

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE FIELD OF THE HABILITATION AND INAUGURATION PROCEDURE**

<b>Name of the field of habilitation and inauguration proceeding</b>	Catholic Theology
<b>Name of the study field(s), to which the field of habilitation and inauguration proceeding is assigned</b>	37 Theology
<b>Name of the study programmes (3<sup>rd</sup> degree of study), to which the field of habilitation and inauguration proceeding is assigned</b>	Catholic Theology, third degree, full and part-time form of study, codes of study programmes: 4033; 12960
<b>Name of the study programmes (2<sup>nd</sup> degree of study), to which the field of habilitation and inauguration proceeding is assigned</b>	Catholic Theology, combining the first and second degree, full-time form of study, code of the study programme: 17375 Probation and mediation work, the second degree, full and part-time forms of study, code of study programmes: 17376; 102004

<b>The content of the field of the habilitation and the inauguration proceedings</b>
<p><b>Name of the field of habilitation and inauguration proceeding:</b>  Name of the field of habilitation and inauguration proceeding: Catholic Theology Content of the field of habilitation and inauguration proceeding: The field of study <i>Catholic Theology</i> focuses on study of fundamental theological values and laws.</p> <p>Etymologically Catholic theology denotes the study of God (Greek: Theos - God, logos - word, speech, teaching) and it is an expression of the interpretation of God's Revelation according to the Catholic Church and Catholic thinkers in connection to different areas of faith, philosophy, the humanities, as well as religious practice, the history of the Catholic Church and Christianity, and even in the context finding solutions to challenges faced by individuals and the whole society.</p> <p>Catholic theology has a traditional place among the humanities. Catholic theology is one of the oldest sciences. It has its own system of processes, its own research methodology, a clearly defined subject of study and represents a universal apparatus of knowledge that can be used to define the human person, the world, and phenomena in the world. Everything derives from the fundamental concept of God and His way of revealing Himself to human beings. Experts in the field of Catholic theology communicate the doctrine of the Catholic Church, aid its understanding, systematically explain its precepts, and apply it in practice. In this regard, they seek to answer the principal questions of life in its every sphere and strive to solve human problems in the light of this doctrine.</p> <p>Catholic theology is a comprehensive system of knowledge, which in its interdisciplinarity, overlaps with other human sciences, such as philosophy, history, religious</p>

studies, psychology and law. It also cooperates with other exact sciences, mainly from the position of a common search for the meaning of reality.

The field of habilitation and inauguration proceeding *Catholic Theology* reflects current social demands and has its firm place within the framework of university education. Its being a part of higher education and research is a guarantee of the integrity of higher education and human formation in general.

## **Definition of the field of the habilitation and inauguration procedure**

The content of the field of study of the habilitation and the inauguration proceedings *Catholic Theology* is in line with the field of study 37 Theology, to which it is assigned. Contentwise, the field corresponds to the key topic of the core knowledge of the field of study Theolog.

Theology (Catholic) is a scientific discipline where the human testimony is replaced by God's authority. The premises of the doctrine have been elaborated into a scientific system called apologetics. Divinely revealed truths are studied along theological, historical, philosophical, linguistic, and religious lines. These truths are analysed, defined and classified. Theoretical implications have been drawn from them, and applications are made to the church discipline. Points of contact between faith and science have been established and boundary lines drawn.

The results of all these studies are embodied in many disciplines. A selection of the main content elements of the field of habilitation and inauguration proceedings Catholic Theology includes:

- (Christian) Philosophy;
- Church History and other related fields – Patrology, History of Dogmas, (Biblical and Christian) Archaeology, History of (Sacral) Art;
- Biblical Sciences (Biblical Theology) with the subsections of historical criticism, theoretical hermeneutics and practical exegesis;
- Fundamental and Dogmatic Theology,
- Moral Theology and Canon Law;
- Pastoral Theology and Homiletics;
- Liturgical Theology;
- Catechetics and Didactics of Religious Education;
- (Christian) Religious Sciences.

The subject of theological science is God Himself. The secondary subject is the entire creation since it is in relation to God. The content of Catholic theology is based on the conviction that it has the full message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which was handed down by the first apostles. The content of Catholic Church's doctrine in the discipline of Catholic Theology encompasses:

- the fulfilment of Christ's teaching,
- disposition of a human person to religious faith, the fulfilment of his or her religious needs, such as the need for a relationship with the supernatural and the need for inner balance and satisfaction,
- the context of the Catholic doctrine, which has been systematically formed throughout the history of the Church,
- addressing complex theological questions that authentically fit into the context of the doctrine and thus deepen our understanding,
- the place of Catholic theology among non-Catholic and non-Christian theological currents and creeds,

- the application of prescriptions of the Catholic doctrine to the practical life of a human person, resulting in the inner satisfaction of an individual and his or her ability to live in mature altruistic interpersonal relationships,
- the analysis of social and cultural environment with an emphasis on finding solutions to problems through the prism of the Catholic teaching, especially concerning the care for the needy and members of marginalized groups,
- in an interdisciplinary context, to follow the Church's mission to proclaim the Good News of Christ to all in a dialogue with other disciplines that penetrate the truth and spread it in society,
- bringing an ecumenical dimension into addressing religious, cultural and social issues,
- enriching the perspective of social sciences that look at marriage and family from different points of view (philosophy, theology, law, psychology, medicine, education science) with the Catholic Church's teaching on marriage and the family,
- the penetration of the spirit of Christian morality into all spheres of social life in the context of justice and responsibility of all its actors.

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