

DESCRIPTION OF THE STUDY PROGRAMME

Name of the higher education institution: *University of Presov*

Name of the faculty/ Workplace *Faculty of Orthodox Theology*

Faculty/ Workplace Address: *Masarykova 15, 080 01 Prešov, Slovakia*

Institution body for approving the study programme:

PBF PU Quality Council in Prešov;

Board for the Internal Quality Assurance System of the University of Presov

Date of the study programme approval or the study programme modification:

14.06.2016

Date of the latest change¹ in the study programme description:

30.11.2021

Reference to the results of the latest periodic review of the study programme by the institution:

Reference to the assessment report of the application for accreditation of the study programme under § 30 of Act no. 269/2018 Coll.²:

1. Basic information about the study programme

a) Name of the study program and its number according to the register of study programmes.

Orthodox Theology; 3964

b) Degree of higher education and ISCED-F education degree code.

3. degree; ISCED 864 (university education III. Degree), UIPŠ code: 6164V00

c) Place(s) of delivery of the study programme.

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d) Name and number of the field of study in which higher education is obtained by completing the study programme, or a combination of two fields of study in which higher education is obtained by completing the study programme, ISCED-F codes of the field/fields³.

e) Type of the study programme: academically oriented, professionally oriented; translation, translation combination study programme (listing the specializations); teaching, teaching combination study programme (listing the specializations); artistic, engineering, doctoral, preparation for regulated profession, joint study programme, interdisciplinary studies.

Academically oriented

f) Awarded academic degree.

„Philosophiae doctor („PhD.“)

g) Form of study⁴.

Full-time

h) In the case of joint study programmes, cooperating institutions and the range of study obligations the student fulfills at each of the given institutions (§ 54a of the Act on Higher Education Institutions).

i) Language or languages in which the study programme is delivered⁵.

slovak

j) Standard length of the study expressed in academic years.

4 years

k) Capacity of the study programme (planned number of students), the actual number of applicants and students.

Planned number: 2 / actual number of applicants: 2 / number of students: 8 (data for 2021)

2. Graduate profile and learning objectives

a) The institution defines the learning objectives of the study programme such as student's abilities at the time of completion of the programme and the main learning outcomes⁶.

Characteristics of the profile of a doctoral graduate in the Orthodox Theology study program is conditioned by the educational outcomes that the graduate has at his / her disposal after successful completion of the study and is able to apply them in practice. The graduate is able to transfer his theoretical and practical knowledge into practical social and church life. He manages to organize operational, diagnostic, verification, experimental and other research. He has the necessary knowledge and skills related to the ability to educate at universities in the field of theology. The graduate has theoretical knowledge and training for scientific activities and at the same time has already proved that he masters activities related to the development of theory and methodology of theology and to teaching at universities.

The graduate masters advanced quantitative and qualitative methods and model simulations and methodologies that allow creative assessment of selected fields of theology. After completing the program, graduates will be able to independently formulate and seek solutions to scientific and research issues of theology and its interdisciplinary intersections. Doctoral students will gain the ability to think critically, independently propose solutions to complex problems and work as members of a research team. They also know how to analyze, competently evaluate complex practical and conceptual issues, design appropriate procedures and solutions in scientific research.

The graduate is able to specify and apply the acquired knowledge in both theoretical and practical areas, effectively manage the processes of desirable and undesirable changes of spiritual and social life based on biblical and ecclesiastical understanding of the

¹ If the change is not a modification of the study programme according to § 30 of Act no. 269/2018 Coll.

² It is stated only if the accreditation of the study programme has been granted according to § 30 of Act no. 269/2018 Coll.

³ According to the International Standard Classification of Education. Fields of Education and Practice 2013.

⁴ According to § 60 of Act no. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions.

⁵ It means the languages in which all learning outcomes are achieved and all related courses of the study programme as well as the state examinations are carried out. The institution independently provides information on the possibility of partial study parts/courses in other languages in part 4 of the description.

⁶ Learning objectives are achieved in the study programme through measurable learning outcomes in individual parts (modules, subjects) of the study programme corresponding to the relevant level of the Qualifications Framework in the European Higher Education Area.

meaning of life and almost two thousand years of Church experience, which must be known in detail. He is able to demonstrate a thorough understanding of the main areas of knowledge and theory of spiritual and social life, along with the ability of critical judgment in the full range of problems, working in projects (eg Roma problem, drug and other addiction, homeless, unemployed, etc.), which establish identification problem-solving, analysis, design and implementation of comprehensive solutions, together with testing and adequate documentation. The knowledge level of the graduate is extended by the ability of scientific research in theological, historical, social and cultural areas, has the prerequisites for performing demanding management functions at all levels of church work, such as eparchy, office of the metropolitan council, various commissions that examine problems in canonical transgressions, liturgical and ethical issues of social life. He is qualified to work as a clergyman in the armed forces of the Slovak Republic. He is able to fully participate in scientific and pedagogical work at the faculty and beyond. The learning outcomes are verifiable and correspond to the mission of the University of Presov, the level of the SKKR8 qualification framework and the area of knowledge according to the field of study of theology.

The graduate masters and is able to choose specific scientific methods of basic and applied research in the relevant field of theology (biblical sciences, church history, systematic theology, philosophy, practical theology, ecclesiastical law). The graduate has general knowledge at the level of evaluation, knowledge of priorities necessary for the development of society, professional and methodological knowledge from several areas of the field, serving as a basis for designing research and development in various theological areas with links to the needs of current pastoral practice in various fields. The graduate is able to formulate new hypotheses and strategies for further research and development of the study field of theology in an interdisciplinary connection to the andragogical, historical and social sciences. He applies his own findings of his theoretical analysis and his comprehensive scientific research in solving problems in this area. He practically masters the chosen research methods and uses them in the analysis of relevant details and important interdisciplinary links. Based on its outputs and findings, it is able to design, verify and implement new research and working practices in the broader context and possible consequences of the proposed solutions.

- b) The institution indicates the professions for which the graduate is prepared at the time of completion and the potential of the study programme from the point of view of graduate's employability.

- Graduates meet the qualification requirements for the performance of the activities of an assistant professor in the field of theology. Specifically, they can work, for example, as a university assistant professor:

[2310003 University assistant professor](#)

[2310004 University assistant](#)

[2310005 University lecturer](#)

[2422016 Specialist in science development, research and innovation](#)

[1345003 Head of Department](#)

[1223001 Executive of a research institution](#)

- Graduates also meet the qualification requirements for the performance of activities:

of the Supreme Representative of the Church (2636002) - Metropolitan, Archbishop, Bishop

executive in a church organization (2636003) - protosynkel (director of the episcopal office)

clergyman of the church headquarters (2636004) - synkel (secretaries of metropolitan and eparchial offices)

spiritual administrator, administrator of the parish (2636005) - archdeacon, dean, administrator of the church community

pastor, religious priest (clergyman, monk in the rank of priest or deacon (2636006)

chaplain, auxiliary clergyman (2636009).

Qualification requirements for the performance of this activity are subject to the requirements of the internal rules of the Orthodox Church: <https://orthodox.sk/pravoslavna-cirkev/ustava/>

https://www.slov-lex.sk/pravne-predpisy/prilohy/SK/ZZ/2020/449/20210101_5289809-2.pdf

- Graduates meet the qualification requirements for the performance of the function in the rank corps of officers for military expertise military clerical service: <https://www.epi.sk/zz/2019-443#p3>

- clergyman performing clerical service in the university pastoral center: <https://www.slov-lex.sk/pravne-predpisy/SK/ZZ/2004/395/20040713> art. 5 para. 3

- Graduates meet the qualification requirements for the performance of the activities of a teacher of religion in accordance with § 11-13 of Act no. 138/2019 Coll. on pedagogical staff and professional staff and on the amendment of certain laws: <https://www.minedu.sk/data/att/18688.pdf>. Fulfillment of qualification preconditions for the performance of pedagogical activity of a teacher of subjects of religion and religious education is explained in the opinion of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic: https://www.minedu.sk/data/files/6522_kvalif_predpoklady.pdf

- c) Relevant external stakeholders who have provided the statement or a favorable opinion on the compliance of the acquired qualification with the sector-specific requirements for the profession⁷.

The statements are part of the annexes to the accreditation file. Relevant external interested parties who submitted comments:

1. His Beatitude Rastislav, Metropolitan - [Orthodox Church in the Czech Lands and in Slovakia](#), Budovateľská 1, 08001 Prešov

2. Mgr. Ladislav Bily, kancelar - [Office of the Metropolitan Council of the Orthodox Church in Slovakia](#), Bayerova 8, 08001 Presov

3. Mgr. Vasyľ Kuzmyk, PhD., Secretary of the Press Department of the Office of the Metropolitan Council of the Orthodox Church in Slovakia; editor-in-chief of the magazine Odkaz sv. Cyril and Methodius. - [Office of the Metropolitan Council of the Orthodox Church in Slovakia](#), Bayerova 8, 08001 Prešov

3. Employability

- a) Evaluation of the study programme graduates employability.

The graduate of doctoral studies in the field of Orthodox Theology is able to solve demanding theological-practical, dogmatic, pastoral-liturgical, catechetical, historical and philosophical issues, is able to participate in team scientific work, is able to participate in the solution of grant projects, is ready for university pedagogical activity, to apply the acquired knowledge in church-social practice, both in the popularization of theological and spiritual knowledge, as well as in entering into specific church, administrative, management, missionary and spiritual activities. The level of the graduate of this study program is determined by the quality management of the set requirements for both the study-pedagogical and the scientific-creative component of the study. The graduate is able to enter the competitive (and foreign) scientific and pedagogical environment, is able to gain scientific and scientific-pedagogical contacts, engage in team scientific work, enter into grant projects at the level of domestic and international organizations. He is ready for university

⁷ In the case of regulated professions in accordance with the requirements for the acquisition of professional competence pursuant to a special regulation.

teaching. At the same time, he is ready to apply the acquired knowledge in wider social practice, both in the popularization of theological knowledge and in entering into specific publishing, reviewing and broader scientific and cultural practice.

- b) If applicable, indicate the successful graduates of the study programme.
- [His Beatitude Paisiusz](#) (ThDr. Piotr Martyniuk, PhD.) Archbishop Przemyśl-Gorlický, Poland
 - [Prof. ThDr. Peter Kormaník, PhD.](#) - Former Dean of the PBF PU in Prešov, Secretary of the Office of the Metropolitan Council of the Orthodox Church in Slovakia.
 - [Mgr. Vasyl Kuzmyk, PhD.](#) - Secretary of the Press Department of the Office of the Metropolitan Council of the Orthodox Church in Slovakia; editor-in-chief of the magazine Odkaz sv. Cyril and Methodius.
- c) Evaluation of the study programme quality by employers (feedback).
- The evaluation of the quality of the study program by employers (feedback) is part of the attachment.

4. Structure and content of the study programme⁸

- a) *The institution describes the rules for the design of study plans within the study programme.*

The compilation of study plans is governed by the provisions of the [Study Rules of PU](#), Art. 29 and Art. 30. The study plan must be designed in such a way as to ensure that the student obtains a total of at least 240 ECTS by successfully completing the study units and state examinations of the given study program.

Study units are implemented within the units of the study program - units of study and pedagogical-educational activities - compulsory subjects, units of study and pedagogical-educational activities - compulsory elective, units of creative activity in the field of science and elective subjects. The structure and content of the study program units according to the subjects are in the study plan and information sheets of the subjects, including the number of credits, which are part of the annex to the accreditation file. The study program is carried out in 4 years. The structure and content of the courses is determined by the profile of the graduate, who has a more significant scientific and research character, respecting the goals and priorities of the Bologna Process. The study program Orthodox Theology is assigned to the study field 37. Theology. The content of the study program with the description of the field of study is unquestionable, as the core topics of the core of the field of study are preserved.

- b) *The institution compiles the recommended study plans for individual study paths⁹.*

The study program is designed so that the professional content, structure and sequence of profile study subjects and other educational activities of the study program enable the achievement of educational outcomes in accordance with the graduate profile, which was created based on practice requirements, teacher experience and stakeholder suggestions. Target knowledge, skills and competencies defined in the graduate profile are based on individual (partial) knowledge, skills and competencies defined in individual information sheets of profile subjects and other core topics of the core of the field of study. A mandatory part of all information sheets of the subjects of the study program is the specification of knowledge, skills and competencies that the student will acquire by completing the course.

The recommended study plan is a separate appendix to the Description, where within the compulsory elective courses the student can specialize in the field of theology, specializing in the priestly profession, teaching religion, iconography, and church singing.

- c) *The study plan generally states:*

- *individual parts of the study program (modules, subjects and other relevant school and extracurricular activities, provided that they contribute to the achievement of the desired learning outcomes and bring credits) in the structure of compulsory, compulsory elective and elective subjects,*

Compulsory subjects are:

Units of study and pedagogical-educational activities – COMPULSORY COURSES										
Code	Prerequisites	Title <i>Provides</i>	Recommended semester	Completion of subject	Credits (ECTS)	Scope of direct tuition (weekly)				Profile subject
						Lectures	Seminars	Exercises	Lab. exercises	
9UJK/CUJAA		English in academic discourse <u><i>PaedDr. Erika Kofritová, PhD.</i></u>	1-6	<i>Final exam</i>	10	0	2	-	-	<i>no</i>
5PST/DDZPR		Dissertation thesis with the defense <u><i>prof. ThDr. Ján Šafin, PhD.</i></u>	8	<i>State exam</i>	30	-	-	-	-	<i>no</i>
5PST/DDZSK		Dissertation examination with the defense of a research project for the dissertation examination <u><i>prof. ThDr. Ján Šafin, PhD.</i></u>	3-6	<i>State exam</i>	30	-	-	-	-	<i>no</i>
5BIN/DBTEX		Biblical theology and exegesis <u><i>prof. ThDr. Alexander Cap, CSc.</i></u>	1-6	<i>Final exam</i>	10	2	2	-	-	<i>yes</i>
5PST/DMSYT		Metodology of systematic theology <u><i>doc. ThDr. Miroslav Župina, PhD.</i></u>	1-6	<i>Final exam</i>	10	2	2	-	-	<i>yes</i>

⁸ Selected characteristics of the content of the study programme can be stated directly in the Course information sheets or supplemented by the information of the Course information sheets.

⁹ In accordance with Decree no. 614/2002 Coll. on the study credit system and Act no. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments to Certain Acts.

5CDB/DHKTE		Historical context of theology <i>prof. ThDr. Ján Šafin, PhD.</i>	1-6	<i>Final exam</i>	10	2	2	-	-	yes
2PGD/ZVSPD		Basics of university pedagogy <i>prof. PaedDr. Lenka Pasternáková, PhD., MBA.</i>	1-2	<i>Final exam</i>	5	1	1	-	-	no

Compulsory elective courses are:

Units of study and pedagogical-educational activities - COMPULSORY ELECTIVE COURSES										
Code	Prerequisites	Title <i>Provides</i>	Recommended semester	Completion of subject	Credits (ECTS)	Scope of direct tuition (weekly)				Profile subject
						Lectures	Seminars	Exercises	Lab. exercises	
5BIN/DMPSP		Methodology of translation of Holy Scripture and liturgical texts <i>doc. ThDr. Štefan Pružinský, PhD.</i>	1-6	<i>Final exam</i>	5	1	1	-	-	yes
5BIN/DBHER		Biblical hermeneutics <i>prof. ThDr. Alexander Cap, CSc.</i>	1-6	<i>Final exam</i>	5	1	1	-	-	no
5BIN/DEXSP		Exegesis of the Holy Scriptures <i>prof. ThDr. Alexander Cap, CSc.</i>	1-6	<i>Final exam</i>	5	1	1	-	-	no
5CDB/DCISP		Church and society (christian sociology) <i>prof. ThDr. Ján Šafin, PhD.</i>	1-6	<i>Final exam</i>	5	1	1	-	-	no
5CDB/DDBBT		History of Byzantium and Byzantine theology <i>doc. ThDr. Václav Ježek, PhD.</i>	1-6	<i>Final exam</i>	5	1	1	-	-	yes
5PST/DDOGB		Dogmatic theology <i>doc. ThDr. Miroslav Župina, PhD.</i> <i>ThDr. Pavol Kochan, PhD.</i>	1-6	<i>Final exam</i>	5	1	1	-	-	no
5PST/DSOTE 5PST/EDSOT		Holy Fathers theology <i>doc. ThDr. Miroslav Župina, PhD.</i> <i>ThDr. Pavol Kochan, PhD.</i>	1-6	<i>Final exam</i>	5	1	1	-	-	no
5BIN/OZPBS		Opposition of the final bachelor theses <i>prof. ThDr. Alexander Cap, CSc.</i>	1-6	<i>credit</i>	2	-	-	-	-	no
5IGJK/DGRLT		Greek liturgical terminology <i>doc. ThDr. Štefan Šak, PhD.</i> <i>ThDr. Pavol Kochan, PhD.</i>	1-6	<i>Final exam</i>	5	1	1	-	-	no
5IGJK/DGRJK		Greek language and culture <i>doc. ThDr. Štefan Šak, PhD.</i>	1-6	<i>Final exam</i>	5	1	1	-	-	no
5PST/DKACP		Canonical and Church law <i>doc. ThDr. Miroslav Župina, PhD.</i> <i>ThDr. Vladimír Kocvár, PhD.</i>	1-6	<i>Final exam</i>	5	1	1	-	-	yes
5KPP/DKPPS		Christian pedagogy and psychology <i>PhDr. Andrej Nikulin, PhD.</i>	1-6	<i>Final exam</i>	5	1	1	-	-	no
5PST/DLITU		Liturgy <i>doc. ThDr. Miroslav Župina, PhD.</i> <i>doc. ThDr. Štefan Šak, PhD.</i>	1-6	<i>Final exam</i>	5	1	1	-	-	yes
5PST/DPASB		Pastoral theology <i>doc. ThDr. Štefan Šak, PhD.</i>	1-6	<i>Final exam</i>	5	1	1	-	-	no
5PST/DPDAE		Orthodox spiritual and ethical life <i>doc. ThDr. Miroslav Župina, PhD.</i>	1-6	<i>Final exam</i>	5	1	1	-	-	no
5PST/DSVTA		Holy mysteries <i>doc. ThDr. Štefan Šak, PhD.</i>	1-6	<i>Final exam</i>	5	1	1	-	-	no
5PST/SVPVP		Study or research stay (internship) at a university or scientific research workplace <i>prof. ThDr. Ján Šafin, PhD.</i>	1-8	<i>credit</i>	15	-	-	-	-	áno
5PST/DVEDP		Scientific design <i>doc. ThDr. Štefan Pružinský, PhD.</i>	1-8	<i>Final exam</i>	5	1	1	-	-	yes
5PST/VZPBS		Supervision of the final bachelor theses <i>prof. ThDr. Alexander Cap, CSc.</i>	1-8	<i>credit</i>	2	-	-	-	-	no
5PST/VP2PC		Doctoral student's own pedagogical activity 2 hours / week <i>prof. ThDr. Ján Šafin, PhD.</i>	1-8	<i>credit</i>	5	-	-	-	-	no
5PST/VP4CD		Doctoral student's own pedagogical activity 2 hours / week <i>prof. ThDr. Ján Šafin, PhD.</i>	1-8	<i>credit</i>	10	-	-	-	-	no

The study program also includes creative activities in the field of science:

Units of creative activity in the field of science										
Code	Prerequisites	Title Provides	Recommended semester	Completion of subject	Credits (ECTS)	Scope of direct tuition (weekly)				Profile subject
						Lectures	Seminars	Exercises	Lab. exercises	
5PST/AUDVP		Active participation in domestic scientific events doc. ThDr. Štefan Pružinský, PhD.	1-8	credit	3	-	-	-	-	no
5PST/AUZVP		Active participation in foreign scientific events doc. ThDr. Štefan Pružinský, PhD.	1-8	credit	4	-	-	-	-	no
5PST/PPDVK		Published papers from domestic scientific conferences doc. ThDr. Štefan Pružinský, PhD.	1-8	credit	4	-	-	-	-	no
5PST/PPZVK		Published papers from foreign scientific conferences doc. ThDr. Štefan Pružinský, PhD.	1-8	credit	6	-	-	-	-	no
5PST/RECEN		Review doc. ThDr. Štefan Pružinský, PhD.	1-8	credit	1	-	-	-	-	no
5PST/RAZOP		Editorial and compilation works doc. ThDr. Štefan Pružinský, PhD.	1-8	credit	4	-	-	-	-	no
5PST/URVGP		Participation in solving a scientific grant project doc. ThDr. Štefan Pružinský, PhD.	1-8	credit	8	-	-	-	-	no
5PST/VMSKM		Scientific monograph in co-authorship, or chapter in monograph (minimum 1 AH) doc. ThDr. Štefan Pružinský, PhD.	1-8	credit	9	-	-	-	-	no
5PST/VPDCZ		Scientific papers in domestic peer-reviewed scientific journals or proceedings doc. ThDr. Štefan Pružinský, PhD.	1-8	credit	4	-	-	-	-	no
5PST/VPZCZ		Scientific papers in foreign journals or proceedings doc. ThDr. Štefan Pružinský, PhD.	1-8	credit	6	-	-	-	-	no
5PST/VPDKR		Scientific papers in domestic journals or journals registered in databases (WoS, Scopus) doc. ThDr. Štefan Pružinský, PhD.	1-8	credit	15	-	-	-	-	no
5PST/VPZKR		Scientific works in foreign journals or journals registered in databases (WoS, Scopus) doc. ThDr. Štefan Pružinský, PhD.	1-8	credit	20	-	-	-	-	no
5PST/VGRPU		Management of a "PU Grant for PhD Students" or other research grant prof. ThDr. Ján Šafin, PhD.	1-8	credit	15	-	-	-	-	no
5PST/VUUTS		University textbook or co-authored textbooks (minimum 1 AH) prof. ThDr. Ján Šafin, PhD.	1-8	credit	8	-	-	-	-	no

The study program also offers Elective courses, the number of credits of which may not exceed 5% of the total number of credits per academic year:

Elective courses										
Code	Prerequisites	Title Provides	Recommended semester	Completion of subject	Kredity	Scope of direct tuition (weekly)				Profile subject
						Lectures	Seminars	Exercises	Lab. exercises	
5PST/VPPAP		Optional subject according to the current offer	1-8	credit	2	1	-	-	-	no

- **profile courses of the relevant study path (specialization) within the study programme,**
 1. Historical context of theology
 2. Study or research stay (internship) at a university or scientific research workplace
 3. Biblical theology and exegesis
 4. Exegesis of the Holy Scriptures
 5. Methodology of translation of Holy Scripture and liturgical texts
 6. Scientific design
 7. History of Byzantium and Byzantine theology
 8. Methodology of systematic theology
 9. Canonical and Church law
 10. Liturgy

- **for each learning part/course the learning outcomes, related criteria and rules of their assessment so that the learning objectives of the study programme are met (they can be stated only in the Course information sheets, in the Learning outcomes section and in the Course completion requirements),**
All subject information sheets contain learning outcomes and related criteria and rules for their evaluation. Infolists are part of the accreditation file and are publicly available at: <https://student.unipo.sk/maisportal/studijneProgramy.mais> and also at: <https://www.unipo.sk/pravoslavna-bohoslovecka-fakulta/hlavne-sekcie/vzdelavani/studijne-programy/ptd/>

- **prerequisites, co-requisites and recommendations for the design of the study plan,**
There is no prerequisite in the study plan.

- **for each learning part of the study plan/course the applied educational activities (lecture, seminar, exercise, final work, project work, laboratory work, internship, excursion, field practice, professional practice, state exam, etc. or their combinations) suitable for achieving learning outcomes,**
For each subject within the recommended study plan, the educational activities used (lecture, seminar) are determined, including their hourly allowance. The information is contained in the information sheets of individual subjects. Teaching will be based on the connection of theoretical and practical skills. The combination of tasks based on knowledge and practical assignments and projects will allow students to improve their expertise and develop practical skills and competencies. Teachers in individual subjects will use a whole range of methods and forms of teaching - in addition to classical methods (such as interpretation, storytelling, etc.), emphasis will be placed on the use of activating teaching methods (eg dialogical methods, situational methods, group teaching methods and cooperative learning, project methods, simulation methods, staging methods, methods developing critical thinking, problem methods, etc.) in order to arouse resp. strengthen students' interest in the topics covered, increase student activity, enable students to apply and develop their professional knowledge, skills, competences and key competencies (eg creativity, independence, responsibility, flexibility, critical thinking). Students will be involved in lesson planning and encouraged to build teambuilding, mutual learning and creativity. The following activities support the achievement of learning objectives: - lectures, - seminars, - presentations, - case studies, - discussions, - group work, - project work, - consultation and supervision (supervision).

- **methods by which the educational activity is delivered – present, distant, combined (in accordance with the Course information sheets),**
Educational activities in all subjects are carried out by a combined method, which is also stated in the information sheets of individual subjects of the recommended study plan.

- **outline/syllabus of the course¹⁰,**
The syllabus is a mandatory part of the information sheets of all subjects of the recommended study plan.

- **student workload ("extent" of individual courses and educational activities separately)¹¹,**
The individual worksheets of the subjects state the student's workload and the share of individual activities (eg participation in direct teaching activities, work on seminar work, self-study, etc.) in the total student workload. The specific burden is defined for units of creative activity in the field of science. This is estimated based on the complexity of achieving it.

- **credits allocated to each part based on the learning outcomes achieved and the workload involved,**
The credit subsidy of the subjects reflects their complexity and the intensity / degree of the student's workload. At the same time, it is ensured that profile subjects have a higher credit subsidy due to their strong link to achieving overall learning outcomes. The student is obliged to obtain a min. 240 credits, the distribution and total number of which is determined by the study program. The standard student workload for the entire academic year is expressed as 60 credits, and 30 credits per semester. Further conditions for the course of study, progress in the study, repetition, interruption and proper completion of the study are set out in the [Study Rules of PU](#).

- **the person responsible for the course (or a partner organization/person¹²) with an indication of the contact details,**
The persons securing the subject are listed in the table that is part of this description - para. 4, letter. c. The names of the persons providing the subject in this table are hypertext links to the staff of the department where the teacher works with the listed contact and other information. The study program is provided mainly by university teachers of the Department of Biblical Studies (web: <https://www.unipo.sk/pravoslavna-bohoslovecka-fakulta/katedry/katedra-bn/>), Department of Practical and Systematic Theology (web: <https://www.unipo.sk/pravoslavna-bohoslovecka-fakulta/katedry/katedra-pt/>).

¹⁰ During the assessment, teachers responsible for the course will allow the working group access to the study materials of the course and the content of individual educational activities.

¹¹ We recommend indicating the workload of contact and non-contact teaching in accordance with the ECTS Users' Guide 2015.

¹² E.g. when providing the professional practice or other educational activities carried out outside the university.

[fakulta/katedry/katedra-past/](https://www.unipo.sk/pravoslavna-bohoslovecka-fakulta/katedry/katedra-past/)), Departments of Church History and Byzantology (web: <https://www.unipo.sk/pravoslavna-bohoslovecka-fakulta/katedry/katedra-cdab/>) and the Institute of Greek Language and Culture: (web: <https://www.unipo.sk/pravoslavna-bohoslovecka-fakulta/katedry/institut-gjak/>). The staff of the Department of Christian Pedagogy and Psychology also participates in the provision of courses (web: <https://www.unipo.sk/pravoslavna-bohoslovecka-fakulta/katedry/katedra-kpap/>), Department of Christian Anthropology and Social Work PBF PU (web: <https://www.unipo.sk/pravoslavna-bohoslovecka-fakulta/katedry/katedra-kaasp/>).

- *course teachers (or participating partner organizations/persons) (may also be mentioned in Course information sheets), Teachers participating in the teaching of individual subjects are listed in the information sheets of subjects, including a specification of what kind of educational activities they perform.*
 - *places where the courses are taught (if the study programme is delivered at several workplaces). The study program takes place at the university and faculty headquarters. An exception is made only in the case of internships, participation in conferences and other scientific and pedagogical activities.*
- d) *The institution states the number of credits, the achievement of which is a condition for proper completion of studies and other requirements that the student must meet within the study programme and for its proper completion, including the requirements for state examinations, rules for re-study and rules for the extension, interruption of study.*
In accordance with the law, the submitted doctoral study program is designed for a standard length of study - 4 years, while the standard study load of 60 credits for one academic year is observed, where the total number of credits for the entire study is: 240 credits. Other conditions are specified in the [Study Rules of PU](#).
- e) *For individual study plans, the institution states the requirements for completing the individual parts of the study programme and the student's progress within the study programme in the given structure:*
- *number of credits for compulsory courses required for proper completion of studies/completion of a part of studies, 45 ECTS*
 - *number of credits for compulsory optional courses required for the proper completion of studies/completion of a part of studies, Number of credits for compulsory elective courses and units of creative activity in the field of science: 135 ECTS*
 - *number of credits for optional courses required for the proper completion of studies/completion of a part of studies, 0 ECTS. In the sense of the Study Rules of PU (Article 13), the student enrolls in elective courses so that the sum of their credit subsidy makes up a maximum of 5% of the total number of credits (max. 12 credits in the third level of study).*
 - *number of credits required for the completion of studies/completion of a part of the studies for the common foundations and for the relevant specialization, in the case of a teaching combination study programme or a translation combination study programme,*
The described study program is not a teacher's combined study program or a translation combined study program.
 - *number of credits for the final thesis and the vindication of the final theses required for the proper completion of studies, Dissertation examination with the vindication of a research project for the dissertation examination: 30 credits*
Dissertation with vindication: 30 credits
 - *number of credits for professional practice required for the proper completion of studies/completion of a part of studies, 0 ECTS*
 - *number of credits required for the proper completion of studies/completion of a part of the studies for project work with the indication of relevant courses in engineering study programmes,*
The described study program is not an engineering study program.
 - *number of credits required for the proper completion of studies/completion of a part of the studies for artistic performances in addition to the final thesis in art study programmes.*
The study program described is not an art study program.
- f) *The institution describes the rules for verification of learning outcomes, students assessment and the possibilities of appealing against the assessment.*
 Verification of educational outcomes and evaluation of students is carried out in accordance with the [Study Rules of PU](#) (Article 30), which states: "During the doctoral study, the doctoral student is evaluated in addition to the dissertation examination within the annual evaluation. The data for the annual evaluation are processed by the doctoral student in cooperation with the supervisor. At the same time, the supervisor submits a proposal for continuing the study, extending the study, or a proposal for excluding the doctoral student from the study. The study is evaluated according to the principles of the credit system. The principles are determined by law and generally binding legal regulation. These apply to third-degree study programs appropriately. The credit system is applied in both forms of doctoral studies. In both full-time and part-time doctoral studies, a doctoral student can apply for a dissertation examination if he / she has obtained credits in the structure given by the accredited study program or the internal guidelines of the faculty. "
 The evaluation of the student's study results within the course study is carried out according to the classification scale and success criteria (percentage expression of the results in the course evaluation) for the classification levels set by the [Study Rules of PU](#).
 If the student so requests, the Vice-Dean / Vice-Rector for Education may, in justified cases, allow the examination to take place in an adjustment period before a commission appointed by the Dean / Rector.
 Other possibilities of corrective procedures against evaluation can be implemented on the basis of the [Act on Complaints 9/2010 Coll.](#), Which regulates the procedure for filing, handling and controlling the handling of complaints by natural persons or legal entities.
- g) *Conditions for recognition of studies or a part of studies.*

The conditions for the recognition of studies or parts of studies are set out in the [Study Rules of PU](#). Recognition is carried out on the basis of a written application and documents of the previous study, the subject can be recognized with a content agreement of more than 60% with the subject of the current study subject. Recognition of state exam subjects is not possible.

The rules for the recognition of subjects and credits are specified in the Study Regulations of the PU in Prešov (Article 20):

1. A student may apply for recognition of subjects and credits completed in another or identical study program no later than seven days after enrollment in the relevant academic year.
2. A student may only apply for recognition of a subject which he / she has already successfully completed in previous academic years and has obtained the appropriate number of credits for it, and if no more than five years have elapsed since his / her completion.
3. The application for recognition of the subject and granting of credits for the relevant subject is submitted by the student to the Department for Education.
4. The student is obliged to enclose with the application for recognition of the course and the award of credits for the relevant course a document on the examination (statement) and an information sheet, or syllabi of the subject.
5. The Dean's decision is preceded by an assessment of the information letter by the guarantor of the study program for education.
6. Only a subject with a minimum content agreement of 60% with the subject from the current study program can be recognized. Recognition of a subject that has already been completed in a previous study is in the competence of the guarantor of the study program for education.
7. Recognition of a subject taken in another study program and recognition of the relevant number of credits can be recognized for it if the conditions stated in the previous points are met if the student studies in only one study program in the part of the academic year in which he / she applies for recognition of the subject and credits. Courses from the parallel study are not recognized.
8. Recognize the subject and award credits for the subject that the student completed in the previous period by studying in a study program that duly completed, i. he has been awarded the relevant academic degree, it is not possible.
9. The number of credits can be recognized in the range of the number of credits determined by the current study program. The above rule of recognition of the number of credits applies to all subjects (compulsory, compulsory elective and elective).
10. Recognition of state examination subjects is not possible.

A student of the faculty has the right to complete part of his / her studies at another university in the Slovak Republic or abroad. Upon return to the student, the faculty will recognize part of the study in accordance with the contract, the European standard and the European Credit Transfer System. If a student has completed part of his / her studies at a university that does not have a compatible credit system implemented, the recognition of credits will be assessed by the guarantor of the study program and the credits will be awarded by the faculty ECTS coordinator. The student is obliged to sign a Credit Transfer Agreement with the responsible department and the relevant vice-dean before leaving for mobility at the sending faculty. The rules are defined in the [Study Rules of PU](#).

h) *The institution states the topics of final theses of the study programme (or a link to the list).*

Every year, in accordance with the PU Study Regulations in Prešov, the Faculty publishes a list of thesis topics through individual departments, no later than 30 November of the given academic year. The topics of final theses are approved by the leading employee of the scientific-pedagogical department so that the sum of final theses at the first and second level of study, conducted by one employee, does not exceed ten in one academic year. When approving the topics, the condition must be observed that the supervisor of the final thesis has at least one degree higher university education, resp. qualification, as the final work is conducted (the only exception is practitioners), as well as that the listed topic corresponds to the scientific-pedagogical profile of the trainer. Given the average number of students admitted in each academic year and the number of students carrying out final theses at the applicant's workplace, we assume that the sustainability of meeting the criteria will be unproblematic. In the academic year 2021/2022, the following current topics are proposed and published on the faculty's website. Link: <https://www.unipo.sk/en/faculty-of-orthodox-theology/main-sections/science-research/phd-studium/themes-dissertation-theses> The processed topics are published on the website of the University Library of PU in Prešov: <https://kzp.pulib.sk/#/library/kzp?type=dissertation&faculty=PBF&studyfield=6164>

i) *The institution describes or refers to:*

- rules for the assignment, processing, opposition, defense and evaluation of final theses in the study programme, The rules for entering, processing, opposing, defending and evaluating final theses in the study program are defined by the [Study Rules of PU](#).

The Dean / Rector announces at least two months before the last day set for the submission of applications for doctoral studies the topic of dissertations that can be applied for within the admission procedure; in the case of a topic offered by an external educational institution, it shall also state the name of that institution. The external educational institution may also publish the topics separately, specifying the requirements under paragraph. For each topic, the name of the study program, the name of the supervisor, the form of study, the conditions of admission, the form and general content of the entrance examination, the deadline for submission of applications, the date of the admission procedure and the tuition fee for the external form of study are stated. The topics of the dissertations, together with the above requirements, are published on the website of the faculty or university. The topics of the dissertations are proposed to the dean by the chairman of the trade union commission.

The conditions of the defense and the opposition are defined by the [Study Rules of PU](#) (Art. 36, Art. 37, Art. 38).

At the Orthodox Theological Faculty of PU, optimal conditions are created for students to develop quality final theses. The team of teachers - supervisors of final theses, their erudition, experience and friendly approach to students together with high standards and requirements for the quality of final theses (also enshrined in internal documents of the faculty) are an important prerequisite for high professional quality, scientific value and subsequent successful defense of final theses. The supervisors of the bachelor's theses are mostly internal teachers of the Orthodox Theological Faculty of the Academy of Sciences in Prešov. In justified cases, the supervisor of the bachelor's thesis may be a doctoral student in the field of study 33. social work, or in a related field.

- *opportunities and procedures for participation in student mobility,*

According to the [Study Rules of PU](#) (Article 15), a student of the faculty has the right to complete part of his / her studies at another university in the Slovak Republic or abroad. Depending on the type of mobility, the dean / rector, or Vice-Rector for External Relations and Marketing and is a matter of a tripartite agreement between the student, the sending faculty and the receiving faculty. Upon return to the student, the faculty will recognize part of the study in accordance with the contract, the European standard and the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). If a student has completed part of his / her studies at a university that does not have a compatible credit system implemented, the recognition of credits will be assessed by the guarantor of the study program and the credits will be awarded by the faculty ECTS coordinator. The student is obliged to sign a Credit Transfer Agreement with the responsible department and the relevant vice-dean before leaving for mobility at the sending faculty.

Credit transfer is the acquisition of credits by completing part of the study on the basis of a study contract at another university in the Slovak Republic or abroad. The transfer of credits is ensured by the study application, the study contract and the statement of study results. A study contract is a tripartite agreement concluded between a student, the sending university and the receiving university before the student enters the receiving school. Subjects completed at the receiving university are recognized to the student on the basis of a statement of study results prepared by the receiving university at the end of his / her stay. The statement becomes part of the student's personal study documentation. The faculty ECTS coordinator is responsible for the recognition of credits and their registration in the MAIS ([Study Rules of PU](#), Art. 17).

If a student completes part of his / her studies abroad, he / she is entitled to substitute study obligations (which he / she agrees in writing with the teacher or examiner) before leaving the host, if the visiting university does not offer a suitable alternative subject to the subject of the study program in Presov.

The description of the Erasmus + mobility implementation procedure is regulated by the [Rector's Measure 8/2014](#) entitled Procedure for the implementation of outgoing student mobility within the Erasmus + program. The implementation of Erasmus + mobility consists of four threads resp. steps: (1) submission of an Erasmus + mobility application, (2) a selection procedure, (3) implementation of mobility, (4) recognition of results obtained abroad, in which the actions to be performed are precisely specified.

- *rules for adherence to academic ethics and rules for drawing consequences,*

During their studies in the course of seminar papers and projects on individual subjects, students are continuously guided to respect the principles and rules applicable to the writing of final theses (including correct citation and listing of bibliographic sources respecting ethical principles), thus gaining the necessary knowledge and skills usable in writing a final thesis.

The University has developed a [Directive on the final theses, their bibliographic registration, originality verification, storage and accessibility](#), which regulates a uniform procedure for the preparation, registration and storage of final and qualification theses carried out at the University of Presov. The directive stipulates that the bachelor's thesis verifies the mastery of the basics of theory and professional terminology, the basic standard scientific methods and the level of knowledge, knowledge and skills that the student has acquired during the study. It demonstrates the ability of independent professional work in terms of content and form. It can have elements of originality, summarization and compilation. The Directive further states that each of the final works must be original, created by the author in compliance with the rules of work with information sources, must not have the character of plagiarism and must not infringe the copyrights of other authors.

[Code of Ethics of the University of Presov](#): Scientific integrity and ethics sets out the basic ethical principles and requirements for the conduct of members of the academic community and other university staff regarding their academic and professional activities, especially educational, scientific research, development, artistic and other creative activities, as well as management and support activities.

The consequences of violating the [Code of Ethics](#) are dealt with by the [Ethics Committee](#) at the university level. Violation of ethical principles, which are a disciplinary offense is solved by the Disciplinary Commission of the University, resp. faculty.

The [Study Rules of PU](#) (Article 43) state that plagiarism is considered an offense and is subject to disciplinary action.

- *procedures applicable to students with special needs,*

For students with special needs, PBF PU teachers in Presov choose adequate forms and methods of teaching and evaluation of study results and proceed in accordance with the recommendations of the [Methodological Guide for Students with Special Needs](#) as well as the recommendations of the Faculty Coordinator for working with students with special needs. This coordinator at FOT PU is [ThDr. Ján Pilko, PhD.](#) Students are informed about this possibility at the beginning of the study.

University document [Methodological guide for students with special needs](#) - Art. 7 specifies the rights of a student with specific needs, including the right to:

- (a) the use of specific educational resources;
- (b) individual learning approaches;
- (c) special conditions for the performance of study obligations without reducing the requirements for study performance;
- (d) individual approach of university teachers.

- *procedures for filing complaints and appeals by students.*

Students can submit suggestions and appeals through their representatives in the [Academic Senate of the FOT PU](#) and the [Academic Senate of the PU](#), or through representatives in the [Student Council of Higher Education Institutions](#). Last but not least, it is possible to use the [Complaints Act 9/2010 Coll.](#)

5. Course information sheets of the study programme

In the structure according to Decree no. 614/2002 Coll.

Infolists are part of the accreditation file and are publicly available at: <https://student.unipo.sk/maisportal/studijneProgramy.mais>

6. Current academic year plan and current schedule (or hyperlink).

The schedule of the academic year is set centrally at the university level and is binding for all study programs. [According to the Rector's Measure no. 9/2016](#), the deadlines associated with the implementation of activities in the [modular academic information system](#) are set out in the document Schedule of activities in the [modular academic information system](#) for the preparation of the academic year, which is updated by 31 August of the current year at the latest (point 2).

The study programs are created in MAIS by the faculty / departmental / institute administrator of the subjects of study and the administrator of the recommended study program (OŠP) and the faculty / departmental schedule is deployed in the schedule. The faculty / department / scheduler deploys subjects that are approved in the study program ([Rector's Measures No. 9/2016](#)).

Schedule of the academic year 2021/2022: <https://www.unipo.sk/pravoslavna-bohoslovecka-fakulta/informacie-pre-studentov/harmonogram>

The current schedule depending on the year of study is publicly available at: <https://student.unipo.sk/maisportal/rozvrhy.mais>

7. Persons responsible for the study programme

- a) A person responsible for the delivery, development, and quality of the study programme (indicating the position and contact details). Prof. ThDr. Ján Šafin, PhD., professor in the position of professor of Orthodox Theology; jan.safin@unipo.sk

- b) List of persons responsible for the profile courses of the study programme with the assignment to the course and provided with a link to the central Register of university staff and with contact details (they may also be listed in the study plan).
[prof. ThDr. Ján Šafin, PhD. \(jan.safin@unipo.sk\)](mailto:jan.safin@unipo.sk)
 Subject: Historical context of theology
 Subject: Study or research stay (internship) at a university or scientific research workplace
[prof. ThDr. Alexander Cap, CSc. \(alexander.cap@unipo.sk\)](mailto:alexander.cap@unipo.sk)
 Subject: Biblical theology and exegesis
 Subject: Exegesis of the Holy Scriptures
[doc. ThDr. Štefan Pružinský, PhD. \(stefan.pruzinsky@unipo.sk\)](mailto:stefan.pruzinsky@unipo.sk)
 Subject: Methodology of translation of Holy Scripture and liturgical texts
 Subject: Scientific design
[doc. ThDr. Václav Ježek, PhD. et PhD. \(vaclav.jezek@unipo.sk\)](mailto:vaclav.jezek@unipo.sk)
 Subject: History of Byzantium and Byzantine theology
[doc. ThDr. Miroslav Župina, PhD. \(miroslav.zupina@unipo.sk\)](mailto:miroslav.zupina@unipo.sk)
 Subject: Metodology of systematic theology
 Subject: Canonical and Church law
 Subject: Liturgy
- c) Reference to the research/art/teacher profiles of persons responsible for the profile courses of the study programme. The scientific / artistic-pedagogical characteristics of the persons providing the profile subjects of the study programme are part of the accreditation file.
1. prof. ThDr. Ján Šafin, PhD.
<https://www.unipo.sk/pravoslavna-bohoslovecka-fakulta/katedry/katedra-cdab/personalne-obsadenie/>
 2. prof. ThDr. Alexander Cap, CSc.
<https://www.unipo.sk/pravoslavna-bohoslovecka-fakulta/katedry/katedra-bn/personalne-obsadenie/>
 3. doc. ThDr. Štefan Pružinský, PhD.
<https://www.unipo.sk/pravoslavna-bohoslovecka-fakulta/katedry/katedra-bn/personalne-obsadenie/>
 4. doc. ThDr. Václav Ježek, PhD.
<https://www.unipo.sk/pravoslavna-bohoslovecka-fakulta/katedry/katedra-cdab/personalne-obsadenie/>
 5. doc. ThDr. Miroslav Župina, PhD.
<https://www.unipo.sk/pravoslavna-bohoslovecka-fakulta/katedry/katedra-past/personalne-obsadenie/>
- d) List of teachers of the study programme with the assignment to the course and provided with a link to the central Register of university staff and with contact details (may be a part of the study plan).
 The persons providing the items are listed in the table that is part of this description - para. 4, letter. c. The names of the persons providing the subject in this table are hypertext links to the staff of the department where the teacher works with the listed contact and other information.
 List of study program teachers with a link to the central register:
1. [prof. ThDr. Ján Šafin, PhD.](#)
 2. [doc. ThDr. Václav Ježek, PhD. et PhD.](#)
 3. [doc. ThDr. Miroslav Župina, PhD.](#)
 4. [prof. ThDr. Alexander Cap, CSc.](#)
 5. [doc. ThDr. Štefan Pružinský, PhD.](#)
 6. [doc. ThDr. Štefan Šak, PhD.](#)
 7. [PhDr. Andrej Nikulin, PhD.](#)
 8. [ThDr. Vladimír Kocvár, PhD.](#)
 9. [ThDr. Pavol Kochan, PhD.](#)
 10. [prof. PaedDr. Lenka Pasternáková, PhD., MBA.](#)
 11. [PaedDr. Erika Kofritová, PhD.](#)
- e) List of the supervisors of final theses with the assignment to topics (indicating the contact details).
- doc. ThDr. Václav JEŽEK, PhD. et PhD. (vaclav.jezek@unipo.sk)
- Development of Cyril and Methodius heritage in the Albanian environment
 - The presence or absence of Orthodox thought in Czech Roman Catholicism and Protestantism in the Middle Ages and the Modern Age
 - Jan Amos Comenius and the Byzantine Paideia
 - Symeon New Theologian - Theology of Joy
 - Michal Psellos and his understanding of rhetoric in relation to theology
 - Theology of Poetry of Gregor of Nazianz
 - Jewish exegesis in the context of Christian exegesis
 - The Syrian exegetical and monastic tradition and its originality in the context of the Byzantine world
 - Justinian and the Holy Land
 - Orthodox pilgrimages to the Holy Land in the 19th century
 - Nikodim Rotov - his activity and life
 - Orthodox Theology in the Context of the Dialogue between the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches
 - Bases of Orthodox Theology for Ecumenical Dialogue
 - Brestlit Union and its historical context

- Justinian the Great and his foreign policy
- Michal Psellos and his theological writings, nature and context
- Theodor Metochites and the Byzantine "Renaissance"

prof. ThDr. Alexander CAP, CSc. (alexander.cap@unipo.sk)

- Qumran Scrolls and the Old Testament
- Historical-critical introduction and interpretation of the book Leviticus
- Historical-critical introduction and interpretation of the book Numbers
- Historical-critical introduction and interpretation of the book Deuteronomy
- Historical-critical introduction and interpretation of the book Joshua
- Historical-critical introduction and interpretation of the book Judges
- Historical-critical introduction and interpretation of the book Ester
- Historical-critical introduction and interpretation of the book Ruth
- Historical-critical introduction and interpretation of the book The Preacher
- Historical-critical introduction and interpretation of the book Proverbs
- Historical-critical introduction and interpretation of the book Job
- Introduction to the books of the Old Testament

doc. ThDr. Ján HUSÁR, PhD. (jan.husar@unipo.sk)

- Historical-critical introduction to the book of the prophet Isaiah
- Interpretation of the social discipline of the prophet Isaiah

doc. ThDr. Miroslav ŽUPINA, PhD. (miroslav.zupina@unipo.sk)

- Biblical-patristic starting points of Orthodox mysticism
- Isychasm as a traditional form of Orthodox spiritual life
- Consequences of grandparent sin on the spiritual level
- Dogmatic, liturgical and historical aspects of the Akathist to the Blessed Virgin

doc. ThDr. Štefan ŠAK, PhD. (stefan.sak@unipo.sk)

- The Holy Mystery of baptism and its importance in the therapeutic process of modern man
- The Holy Mystery of Confession as a way out of the crisis of man and society today
- The Holy Mystery of Eucharist and its place in the life of a believing Christian
- The Holy Mystery of marriage and its importance in contemporary society
- The Holy Mystery of Unction with Holy oil and its therapeutic focus
- Synaxarium of the Lent Triode in the Context of Human Freedom

f) Reference to the research/art/teacher profiles of the supervisors of final theses.

1. [prof. ThDr. Alexander Cap, CSc.](#)
2. [doc. ThDr. Václav Ježek, PhD.](#)
3. [doc. ThDr. Miroslav Župina, PhD.](#)
4. [doc. ThDr. Ján Husár, PhD.](#)
5. [doc. ThDr. Štefan Šak, PhD.](#)

g) Student representatives representing the interests of students of the study programme (name and contact details).

Members of the Academic Senate of the FOT PU for the student part. The list of members of AS FOT PU is available at: <https://www.unipo.sk/en/faculty-of-orthodox-theology/main-sections/faculty/academic-senate/>

h) Study advisor of the study programme (indicating contact details and information on the access to counseling and on the schedule of consultations).

The study advisor of the study program is always the [vice-dean for science and doctoral studies](#). Students arrange consultations online by agreement. The coordinator for working with students with special needs is [ThDr. Jan Pilko, PhD.](#) (jan.pilko@unipo.sk). Students arrange consultations online by agreement.

i) Other supporting staff of the study programme – assigned study officer, career counselor, administration, accommodation department, etc. (with contact details).

The student support staff consists of the [Department of Science and Doctoral Studies](#), the [Department of Development and International Relations](#), the [Department of Education and the Secretariat of the Departments](#).

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8. Spatial, material, and technical provision of the study programme and support

- a) List and characteristics of the study programme classrooms and their technical equipment with the assignment to learning outcomes and courses (laboratories, design and art studios, studios, workshops, interpreting booths, clinics, priest seminaries, science and technology parks, technology incubators, school enterprises, practice centers, training schools, classroom-training facilities, sports halls, swimming pools, sports grounds).

[The Faculty of Orthodox Theology](#) is located in the leased premises on Masarykova Street no. 15, Prešov, whose landlord is the [Prešov Orthodox Diocese](#). The faculty carries out its scientific and pedagogical activities in the auditorium in the number of 8. The building provides all the activities necessary to ensure quality teaching of individual programs. The total usable area of the building is 14,487 m², of which 11,124 m² is the building on Masarykova Street no. 15 and 3,363 m² form the building of the [Orthodox Priestly Seminary](#), in which the future training of future theologians takes place. The building is listed and was built in the last century. The premises are continuously repaired for the needs of study departments and faculty.

There are also 2 laboratories in the building within the project Accelerating the development of human resources in science and research, innovation and improving the quality of the educational process ITMS: 26110230069, [socio-psychological](#) and [patristic-linguistic](#). In terms of teaching in the Orthodox Theology study program, a [patristic-linguistic laboratory](#) v is used, which offers an innovative research and teaching space for above-standard courses in theology, biblical studies and ecclesiastical art, as well as individual and group work focused on the analysis of ancient and Byzantine cultural traditions. analysis of biblical texts, manuscripts and source Holy Fathers literature in biblical Greek, Hebrew, Old Slavic and Church Slavonic. The laboratory is also a space for the study of Orthodox iconography, its biblical-theological background, for the interpretation of symbols and colors, as well as for the study of hymnography and its history, which is a prerequisite for practicing Byzantine and Subcarpathian tunes and church music. The laboratory also provides courses in Byzantine iconography for students and the public, which began as part of a research project since 2018. There is also an active-recreation and passive-recreation zones for students, which were created as a result of the project [Sture Space](#). If necessary, for capacity reasons, it also uses other premises of the university.

The modernization of classrooms is ongoing at the University of Presov. The new equipment was installed in a total of 165 seminar, lecture and professional classrooms. Specifically, there were 136 computers for lecture and seminar rooms, another 406 computers for computer and professional classrooms, as well as 132 data projectors and electric screens, 17 interactive whiteboards and other small equipment. In 2020, another modernization of the 25 largest classrooms at the university took place, ICT equipment and video-presentation technology were innovated.

- b) Characteristics of the study programme information management (access to study literature according to Course information sheets, access to information databases and other information sources, information technologies, etc.).

The information provision of the study program is at a reasonable high level. The faculty has servers and an internet connection, which is shared free of charge and provided to all students. The staff is equipped with personal computers and, if necessary, laptops. The university's centrally managed WiFi network was implemented throughout the premises, which allows, in particular, the connection of mobile devices in almost all university buildings.

In recent years, as part of projects from the SF, modern metallic and optical computer wiring has been built and expanded in 14 university buildings, including the initial wiring in the rooms of students accommodated in the ŠDJ PU. A total of 1,694 computer sockets were installed. In all buildings, there are high-speed networks, which typically operate at 1 Gbit / s, but are also ready to introduce 10 Gbit / s in the future. In the years 2017 to 2020, the university underwent a complete replacement and reconstruction of the centrally managed WiFi network worth EUR 154,000, a total of 298 new access points were installed in all buildings.

At present, more than 2,880 personal computers, 98 servers, almost 1,000 printers, 300 data projectors, and 20 interactive whiteboards are available at PU, which are available to teachers.

University-wide information systems:

- a) Modular Academic Information System ([MAIS](#))

The study management information system provides support for the entire study life cycle. MAIS is designed especially for:

- processing and registration of the admission procedure,
- study processing and registration,
- elaboration of study programs,
- timetable processing,
- human resources management - university staff records,
- processing and registration of student accommodation.

- b) [Library Information System](#)

The PU University Library is a scientific-information, bibliographic, coordination and advisory department of the university, which provides library and information services primarily to students and employees of the university and, within its capabilities, to the other professional public. UK PU develops its activities on the historical basis of the development of education and library culture of the region and builds on the traditions established by the Collegiate Library and the Eparchial Library. The main mission of the library is to ensure free access to information; to help meet the cultural, information, scientific research and educational needs and interests of the university; to support the lifelong learning and spiritual development of the university. For this purpose, the library provides the following basic and special library information services: lending services, bibliographic information services, consulting services, reprographic services and other services (processing of records of publishing activities of university staff; bibliographic registration of final and qualification theses; operation of Digital Library UK PU organization of exhibitions of scientific literature, exhibitions of works of art, concerts, presentations, professional library events, etc.). The library fund contains a total of almost 225,000 library units (annual increase of the library fund is about 4,000 books and 250 titles of periodicals, while the purchase of documents is carried out on the basis of faculty requirements for equal purchase for the needs of all study programs at PU). Since 2004, the library has been building

the Digital Library (a database of electronic full-text publications created by university staff, which contains more than 800 publications. Since 1997, it has been building a database of PU publishing activities in which it registers more than 66,000 documents. The total area of the library is more than 2,600 m², of which 1,150 m² is for users, 303 study places are available in 6 study rooms (2 of which are databases), more than 70,000 readers visit the library every year, and more than 70,000 websites. 500,000 readers. The library has its own computer network (PULIBnet) with 4 servers, 84 computers, of which 45 computers are reserved for users. It annually publishes a bibliography of PU publishing activities. The library provides access to 9 paid full-text database centers ([EBSCO](#), [Gale](#), [ProQuest](#), [Science Direct](#), [Scopus](#), [Springer](#), [Taylor and Francis](#), [Web of Knowledge](#), [Wiley](#)).

The Library of the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Orthodox Theological Faculty (UK2), which is located at Ul. Partizánska 1, near the faculty premises. It provides comprehensive library and information services as well as lending, copying, consulting, advisory and search services. The workplace consists of: literature rental, literature and periodicals study room, database study room and deposits.

There is a script room on the faculty premises, which provides students with the latest works and publications published by faculty teachers in the field of theology and social sciences.

- c) Characteristics and extent of distance education applied in the study programme with the assignment to courses. Access, manuals of e-learning portals. Procedures for the transition from contact teaching to distance learning. Distance learning takes place within the combined method of study, most often through the Moodle platform or MS Teams. The Orthodox Faculty of Theology envisages the use of distance education in subjects whose nature and character allow it. In the case of distance learning, the online platform MS teams is used for teaching and communication - for online lectures and online seminars. If necessary, e.g. due to the interruption of full-time teaching, it is possible, in the short term, to move the teaching in full to the environment of MS Teams and LMS Moodle).
- d) Institution partners in providing educational activities for the study programme and the characteristics of their participation. The Orthodox Faculty of Theology of the University of Prešov in Prešov provides a network of partner workplaces in the provision of educational activities of the study program, whose participation in the study program consists mainly in participation in study stays and research internships. This network is constantly updated and expanded. From the largest and most stable partners we choose:
1. [Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Bulgaria](#)
 2. [Univerzita Karlova v Praze, Czech Republic](#)
 3. [Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Hellenic Republic \(Greece\)](#)
 4. [Uniwersytet Papieski Jana Pawła II w Krakowie, Poland](#)
 5. [Opole University, Poland](#)
 6. [University of Rzeszow, Poland](#)
 7. [Christian Academy of Theology, Poland](#)
 8. [Aurel Vlaicu University of Arad, Romania](#)
 9. [University of Sakarya, Turkey](#)
- e) Characteristics of the possibilities for social, sports, cultural, spiritual and social activities. University students have the opportunity for leisure sports activities in PU sports facilities such as: [athletic stadium](#), [multi-purpose sports complex](#), [fitness](#), [gym](#), [tennis hall](#), [sports hall](#) or [swimming pool](#). FŠ organizes for university students the University Mix-Volleyball League and the PU Football Mini-League, which are of constant interest. The University Sports Days, organized by FŠ, also have a long tradition, in which almost 600 students were actively involved in 2019. University students can also develop their sports interests in several sports departments and clubs of TJ Slávia PU Prešov. Its membership base consists of about 300 athletes every year. Every year, FŠ also organizes several periodic and non-periodic sports and sports-educational activities not only for students, but also for the general public of various ages (Spring Run; Children's Sports Olympics of Kindergartens; Olympic Pentathlon for Seniors etc.). In the implementation of these activities, FŠ cooperates organizationally with students, the Olympic Club in Prešov and the city of Prešov. There are 11 art ensembles at the PU in Prešov, which are members of the [Council for Artistic Activities of the University](#). They work at individual faculties of the university, whose professional guarantors are artistic leaders. The members of the ensembles are mostly university students. The university's art ensembles are an example of university students' leisure time, they represent the university at domestic and foreign art events such as: academic competitions, shows, festivals, television and radio performances, recordings, significantly affect cultural and social life at the university ceremonial events, represent and create the image of the university within the city of Prešov, Prešov region, on a national and international scale. [University Pastoral Center Dr. Štefan Hések in Prešov](#) (hereinafter UPC) is part of the nationwide network of university pastoral centers. Its main task is to take care of the spiritual needs of university students and teachers. UPC uses a chapel in ŠD on Ul. November 17, TV room in ŠD Exnárová 36 and hall no. 100 on FHPV.
- f) Possibilities and conditions for participation of the study programme students in mobilities and internships (indicating contact details), application instructions, rules for recognition of this education. The [Department for Development and Foreign Relations](#), headed by the [Vice-Dean for Development and Foreign Relations](#), is responsible for the participation of students in the study program in mobilities and internships at the Faculty of Orthodox Theology of University of Presov. A student who is a citizen of the Slovak Republic or a country of the European Union or other countries that participate in the [ERASMUS+](#) Program and is a student (enrolled in a given academic year) of a higher education institution in the Slovak Republic to which the Erasmus Charter has been awarded may apply for a mobility grant. (ECHE), or who is a citizen of another country who is a student of a comprehensive bachelor's, master's or doctoral study (enrolled in a given academic year) of a higher education institution in the Slovak Republic to which the Erasmus Charter has been awarded. The Department of External Relations and Marketing ([International Relations](#)) at the Rectorate of the PU informs the individual faculties, faculty and departmental coordinators as well as the students themselves about the possibilities of student mobility within the individual signed interinstitutional agreements. This information is also available on the [faculty's website](#) in the external relations section. Students who want to take part in a study stay at a foreign university within the Erasmus + program must, in particular, meet the following student mobility criteria:
- Mobility is open to students of all levels of university studies (Bc., Mgr., PhD.)
 - The student must be duly enrolled to study at the University of Prešov in the full-time form of study.
 - The grant can be awarded only to a student who has completed the 1st year of university studies. However, you can apply for mobility in the 1st year.

- Mobility can take min. 3 and max. 12 months.

The student can participate in [ERASMUS+](#) mobility (study stay + internship) for a total of 12 months at each level of study.

Obligations of a student who is interested in traveling for mobility:

After submitting the application for mobility (with the attached Statement of Study Results and possibly also the motivation letter), he / she takes the test resp. interview. The student is obliged to choose the subjects at the receiving institution so that he / she obtains a total of min. 30 credits. After viewing the website of the relevant foreign university and getting acquainted with the offer of its courses, the student will personally consult his choice and possible course alternatives with the departmental Erasmus + (ECTS) coordinator, the [relevant department](#), the head of the [Department of Practical and Systematic Theology on FOT PU](#), or [person responsible for the study program](#). Conformity is assessed, resp. similarity of subjects selected by students at the partner institution with the field of study and the study plan at the home faculty. If this does not happen and the student's similarity of subjects is not approved, the subjects will not be recognized as compulsory and optional (A and B block of subjects in the study program), but only as elective subjects (C block of subjects in the study program). The student, together with the [Department for Education](#), prepares background material (Form - Proposal for recognition of study content and subjects completed within the mobility), in which he lists the subjects of the recommended study program at PBF PU and fills in the Learning Agreement for Studies, i.e. the Study Agreement, which contains a list of subjects that the student will study at a partner university. The study contract specifies the content of the study that will be recognized upon return to the home university (specifying whether it will be recognized as compulsory, optional or elective). A student can be recognized for a course only if he / she has a Credit Transfer Agreement signed by him / her. In the case of recognition of a subject (completed within the framework of mobility) as an alternative to a compulsory or optional PBF PU subject, the Credit Transfer Agreement must also be signed by the teacher who provides the subject at the PBF PU (lecturer / exam) resp. the head of the department under whose responsibility the subject is located. The student has the right to choose a subject at the host institution, which is offered by the home faculty in the higher year of study in the given study program - after assessing the conformity of the content the subject will be recognized and in the higher year the student is no longer obliged to complete it.

Conditions for completing the course at the home institution (Faculty of Orthodox Theology PU):

If the visiting university does not offer a suitable alternative subject to the subject of the study program at the Orthodox Theological Faculty, the student is obliged to complete this subject at the home institution, or to re-enroll in the next year of study at the home faculty. In such a case, it is the student's obligation to contact each teacher in person before leaving for mobility and to agree on the conditions for completing the course in advance.

Duties and tasks of the student during the mobility:

If there is a change in the subjects listed in the Learning Agreement, the student immediately contacts the departmental [Erasmus + \(ECTS\)](#) coordinator and agrees with him / her on changes (using the form Changes to Learning Agreement for Studies), while it is also necessary for newly enrolled subjects sign the Credit Transfer Agreement form.

Duties and tasks of the student after returning from mobility:

Upon return, the student immediately contacts the [Department of Education](#) and provides him with a copy of the Study Agreement (also with changes) and a copy of the Transcript of Records. The student is obliged to deliver these documents no later than 5 working days after returning from the mobility. The [Department of Education](#) will ensure that the study results with the codes and names of the subjects, as completed by the student at the host institution, are entered into the [MAIS](#) system and assigned to the student's study plan as well as the assessment obtained by the student.

Erasmus + internships

A practical internship is a period a student spends in an organization in one of the Erasmus + countries. The aim of the internship is to help students adapt to the requirements of the European labor market, acquire professional skills and better understand the economic and social conditions of the host country in the context of gaining work experience.

The internship can be attended by a student of the University of Prešov (a citizen of the Slovak Republic or other countries) who is duly enrolled in the given year for the entire study in full-time or part-time study for bachelor's, master's or doctoral studies. A graduate internship is intended for graduating students.

Students who have already undergone [ERASMUS+](#) mobility in the past can also apply for the grant. However, the total length of mobility (study, internship) may not exceed 12 months in one level of study. The organizations in which the traineeship takes place must meet the definition of an eligible enterprise: an enterprise is an organization engaged in economic activity in the public or private sector, regardless of its size, legal form, the economic sector in which it operates, including the social sphere of the economy. The host institutions may be: (1) enterprises, large and small; (2) public and private organizations, including social enterprises; (3) public / state institutions at local, regional or national level; (4) higher education institutions to which ECE (Erasmus Charter) has been awarded, research centers; (5) non-profit institutions; (6) foundations / funds; (7) associations, (8) schools / educational centers at various levels (from pre-schools - kindergartens, through primary and secondary schools, including adult education); (9) social partners, including chambers of commerce; (10) craft / professional associations and trade unions; (11) career guidance institutions; (12) training centers; (13) national diplomatic missions (embassies, consular posts, etc.)

The internship abroad will be fully recognized by the student using ECTS credits or Supplement to the diploma.

More information on student study mobility is available on the website of the University of Prešov:

<https://www.unipo.sk/zahranicie/erasmus/studium/> a

<https://www.unipo.sk/zahranicie/erasmus/staze/>

<https://www.unipo.sk/en/ir/>

Opportunities and conditions of participation that are adequate to the study program are also published on the faculty's website:

<https://www.unipo.sk/pravoslavna-bohoslovecka-fakulta/vonkajsie-vztahy/> or <https://www.unipo.sk/en/faculty-of-orthodox-theology/main-sections/international-relations/>

9. Required abilities and admission requirements for the study programme applicants

a) Required abilities and necessary admission requirements.

The long-term intention and strategic goal of the university is to prepare quality graduates in accredited study programs. The prerequisite for achieving this goal is to admit to study those students who meet demanding quality criteria. The university has developed a system of procedures for admitting students developed in the [Study Rules of PU](#). Each faculty has elaborated specific conditions of the admission procedure, corresponding to the specifics and peculiarities of study programs.

The basic condition for admission to study is to obtain a 2nd level university education in a study program belonging to the study field 33. social work, or to a related field and to have the intellectual and personal prerequisites for successful completion of doctoral studies. The prerequisite for the study is both the general study dispositions and the knowledge necessary for the study of social science disciplines - knowledge of philosophy, sociology, but also languages, etc.

b) Admission procedures.

The admission procedure for doctoral studies is defined by the [Study Rules of PU](#) (Article 28).

1. The Dean / Rector shall announce the topic of the dissertation that can be applied for in the admission procedure at least two months before the last day set for the submission of applications for doctoral studies; in the case of a topic offered by an external educational institution, it shall also state the name of that institution. The external educational institution may also publish the topics separately, specifying the particulars referred to in paragraph 2.

2. For each topic, the name of the study program, the name of the supervisor, the form of study, the conditions of admission, the form and general content of the entrance examination, the deadline for submission of applications, the date of the admission procedure and the tuition fee for the external form of study are stated. The topics of the dissertations, together with the above requirements, are published on the website of the faculty or university.

3. The application for doctoral studies shall contain in particular the following information:

a) applicant from the Slovak Republic: name, surname, titles, birth number, place of birth, marital status and place of permanent residence, citizenship, ID card number;

b) foreigner: name, surname, titles, date of birth, place and state of birth, marital status and place of permanent residence, sex, place of residence in the Slovak Republic, nationality, citizenship, passport number; c) selected study program and selected topic of the dissertation;

d) the chosen form of doctoral study.

4. In addition to other requirements defined by law, the applicant shall enclose with the application: a) a curriculum vitae;

(b) officially certified copies of evidence of formal qualifications;

c) a list of its published articles or a list of other professional results or artistic activity, or opinions on these works and activities;

d) a dissertation project with a summary in English, the scope of which and others the requisites are determined by the rector or the dean if the study program is carried out at the faculty.

5. The Dean / Rector shall invite the candidate to the entrance examination at least ten days before the examination and at the same time inform him / her of its content.

6. The entrance examination shall take place before an entrance examination board. The entrance examination commission consists of a chairman and at least two members, who are appointed by the dean / rector on the proposal of the chairman of the trade union commission. In the case of a candidate's admission procedure on a topic announced by an external educational institution, a member of the commission is also a representative of an external educational institution appointed by the director of the external educational institution.

7. The Entrance Examination Board evaluates the result of the entrance examination in a closed session. The commission will determine the order of candidates according to the success of the entrance examination separately for the full-time and external form of doctoral studies. In determining the ranking, the commission takes into account the quality of the dissertation project and also takes into account the scope and quality of the applicant's professional publishing or artistic activity and the results of his other professional or artistic activity (eg results in student scientific and professional works competitions or student Come.). In case more than one candidate with the same topic is accepted, the supervisor modifies the topic in the individual study plan.

8. Minutes shall be taken of the result of the entrance examination. The Commission will submit a proposal for the admission of a successful candidate to the Dean / Rector. In the case of a topic listed by an external educational institution, this educational institution must give its consent to the admission of the candidate.

9. The Dean / Rector decides on the basis of the results of the entrance examination on the admission of the candidate within 30 days from the day of the entrance examination; in the case of a study program carried out by a university, the Rector decides on admission. If he decides on the admission of an applicant, he / she shall also state in his decision the name of the supervisor, the topic of the dissertation and the date of enrollment. In addition to the above, the written decision must contain a statement, justification and instructions on the possibility of requesting a review of the decision; the decision is delivered to the tenderer in his own hands. An applicant who has been granted a decision not to admit to doctoral studies may apply for a review of this decision.

10. The accepted applicant becomes a doctoral student on the day of enrollment, the date of which is determined by the dean / rector. If the enrollment of an applicant admitted to study takes place before the beginning of the academic year in which his / her studies are to start, the applicant becomes a student from the beginning of this academic year.

11. The enrollment documentation also includes an approved individual study plan of the doctoral student, which the doctoral student must prepare and submit no later than two months after the enrollment.

12. After enrollment, the university will issue the student a student card as a document confirming his / her legal status. The student card is issued to the doctoral student after enrollment in the student register. With this card, the student is obliged to prove himself / herself on the university campus and in the evaluation of study subjects.

c) Results of the admission process over the last period.

The faculty also keeps statistics of applicants for each study program. In the given study program, the number of applicants for the study in 2021 was 2 (of which 0 invalid applications); the number of students admitted was 2; the number enrolled in the study was 2.

10. Feedback on the quality of provided education

a) Procedures for monitoring and evaluating students' opinions on the study programme quality.

Monitoring and evaluation of students' views on the quality of the study program is performed centrally through the MAIS system. At the end of each semester, students have the opportunity to participate in an anonymous survey and fill out a feedback questionnaire concerning: (1) the study program (General Survey), (2) a subject survey in which individual subjects + teachers are evaluated. Other ways of monitoring and evaluating students' views on the quality of the study program include anonymous feedback, which is provided by teachers on individual subjects.

b) Results of student feedback and related measures to improve the study programme quality.

The results of the survey are discussed at meetings of the PBF PU management, the Dean's Board, as well as the PBF PU Scientific Council (as part of the Education Report).

c) Results of graduate feedback and related measures to improve the study programme quality.

Graduate feedback is provided through a survey organized by the Rectorate of the University of Presov.

11. References to other relevant internal regulations and information concerning the study or the study programme student (e.g study guide, accommodation regulations, fee directive, guidelines for student loans, etc.).

Accommodation regulations:

Link: <https://www.unipo.sk/public/media/25722/Ubytovac%C3%AD%20poriadok%20SDJ%20PU%202020.pdf>

Student accommodation options:

Link: <https://www.unipo.sk/sdj/hlavne-sekcie/pracovisko/>

Directive on fees in the current ak. of the year:

Link: <https://www.unipo.sk/public/media/26304/Cennik%202020-2021.pdf>

Information on social scholarships:

Link: <https://www.unipo.sk/vseobecne-informacie/uvod/stip>

PU Scholarship Regulations:

Link: https://www.unipo.sk/public/media/24024/Stipendijny_poriadok2013-final.pdf

Rector's Directive on the Recognition of Education Certificates Issued by Foreign Universities:

Link: <https://www.unipo.sk/absolventi/uznavanie>

Library and lending regulations of the PU University Library:

Link: <http://www.pulib.sk/web/data/pulib/subory/stranka/ukpu-kniznicny-poriadok.pdf>