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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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## POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SHROUD STUDIES

X EDITION



online

## PRESENTATION

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

This online program offers an interdisciplinary and systematic approach to the challenges this remarkable archaeological object poses to science as well as a deepening of the message it proposes to faith and the hearts of believers.

## RECIPIENTS

Clergy, laypersons, teachers, researchers, journalists, and all those who want to deepen the vast and rich field of Shroud studies, using an interdisciplinary approach.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

- Admission to the postgraduate certificate program: a minimum: three-year university 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 ACQUIRED

### Postgraduate Certificate in Shroud Studies

To obtain the Postgraduate Certificate students must fulfill the following criteria:

- complete the online courses and pass all exams;
- follow the series of conferences given 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.

In total, 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

- 1<sup>st</sup> semester:** October 7, 2026 to January 7, 2027  
Exams: deadline February 6, 2027
- 2<sup>nd</sup> semester:** February 10 to May 20, 2027  
Exams: deadline June 19, 2027

## REGISTRATION

From March 3 to October 31, 2026

## COST (including registration)

- **Ordinary student (with Academic Certificate):** 600 euro
  - Special rate: 550 euro for enrolment by 15 September 2026
  - Payment in two rates:
    - First installment 300 euro upon enrolment, € 250 with payment by 15 September 2026
    - Second installment: 300 euro by 28 February 2027
- **Auditor student (with Certificate of Participation):** 400 euro
  - Special rate: € 350 with payment by 15 September 2026
  - Single payment upon enrolment



## 2026-2027 ACADEMIC PROGRAM

## FIRST SEMESTER

### ISFD1E01 *Introduction to Shroud Studies* (2 ECTS)

*Joseph Spence FFm*

The course will be held live, according to this calendar:

October 7, 21, 28; November 11, 18, 25; December 2, 9, at 5:15 - 6:45 pm CET.

### ISFD1E02 *History of the Shroud* (3 ECTS)

*Cheryl White (STERA, Inc.)*

The course will be held live, on Wednesdays

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

*Andrew Dalton L.C.*



## 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 (Italian Association of Paleographers and Diplomats)*

The course will be held live, according to this calendar: February 24, March 3, 10, and 17, 2027, at 3:30 - 5:30 pm CET.

### ISFD1E06 *The Shroud and Science* (3 ECTS)

*A series of conferences coordinated by Bruno Barberis*

*Collaborators: Nello Balossino, Bruno Barberis, Tristan Casabianca, Paolo Di Lazzaro, Roberto Falcinelli, Alfonso Muñoz-Cobo, Marco Riani, Luigi Rodella (†), Enrico Simonato.*