

# Presentation

1. **The Institute's Cycle of Theology** offers a general introduction to the following disciplines: "Sacred Scripture, fundamental Theology (with attention to questions of ecumenism, non-Christian religions, and atheism); dogmatic Theology; moral Theology; Spiritual Theology; canon law; pastoral Theology; liturgy; Church history; patristics; and archeology" (*Statute*, art. 73a; cf. art. 6), as well as biblical languages (Hebrew and Greek), and teaching in methods of scientific research (cf. *Statute*, art. 73b).

This first cycle comprises a three-year period of theological studies at the end of which is obtained the Baccalaureate or Degree in Theology (cf. *Statute*, art. 5a), necessary to access the diverse types of specialization in the *Teresianum* or other centres.

2. **To enrol in this Cycle**, the student must have attained the qualifications required for admission to a civil university (cf. *Statute*, art. 45a; 70a; *Veritatis Gaudium*, art. 32 §1); the student must also present a certificate verifying a two-year study of philosophy, fulfilled in a regular way at a faculty of philosophy or in another ecclesiastical institute authorized for this purpose (cf. *Statute*, artt. 45b; 70b; *Veritatis Gaudium*, art. 75 §2).

3. After ten years from the first enrolment as an ordinary student in the baccalaureate cycle, **the right to continue the studies expires**.

4. It is essential to know **Italian** (cf. *Statute*, artt. 45c; 74) and **Latin** (cf. (*Statute*, art. 45d; 70c; *Veritatis Gaudium*, *Norme*, art. 26 §3).

5. **To achieve the Baccalaureate of Theology**, it is necessary to have attended all the courses set down in the plan of studies, to have passed these set examinations and the *De Universa Theologia* examination (cf. *Statute*, art. 88).

6. **The De Universa Theologia exam** has as its object a certain number of subjects approved by the Executive Commission, pertaining to all the fundamental dogmatic material.

The exam, which is oral, lasts approximately 45 minutes (cf. *Norms*, 48). In the first 15 minutes the student gives a personal synthesis of a topic already chosen. The professors then question the student on any subject in the *curriculum* summary provided for the examination.

It is possible to sit for the Baccalaureate examination only three times within the space of three successive years.

The language of the *De Universa* exam is Italian; at the judgment of the Examining Committee, other languages may be used.

7. For the academic degree of the baccalaureate, **the final grade or mark** is calculated as follows:

-3/4 for the average achieved during the three years:

-1/4 for the De Universa test.

## **Times of classes**

Monday to Friday 08.30-12.55. Some classes may take place in the afternoon (15.30-18.50).