



FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY

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SECOND CYCLE, LICENCIATE



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A PHILOSOPHY OPEN TO DIALOG BETWEEN DISCIPLINES, READY TO FACE CURRENT CHALLENGES AND TO UNITE KNOWLEDGE WITH AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH.

PRESENTATION

The Faculty of Philosophy of the Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum offers a unique blend of **faith and reason, culture and science**, proposing to **rigorous rational thought**, the precious contribution of the **Christian worldview**.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- **Aspiring Teachers** of philosophy in seminary and future **PhD students** in philosophy.
- **Lay people** and **Religious**, men and women, interested in obtaining a training that prepares them for employment opportunities in **cultural enterprises**; in **cultural institutes**; in traditional and multimedia **publishing**; in civil service and in **public** and private organizations.

The Licentiate is a second-Cycle degree according to the standards of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and the Bologna Process to which the Holy See has adhered. Pontifical degrees are recognised throughout Europe according to the Lisbon Convention.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Those who have completed a Baccalaureate in philosophy at an ecclesiastical Faculty and those who have obtained the corresponding academic degree in a civil university can be admitted, provided they have completed, in the judgment of the Dean, the Faculty's core philosophical curriculum.

A knowledge of the Italian language is necessary in order to participate fruitfully in the classes and seminars. In addition, it is necessary to have a sufficient level of English to be able to read the scientific literature that will be requested by the professors.

STRUCTURE

The Ecclesiastical Licentiate in philosophy initiates a specialization in a field of philosophy within an organic vision, starting from the synthesis made in the first cycle.

The Faculty offers four specialization areas consisting of a **core of common disciplines** (28 ECTS), a **broad specialization programme** (77 ECTS) and selected courses from the other specializations to ensure a **comprehensive view** of reality (15 ECTS).

The whole is spread over two years of study equivalent to **120 ECTS**.

EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION

The Program of Studies, renewed and approved by the Dicastery for Culture and Education, integrates technology into the educational process for the better integral development of students, in a perspective of learning active that sees them as protagonists. In relation continuous with the professor, among the new tools, also the possibility of distance attendance (up to a maximum of 30% of the Courses).

MODALITY 1: First year on campus and second year at a distance;

MODALITY 2: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays on campus, Mondays and Fridays at a distance, for the entire Cycle.

⌚ DATES

Classes: from October 5th 2026 to May 29th 2027

Registration: from May 4th 2026 to September 24th 2026

📄 CREDITS

120 ECTS

SPECIALIZATION AREAS

1

METAPHYSICS AND NATURAL THEOLOGY

The curriculum, without sacrificing historical competence, is designed as an essential and fundamental approach to the whole of systematic philosophy rather than as a specialization in the strict sense. The intention is to help students to make a philosophical synthesis based on the metaphysical dimension of philosophy, which is primarily concerned with giving a coherent view of the cosmos, man, and God. It is inspired by the perennial philosophical heritage and, in particular, by St. Thomas, studied in his main principles and followed in his openness to the problems and culture of the people of his time. In order to achieve this goal, a series of courses are proposed in which metaphysics is related to other knowledge (ethics, theology...) or presented in a historical perspective.



2

PHILOSOPHY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

The specialization in Philosophy of the human person is intended to provide the student with the content and tools for elaborating a synthesis between the fundamental principles of classical anthropological thought, open to the metaphysical instance, and the most representative modern and contemporary developments, from which careful discernment must be exercised. Emphasizing the issues that affect the contemporary philosophical and cultural context, students will be able to present in a powerful and coherent way a vision of the human being centered on the concept of the person, open to the absolute, but also endowed with numerous dimensions such as historicity, religiosity, culture, existence, intersubjectivity, and ethics as personal and social responsibility.



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