

Catholic theology - Graduate profile

The graduate possesses comprehensive professional and methodological knowledge in several areas of theology, especially philosophy, religious pedagogy and catechetics, ecclesiastical law, biblical sciences, church history, systematic and moral theology, pastoral and liturgical theology, social doctrine, pastoral and personal counselling. The graduate is able to identify and apply in an original way the methods and research approaches of the various theological disciplines in pedagogical and pastoral practice as well as in theological research, especially in the areas of ethics, social doctrine, and pastoral theology. He/she is able to identify and evaluate the essential contexts, principles and theories of theological thought past and present. The graduate is able to defend the chosen theological conceptual and categorical apparatus, to work independently and creatively with theological sources, and to interpret and analyse professional theological texts.

The graduate is able to propose, implement and evaluate solutions to current social problems related to theology in an interdisciplinary connection to the human, historical and social sciences. He/she is able to work independently with professional biblical texts, to compare them, to critically analyse and interpret the Holy Scriptures in liturgical and extra-liturgical contexts. The graduate can formulate and implement procedures and solutions to professional problems in pastoral, counselling and church media activities and evaluate their effectiveness. He/she can independently carry out pastoral, counselling and catechetical work with different target groups. The graduate can teach religion in primary and secondary education, subject to the conditions laid down by the general regulations.

The graduate demonstrates a high degree of independence in solving problems in the theological field in a changing environment and is able to educate himself/herself independently. He/she demonstrates the ability to work effectively as an individual and as a member of a team. The graduate possesses leadership skills and can coordinate and lead people; he/she can creatively implement projects in the areas of pastoral care, teaching, diakonia, and in the church media world. The graduate possesses innovative thinking, communication and digital skills and is prepared to present the results of own analysis and study to a professional audience, including in a foreign language. He/she can foster interdisciplinary cooperation in solving scientific as well as societal problems and propose solutions to them.

The graduates meet the qualification prerequisites for the performance of professional activities:

- Catholic priest or permanent deacon
- Pastoral assistant
- Lay catechist
- Worker in the ecclesiastical media
- Teacher of religion/religious education in primary and secondary education
- Pastoral and spiritual counsellor