The church: mystery and people of God

Module title

Abbreviation

01-M10-211-m01

Institute of Biblical Studies, the Institute of Historical Theology, the Institute for Systematic Theology and the Institute of Practical Theology

Module coordinator

Faculty of Catholic Theology

Module offered by

ECTS

Method of grading

Only after succ. compl. of module(s)

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Duration

Module level

Other prerequisites

2 semester

undergraduate

Recommended: Certified Ancient Greek and Latin language skills.

Contents

Discussion of, and reflection upon, the theological self-understanding of the Church from the point of view of systematic theology based on New Testament ecclesiologies and their metaphors of the Church as the Body of Christ, the People of God, or the House of God. A particular focus will be on the ecclesiology of the Second Vatican Council. Discussion of the historical development of ecclesiology and the constitutional law of the Latin Church to give students a clear picture of the Church.

Courses:

• New Testament ecclesiology.
• Communicative ecclesiology.
• The Church: the People of God and an institution.
• Historical ecclesiology.
• Constitutional law of the Latin Church.

Module assessment will either be held under the responsibility and in special consideration of the subject of church history of the Middle Ages and the modern age or the subject of dogmatics; assessment will cover all courses of the module.

Intended learning outcomes

At the end of the course, students will have become familiar with different models of ecclesiology. They will be able to critically reflect upon different ecclesial realities and take their own well-founded position on them. Students will have developed a critical awareness of the fact that our understanding of the Church is shaped not only by our theoretical knowledge, but also by our actions.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

a) Written examination (approx. 90 minutes) or
b) oral examination (approx. 25 minutes) or
c) Essays (approx. 12 pages total)

Allocation of places

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Additional information

The module examination is carried out optionally under the responsibility and with special consideration of the subject Church History of the Middle Ages and the Modern Era or the subject Dogmatics; it covers all courses of the module.

Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)

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