

Contemporary Social and Ecumenical Doctrine of the Church

1. Admission Requirements:

• Prerequisites:

- Graduates with a bachelor's degree from a bachelor's degree course or graduates with an equivalent degree from a long-term university course may apply for admission to the master's degree course.
- Non-EU Citizens - Contingent upon the presentation of the Graduation Certificate from the preparatory year (excluding those who have completed their previous studies in the Romanian language) and obtaining the Letter of Acceptance issued by the Ministry of Education.
- EU Citizens + Swiss Confederation - Contingent upon the presentation of the Graduation Certificate from the preparatory year (excluding those who have completed their previous studies in the Romanian language) and the recognition of their studies by the National Centre for Recognition and Equivalence of Diplomas (CNRED).

Entrance Exams:

- Oral Examination: defending an essay on a given topic (50% of the admission average).
- Bachelor's Degree Exam Average (50% weight).

2. Degree Levels:

- Master's Degree: 2-year program following a bachelor's degree.

3. Curriculum:

• Core Courses:

Mandatory courses that all students in the program must take:

- Orthodoxy and Orthopraxy
- Theology and Psychology
- Social Aspects of Christian Mission
- Culture, Ethics, and Academic Integrity
- Dogmatic Foundations of Social Doctrine
- Research Methodology
- Value of Human Life
- Social Development and Christian Pastoral Care
- Orthodoxy and Ecumenism in Contemporary Context
- Theology, Confession, and Ministry
- Relationship between State and Church in Romania and Europe
- Orthodox Doctrine and Social Issues in Contemporary World: An Interdisciplinary Perspective
- Interreligious Dialogue and European Stability
- Practice and Scientific Research

• Electives:

- Family Counseling
- Community Social Assistance

- Interconfessional Aspects of Church Social Assistance
- Social Pedagogy
- Migration Phenomenon and Family Pastoral Care
- Counseling for Individuals in Difficulty

• **Major/Concentration:**

The programme is designed to explore the multifaceted dimensions of the church's role in the contemporary world. Students delve into the social teachings of the church, examining its engagement with contemporary societal challenges and ecumenical dialogues. The program aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the church's ethical, social, and ecumenical perspectives, fostering critical thinking and analytical skills. Through a combination of theoretical study and practical applications, students are equipped to navigate complex issues at the intersection of theology, society, and ecumenism. The major offers a holistic exploration of the church's response to contemporary issues, preparing students for meaningful contributions to both ecclesiastical and broader societal contexts.

• **General Education Requirements:**

- Successful completion of the mandatory courses, seminars and labs, completion of the three internships and the dissertation thesis.

4. **Credits:**

- Each semester carries a weight of 30 ECTS, with a total of 120 ECTS required for graduation. An additional allocation of 10 ECTS is designated for the dissertation exam.

5. **Internships and Practical Experience:**

- Practical internships occur at religious institutions in Targoviste and beyond, offering students invaluable hands-on experience in a genuine pastoral setting. Guided by faculty members serving as academic mentors, these internships aim to bridge theoretical knowledge with practical application, providing students with a real-world understanding of their studies under the seasoned guidance of experienced instructors.

6. **Research Requirements:**

- In order to meet the criteria for presenting their master's dissertation, students are required to engage in extensive study, resulting in a thorough and coherent completion of their academic endeavors.

7. **Academic Advising:**

- A supervising professor is assigned to each year of study and partially assisted activities are coordinated by supervising professors.
- The dissertation thesis is also supervised by a scientific supervisor.

8. **Extracurricular Activities:**

- Scientific activities such as conferences, roundtable discussions, and meetings with renowned specialists in the field, as well as interactions with potential employers, are periodically organized for students.

- Students have the option to participate in clubs, organizations, student scientific circles, or extracurricular activities related to their field of study or personal interests.

9. **Examinations:**

- The evaluation of learning outcomes is conducted in various ways, tailored to the specific nature of each discipline. Among the types of assessments employed are examinations, colloquiums, and ongoing progress checks. This diversified approach to evaluation ensures a comprehensive understanding of students' comprehension and mastery of the subject matter, promoting a holistic assessment methodology.

10. **Thesis Defense:**

- Prior to defending the dissertation before a committee, a crucial initial step involves subjecting the work to a thorough plagiarism check using specialized software.
- The dissertation must encompass all required content chapters, ensuring scientific rigor, accurate calculations, and conclusions grounded in evidential data. The presentation should be clear, demonstrating the graduate's professional knowledge and transversal abilities.

11. **Graduation Requirements:**

- To fulfill program requirements, students must earn 120 ECTS by passing exams in all outlined disciplines. The culmination of their academic journey involves defending a dissertation during the final examination.

12. **Degree Awarding:**

- Master's Degree in Contemporary Social and Ecumenical Doctrine of the Church.