

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

**Code:** 5PST/TRIAD/16**Course title:** Triadology**Field of study:****Guarantor:** ThDr. Pavol Kochan, PhD.**Lectured by:** Department of Practical and Systematic Theology

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**Semester:**

WT

**Contact lessons:** Lecture, Seminar**Recommended course load (in lessons):****Weekly:** 2/2**Per course:** 26,26**Number of****ECTS credits:** 5**Prerequisite(s):** 5PST/GNOZE/15 - Gnoseology**Course assessment and completion:** Exam**Continuous assessment:**

seminar work, written test

**Final assessment:**

The subject is finished by the exam. During the semester the student processes and submits the seminar work. At the same time during the semester will absolve written test. During the exam period student will take a verbal exam. To obtain an A (excellent) rating, student must earn at least 95%, evaluation B at least 90%, rating C at least 80%, rating D 75%, rating E at least 70%. A student who earns less than 65% will be rated by FX. The final grade is calculated as the average of the evaluation of the seminar paper and the verbal answer.

**Course objective:**

The graduate will be able to:

- characterize the content of the Orthodox triadology.
- to characterize the content of the Holy Fathers expression of God's essence;
- to clarify the content of the holy-paternal expression of God's Hypostasis;
- Explain the relationship of God's Persons in the inner life of the Trinity by using the Holy Fathers expression omoúsios and explain the historical and theological problem of the term omoiúsios;
- to clarify the difference and unity of God's Persons on the basis of the description of some of the characteristics of the individual God's Persons;
- to describe the triadological statements of the church writers of the first three centuries of Christianity;
- to define and interpret the theological results of the first three Christian General Councils;
- to interpret the results of his own study of the work of St. Atanas of Alexandria and Cappadocian Fathers;
- to define the basics of the teaching of Saint Gregory Palama about God's energies.

**Course content:**

God's essence.

God's Hypostases.

The theological content of the term omoúsios (essence).

The Properties of God's Hypostases and Their Relationships.

The triadological nature of the works of church writers in the period before the General Councils.

Attempts to understand the three-oneness of God in the time of the General Councils.

Theological results of the 1st General Council.

Theological results of the 2nd General Council.

Theological results of the 3rd General Council.

The Concept of orthodox triadology in the Work of St. Athanas of Alexandria.

Theological deepening of the Cappadocian Fathers triadology.

God's energy in the theological work of St. Gregory Palama.

**Textbooks and references:**

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KOCHAN, P. 2009. Božie energie. In: Pravoslávny teologický zborník. Prešov: PBF PU v Prešove, roč. XXXIV (19), s. 110-118. ISBN 978-80-8068-998-8.

KOCHAN, P. 2012. Svätotcovské učenie o Svätej Trojici. In: Acta Patristica. Prešov: Pravoslávna bohoslovecká fakulta PU v Prešove, č. 7 (2012), s. 79-93. ISSN 1338-3299.

МЕЙЕНДОРФ, И. 2007. Византийское богословие. Исторические тенденции и доктринальные темы. Минск: Лучи Софии. ISBN 978-985-9171-85-0.

YANNARAS, Ch. 1991. Elements of Faith. An Introduction to Orthodox Theology (prekl. Keith Schram). Edinburg: TaT Clark. ISBN 0-567-29190-1.

ZIZJULAS, J. 2001. Dogmatske teme, Novi Sad.

ZOZULAK, J. 2005. Filozofia, teológia, jazyk. Prešov.

**Language of instruction:**

Slovak, English, Russian

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