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«We do not simply observe; we venerate. Ours is a prayerful gaze. I would say more: it is letting yourself to be gazed upon. This face has closed eyes; it is the face of one who is deceased. Yet, mysteriously, he looks at us, and, in the silence, he speaks to us. How is it possible? Why do people of faith, like you, want to pause before this icon of a man scourged and crucified? Because the Man of the Shroud invites us to contemplate Jesus of Nazareth. This image impressed on the cloth speaks to our heart and urges us to climb the Mount of Calvary, to look at the wood of the Cross, to immerse ourselves in the eloquent silence of love.»

Pope Francis, video message for the extraordinary exposition of the Shroud of Turin on March 30, 2013.

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PRESENTATION

The Science and Faith Institute of the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum (APRA), in collaboration with Othonia and the Diocesan Center of Sindonology Giulio Ricci of Rome presents, for the ninth consecutive English edition, the Postgraduate Certificate in Shroud Studies.

This online program offers an interdisciplinary and systematic approach to the challenges that the Shroud, as an exceptional document, raises to the intelligence and a deepening of the message that it proposes to faith and to the hearts of believers.

RECIPIENTS

Ecclesiastics and Laymen, Professors, Researchers, Journalists, and all those who want to deepen the vast and rich field of Shroud studies, using an interdisciplinary approach.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

- Hold a bachelor's degree or at least a three-year degree
- Alternatively, students may audit the program. To do so, they are only required to attend the courses and conferences, after which they will receive a certificate of attendance.

TITLE ACHIEVED

Postgraduate Certificate in Shroud Studies

To obtain the Postgraduate students must fulfill the following criteria:

- complete the online courses and pass examinations;
- follow conferences by guest speakers;
- write a 25 to 30-page paper on a topic approved by the Scientific Committee and directed by one of the professors of the program.

Therefore, 22 ECTS credits are required: 13 from the courses, 3 from the conferences, and 6 from the paper.



DURATION AND TERMS

The program is two semesters long, available on the internet.

2025-2026 CALENDAR

1st semester: October 8, 2025 to January 8, 2026

Exams: deadline February 7, 2026

2nd semester: February 11 to May 21, 2026

Exams: deadline June 20, 2026

REGISTRATION

From March 10 to October 31, 2025

COST (including registration)

- **Ordinary student (with Academic Certificate):** 550 euro
 - Special rate: 530 euro for enrolment by 15 September 2025
 - Payment in two rates:
 - First rate: 275 euro upon enrolment, € 255 with payment by 15 September 2025
 - Second rate: 275 euro by 28 February 2026
 - **Auditor student (with Certificate of Participation):** 350 euro
 - Special rate: € 320 with payment by 15 September 2025
- Single payment at the time of enrolment



2025-2026 ACADEMIC PROGRAM

FIRST SEMESTER

ISFD1E01 *Introduction to Shroud Studies* (2 ECTS)

Joseph Spence FFM

ISFD1E02 *History of the Shroud* (3 ECTS)

Flavia Manservigi (International Center of Sindonology, Turin)

ISFD1E03 *Pastoral and Biblical Approach to the Shroud* (3 ECTS)

Andrew Dalton LC



SECOND SEMESTER

ISFD1E04 *Scientific Research on the Shroud; STURP, History and Results* (3 ECTS)

Barrie Schwartz (†) (STERA, Inc.), and collaborators

ISFD1E05 *The Shroud and Archaeological Studies* (2 ECTS)

Ada Grossi (Associazione Italiana dei Paleografi e Diplomatisti)

ISFD1E06 *The Shroud and Science* (3 ECTS)

A series of conferences coordinated by Bruno Barberis

Lecturers: Nello Balossino, Bruno Barberis, Tristan Casabianca, Paolo Di Lazzaro, Roberto Falcinelli, Alfonso Muñoz-Cobo, Kelly Kears, Marco Riani, Enrico Simonato.