



University Ecclesiastical Academy of Thessaloniki

DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGICAL AND PASTORAL STUDIES

CURRICULUM

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. In each semester students select two (2) elective courses, 2-hours per week each. One of them is compulsory.
2. Weekly curriculum includes mandatory attendance of three-hour holy services with no credit units. These are exemplarily celebrated in tutorial form for all existing holy services, both current and obsolete. It is allowed to attend holy services (liturgies) of other Christian denominations. Each sermon - speech delivered by the students is discussed after the end of the service.
3. The foreign language (optional English, French or German) is a necessary precondition to obtain the degree but without affecting the final grade and with no credits.
4. The total number of weekly hours for both theoretical teaching and practice is thirty (30).
5. Practice includes visits to places (e.g. Mount Athos - Meteora - other Monasteries - Holy Places - Asia Minor - Byzantine Churches - Museums) and institutions of either pastoral responsibility of the Church or under the jurisdiction of the state (i.e. Hospitals - Rehabilitation Centres - Nursing Homes - Orphanages).
6. The total number of credits per academic year is sixty (60)
7. Each selected course, if not otherwise specified, is assigned to two (2) credits.
8. The thesis of the eighth semester is selected by students among topics specified by staff at the beginning of the seventh semester and is elaborated under the supervision of an assigned tutor. The thesis is submitted after the successful completion of all courses of the curriculum and is approved after the recommendation of the supervisor and the successful defend before the Academic Council.
9. To become a graduate, a student will need to collect two hundred forty (240) credits in total.

1st SEMESTER		
REQUIRED COURSES	HOURS/ WEEK	CREDIT UNITS
1. a) Introduction to Old Testament b) Hebrew Archaeology - Institutions	2 + 2 = 4	5
2. Introduction to New Testament	4	5
3. Ancient Greek (I)	4	4
4. Christian Literature and Patristics (I)	4	5
5. History of Life and Administration of the Church (I)	3	4
6. Byzantine Church Music (I)	2	3
7. Foreign Language	2	-
8. Holy Services	3	-
ELECTIVE COURSES		
1. Latin Language (Required)	2	2
2. Choir Practice	2	2 (opt.)
3. Introduction to Sociology	2	2 (opt.)
4. History of the New Testament Era and elements of Hebrew Language	2	2 (opt.)
TOTAL	30	30
2nd SEMESTER		
REQUIRED COURSES	HOURS/ WEEK	CREDIT UNITS
1. Theological and Cosmological Interpretation of the Book of Genesis and Interpretation of Old Testament Passages used in the Liturgy	4	5
2. Interpretation of New Testament Passages used in the Liturgy	4	5
3. Christian Literature and Patristics (II)	4	5
4. History of Life and Administration of the Church	3	4
5. Ancient Greek (II)	4	4
6. Byzantine Church Music (II)	2	3
7. Foreign Language	2	-
8. Holy Services	3	-
ELECTIVE COURSES		
1. History of the Orthodox Churches of North, South and Eastern Europe (Required)	2	2
2. History of Ancient Greek Philosophy	2	2 (opt.)
3. Modern Saints of the Orthodox Church	2	2 (opt.)
4. The Church of Thessaloniki as a Christian and Inter-Orthodox Centre of Mission and Hagiology	2	2 (opt.)
TOTAL	30	30

3rd SEMESTER		
REQUIRED COURSES	HOURS/ WEEK	CREDIT UNITS
1. Christian Literature and Patristics (III)	4	5
2. Introduction to Philosophy	2	3
3. Ancient and Modern Religions	4	5
4. Christian Archaeology	3	4
5. History of Christian Worship	4	5
6. Byzantine Church Music (III)	4	4
7. Foreign Language	2	-
8. Holy Services	3	-
ELECTIVE COURSES		
1. Scientific Methodology and Technography (Required)	2	2
2. The Holy Scripture in the Orthodox Worship	2	2 (opt.)
3. Morphology of Byzantine and European Music	2	2 (opt.)
4. Byzantine Illustrated Manuscripts	2	2 (opt.)
TOTAL	30	30
4th SEMESTER		
REQUIRED COURSES	HOURS/ WEEK	CREDIT UNITS
1. History of Life and Administration of Greece	4	5
2. Christian Catechetics and Christian Pedagogics	3	4
3. Christian Sociology	2	3
4. Introduction to Computer Science	3	4
5. Canon Law	4	4
6. Modern Heresies, para-religious Sects and Inter-Orthodox Schisms	4	5
7. Foreign Language	3	-
8. Holy Services	3	-
ELECTIVE COURSES		
1. Introduction to Dogmatic Theology (Required)	2	3
2. Old Testament in the books of the New Testament	2	2 (opt.)
3. Theology of Worship	2	2 (opt.)
4. Modern Psycho-Analytic Theories and the Orthodox approach	2	2 (opt.)
TOTAL	30	30

5th SEMESTER		
REQUIRED COURSES	HOURS/ WEEK	CREDIT UNITS
1. History of Orthodox Theology	4	5
2. Pentarchy - Ancient Eastern Patriarchates	3	3
3. Christian Philosophy	2	3
4. Church Law	4	5
5. Order of Orthodox Worship	4	5
6. Informatics in Pastoral Practice	3	3
7. Accounting	3	2
8. Holy Services	3	-
ELECTIVE COURSES		
1. Pastoral Psychology (Required)	2	2
2. Orthodox Diaspora	2	2 (opt.)
3. Orthodox Monasticism (Holy Mountain Athos - Meteora - - Sinai)	2	2 (opt.)
4. Contemporary Christian Denominations	2	2 (opt.)
TOTAL	30	30
6th SEMESTER		
REQUIRED COURSES	HOURS/ WEEK	CREDIT UNITS
1. Christian Ethics	4	5
2. Inter-Orthodox Relations, Inter-Christian and Inter- Religious Dialogues	2	2
3. Hagiology	3	3
4. Rituals	4	5
5. Homiletics	4	4
6. Pastoral Theology	3	4
7. Hymnology and Hymnography	3	3
8. Holy Services	3	-
ELECTIVE COURSES		
1. Computerized Accounting (Required)	2	2
2. History of Western Theology	2	2 (opt.)
3. Interpretation of the Holy Canons	2	2 (opt.)
4. Ecclesiastical Policy and Communication	2	2 (opt.)
TOTAL	30	30

7th SEMESTER		
REQUIRED COURSES	HOURS/ WEEK	CREDIT UNITS
1. Contemporary moral issues	3	3
2. Applied Pastoral Theology	3	3
3. Confessional and Pastoral Counseling	4	3
4. Dogmatics of the Orthodox Church (I)	4	4
5. Missiology	2	2
6. Hagiology and Christian Feasts	4	3
7. Interpretation of Patristic Texts	3	3
8. Holy Services	3	-
ELECTIVE COURSES		
1. Databases (Required)	2	1
2. Sources for Neomartyr Studies	2	1 (opt.)
3. Psychology of Religion	2	1 (opt.)
4. Theological and Liturgical Interpretation of Byzantine Iconography	2	1 (opt.)
TOTAL	30	23
8th SEMESTER		
REQUIRED COURSES	HOURS/ WEEK	CREDIT UNITS
1. Aesthetics of the Orthodox Christian Art	3	2
2. Organization and Administration of Dioceses, Parishes and Church Institutions	3	2
3. Inter-Ecclesiastical Relationships	2	2
4. Bioethics	4	3
5. Interpretation of Hymnographical and Liturgical Texts	4	3
6. Dogmatics of the Orthodox Church (II)	4	5
7. The Theology of Ecology	3	3
8. Holy Services	3	-
9. Bachelor Thesis	-	15
ELECTIVE COURSES		
1. Diocese and Parish in the History and in Present (Required)	2	1
2. Christianity and Culture	2	1 (opt.)
3. Theotokology	2	1 (opt.)
4. Philocalic Issues - Neptic and Ascetical spiritual life and tradition	2	1 (opt.)
TOTAL	30	37