 Initiate partnership among families, parish communities, educational institutions and archdiocesan offices as well as charitable, social, healthcare and civil organizations.
 Prepare and conduct catechesis in educational institutions.
 Plan, organize and conduct parish catechesis.
 Participate in the preparation of catechetical programs for children, young people and adults, as well as persons with developmental disabilities.
 Propose and organize pastoral activity in the parish community.
 Create and conduct pastoral ministries for special parish groups.
 Prepare, organize and conduct church administration.
 Develop the abilities of management and team leadership for catechetical and religious-pedagogical projects.
 Participate in creating archdiocesan projects for religious tourism.
 Plan, organize and lead programs of spiritual help, animation and assistance in various institutions and associations.
 Explain and raise awareness about the need for ecumenical and interreligious dialogue in the contemporary multicultural and multiconfessional world.
 Plan, organize and manage personal professional development in the context of lifelong education and learning.

Professional title acquired upon finishing the study program: Master of Catechetics

Course list by semesters:

Course unit code	SEMESTER I	Status	Hours per week			ECTS
			L	S	E	
TKOD401	Introduction to religious pedagogy	R	30	0	0	2
TKOD402	History of catechesis and catechetics	R	30	0	0	2
TKOD403	Pastoral theology	E	30	0	0	2
TKOD404	Christian spirituality	E	30	0	0	2
TKOD405	Psychology of religion	E	30	0	0	2
TKOD406	Jesus of Nazareth by Benedict XVI	E	30	0	0	2
	SEMESTER II					
TKOD411	The religious education and catechesis of children and preadolescents	R	30	0	15	4
TKOD412	Books I–III of the Law	R	45	0	0	3
TKOD 413	Marriage and family ministry	E	30	0	0	2

TKOD414	Pastoral medicine	E	30	0	0	2
TKOD415	Angelology and demonology	E	30	0	0	2
	SEMESTER III					
TKOD501	The religious education and catechesis of adolescents and the young	R	30	0	15	4
TKOD502	The Johannine Corpus	R	30	15	0	3
TKOD503	Biblical theology	R	30	15	0	3
TKOD504	Books IV–VII of the Law	R	45	0	0	3
TKOD505	Church administration	E	30	0	0	2
TKOD506	New Age and Christianity	E	30	0	0	2
	SEMESTER IV					
TKOD511	The catechesis and religious culture of adults	R	30	0	15	3
TKOD512	Diploma thesis	R				10
TKOD513	Ecclesiastical art	E	30	0	0	2
TKOD514	Selected topics from marital law	E	30	0	0	2