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Profile

The John Paul II Center for Interreligious Dialogue was established in 2010 as a partnership between the Angelicum and the Russell Berrie Foundation. The Center is designed to build bridges between Christians and other religious traditions. It aims to provide the next generation of religious leaders with a comprehensive understanding of interreligious dialogue in theology, life and pastoral practice.

The Center operates under the auspices of the Ecumenical Section in the Faculty of Theology, but serves as a resource for all faculty, students and guests of the university on interreligious issues and subjects. The Center provides support for the visiting faculty and students in its various programs.

Among the current programs and offerings are:

The Russell Berrie Fellowship in Interreligious Studies is available for lay, religious, or ordained students working toward a Doctorate, License, or the Certificate in Interreligious Studies. Open to students applying to any Angelicum faculty, it provides a comprehensive Fellowship which covers the cost of tuition, fees, a modest living stipend and book allowance for one year as well as travel to and from the recipient's home country once a year. Fellows are expected to concentrate in Interreligious Studies in addition to their regular course of study, participate in a series of specialized lectures and enrichment programs, and attend a study seminar in Israel.

Distinguished Visiting Professorships are provided to world-class theologians, philosophers, and other scholars to bring experts in fields of study important to interreligious dialogue to the Angelicum, with the purpose of offering short, intensive courses to the Russell Berrie Fellows and other students. The 2011-2012 Distinguished Visiting Professors included Professor Mona Siddiqui (University of Glasgow), Professor Josef Stern (University of Chicago), and Rabbi Professor Jack Bemporad (Center for Interreligious Understanding).

The Annual Pope John Paul II Lecture in Interreligious Understanding is one of the signature events of the Angelicum each year. The lecture brings a high-profile academic or religious leader to the Angelicum each spring to offer insights into contemporary developments in interreligious dialogue. The 2012 Lecture was delivered by His Eminence Cardinal Kurt Koch.

The Certificate in Interreligious Studies is offered through the Ecumenical Section of the Faculty of Theology as an opportunity for Fellows and others who do not qualify for regular admission to the STL or STD program to enroll as students in the field of Interreligious Studies.

Certificato in Studi Interreligiosi

Scopo del Programma è di dare a coloro che non hanno i requisiti accademici per accedere al Ciclo di Licenza, l'opportunità di approfondire vari aspetti dei temi interreligiosi. Saranno trattate questioni metodologiche relative al concetto di religione, alle relazioni tra religioni, al ruolo della religione rispetto all'origine della cultura e della società. Lo studente avrà inoltre l'opportunità di approfondire l'insegnamento della Chiesa cattolica sulle relazioni che essa ha con altre religioni e sulla questione della salvezza. Il programma è stato realizzato grazie al sostegno e alla collaborazione della Russell Berrie Foundation. Requisito per l'ottenimento del certificato è la redazione di un elaborato di 15-20 pagine, preparato sotto la guida di un professore. Le norme di ammissione al Programma sono determinate dall'Ufficio del Decano sulla base della formazione accademica dello studente e delle esperienze di lavoro svolte in comune con altre religioni.

Il programma prevede 4 aree di studio:

Introduzione e metodologia (filosofia, ermeneutica, scienze sociali, antropologia del dialogo, metodo) 3 corsi

Storia (religioni del mondo, nuovi movimenti religiosi) 2 corsi

Sistematica (temi biblici, ecclesiologia, teologia/filosofia di religione ed etica) 8 corsi

Pratica (spiritualità/mistica, commissioni ecumeniche e interreligiose, catechesi) 1 corso
14 corsi + 2 seminari richiesti per 2 semestri 50 ECTS

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Certificate in Interreligious Studies

Aim: The aim of the Certificate in Interreligious studies is to provide for those who are not qualified for entrance into the STL program the opportunity to explore various aspects of interreligious issues. The certificate program will look at the issues of method in dealing with the concept of religion and the relationships between religions including the role religion plays in the matrix of culture and society. In addition one will have the opportunity to study the teaching of the Catholic church in regards to her relationship to other religions and the question of salvation. This certificate is made possible through the support and collaboration of the Russell Berrie Foundation. Requirements for completion of the certificate is the redaction of 15-20 page integration paper under the supervision of one of the professors. The norms for admission to the certificate program will be determined by the Dean's office based on the student having demonstrated that they have some either some academic experience at the level of university or personal experience in working with other religions.

The program has 4 areas of study:

Introduction and methodology (philosophy, hermeneutics, social sciences, anthropology of dialogue, method) 3 courses

History (world religions, new religious movements) 2 courses

Systematic (biblical themes, ecclesiology, theology/philosophy of religion, ethics) 8 courses

Practical (spirituality/mysticism, ecumenical and interreligious commissions, catechesis) 1 course

Required: 14 courses + 2 seminars for 2 semesters or 50 ECTS

**Lo studente deve scegliere 3 corsi dall'area di introduzione:
Students need to choose 3 courses from the Introduction area:**

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| SP 2035 I sem | Sociologia della religione | V.E. ROLDÀN Mer. 10.30-12.15; Ven 8.30-10.15 |
| eP 2753 II sem | The Philosophy of the Midrash [April 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, May 2, 3, 6] | J. BEMPORAD Mon. – Thur. 17.30-19.15 |
| eP 2729 II sem | Didattica della teologia e elementi di comunicazione religiosa | S. MORRA Mer. 10.30-12.15 |
| TE 2545 II sem | Introduction to the World's Great Religions | M. FUSS Mon. 10.30-12.15 |
| eP 1692 II sem | The Catholic Understanding of Interreligious Dialogue | F. BLISS Thu. 8.30-10.15 |

**Lo studente deve scegliere 2 corsi dall'area storica:
Students must choose 2 courses from the History area:**

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| tP 1349 I sem | Major Themes in Classical Islamic Philosophy: A Propedeutic to the Philosophical Thought of Thomas Aquinas | J. ELLUL Mon. 15.30-17.15 |
| IR 0005 I sem | Introduction to Jewish Medieval Theology [October 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18] | M. LORBERBAUM ¹ Mon. – Thu. 17.30-19.15 |
| eP 1691 I sem | Medieval Oriental Christianity and Islam: A Golden Age in Encounters | J. ELLUL Mon. 10.30-12.15 |
| eP 1633 II sem | Reformation Theology in Context | J. PUGLISI Mon 8.30-10.15 |

**Lo studente deve scegliere 8 corsi dall'area sistematica:
Students must choose 8 courses from the Systematic area:**

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| eP 2680 I sem | Evolution of the Method Developed in Bilateral Dialogues [Nov. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, Dec. 3] | J. SCAMPINI Mon. – Fri. 15.30-17.15 |
| eP 1717 I sem | The Literary Prophets [Nov. 26, 27, 28, 29, Dec. 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13] | J. BEMPORAD Mon. – Thu. 15.30-17.15 |
| eP 2686 I sem | Ecumenism and the Catholic Church | F. BLISS Tue. 8.30-10.15 |

¹Russell Berrie course.

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| eP 1751 | From the New Evangelization to the New Pentecost: Human Sciences, Philosophy, and Theology in Contemporary Dialogue | B. TERRY |
| I sem | | Tue. 10.30-12.15 |
| IR 0006 | Bible and Liturgy in Ecumenical Perspective <i>Tillard Chair</i> | G. LATHROP ² |
| II sem | [March 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21] | Mon. - Thu. 15.30-17.15 |
| IR 0004 | The “Son of God”: Jewish Perspectives. The Concept of Sonship in the History of Jewish Thought | M. IDEL ³ |
| II sem | [April 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18] | Mon. – Thu. 15.30-17.15 |
| eP 2753 | The Philosophy of the Midrash | J. BEMPORAD |
| II sem | [April 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, May 2, 3, 6] | Mon. – Thu. 17.30-19.15 |
| eP 2758 | Council II and the Ecumenical Observers: History of a Future | T.F. ROSSI |
| II sem | | Tue. 8.30-10.15 |
| eP 2757 | La spiritualità nell’Islam: storia e antropologia | A. AMBROSIO |
| II sem | [aprile 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 30, maggio 2, 7] | Mar. 15.30-17.15; Gio. 17.30-19.15 |
| dP 2756 | Glocalizing Theology. Catholicism in an Era of Economic and Social Networks | M. FUSS |
| II sem | | Thu. 15.30-17.15 |
| dP 2308 | The Liturgical Theology of Maximus the Confessor | D. DAWSON VASQUEZ |
| II sem | | Fri. 10.30-12.15 |
| dP 2276 | Il sacerdozio femminile nell’antichità pagana e cristiana | B.R. DEGÓRSKI |
| II sem | | Ven. 10.30-12.15 |

**Lo studente deve scegliere 1 corso dall’area pratica:
Students must choose 1 course from the Practical area:**

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| eP 2755 | Spiritual Ecumenism | G. QUICKE |
| II sem | | Mar 15.30-17.15 |

**Lo studente deve scegliere due seminari:
Students must choose 2 seminars from:**

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| eS 1757 | Biblical Characters in the Qur’ân | J. ELLUL |
| I sem | | Wed 15.30-17.15 |

²Tillard Chair lecturer.

³Russell Berrie course.

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| dS 1310 | 2012 - Finally the End? Apocalyptic Scenarion in the New Age Spirituality | M. FUSS |
| I sem | | Mon. 10.30-12.15 |
| eS 1677 | Significant Features in Catholic-Jewish Dialogue | F.M. BLISS |
| I sem | | Wed. 8.30-10.15 |
| eS 2605 | From Confessional identities to Confessional conversion | T.F. ROSSI |
| II sem | | Wed 10.30-12.15 |