

Studying Theology

at the University of Innsbruck's
School of Catholic Theology



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Topical Expertise

Do you seek well grounded knowledge in the core subjects of biblical studies, dogmatics, moral theology, and philosophy? Do you aspire to appreciate the interconnections between church history, liturgical science, and canon law? Do you aim to achieve a deeper understanding of the Church's activities by learning about the theology of pastoral care and religious education? Become an expert!

Social Expertise

Do you want to be able to express and argue for your own informed viewpoint? Are you interested in understanding and respectfully engaging with different viewpoints? Would you like to develop a finer sensitivity for what motivates and is important to your interlocutors? Become a listener!

Expertise in Interdisciplinary and Non-Academic Communication

Would you like to learn how to handle complex problems and actively engage with different academic disciplines? Do you believe that academic results should be communicated to people outside of academia? Become an interpreter!

Expertise in Orientation Knowledge

Would you like to find answers to humanity's fundamental existential and religious questions? Do you dare to dialogue with different world views and offer advice to people looking for orientation in their lives? Is it important to you actively to shape society? Become someone who can advise and encourage!

A place of learning and research with a long tradition

Close tutoring in conveniently sized groups
An open and personal atmosphere
International exchange programmes

Research Centers

Study courses are further inspired and influenced by the activities of the following additional research centers within the School of Catholic Theology

- **Christian Anthropology and Naturalism** discusses anthropologies which are motivated by the natural sciences
- **Synagogue and churches** researches the common foundations of Judaism and Christianity
- **Religion – Violence – Communication – World Order** with its participating projects Dramatic Theology and Communicative Theology addresses the interplay between social realities and creative forms of theological expression

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Religion
Orientation
Reflection
Theology



Department of Christian Philosophy

Questioning the unquestioned, learning to think independently, seeking answers to questions about right actions and a fulfilled life, about truth and knowledge, about human nature and the existence of God.

Department of Biblical Studies and Historical Theology

Studying scripture in its literary, historical, and theological context; the emergence and history of the church; and the theological and liturgical plurality of faith communities.

Department of Systematic Theology

Reflecting the Church's faith in the context of current challenges; perceiving in the signs of the time the dramatic relationship between God and humanity; recognizing religion's importance for human life and social cohesion.

Department of Practical Theology

Interpreting human life theologically in cooperation with other humanities and sciences, especially in communicative processes of education, everyday situations of pastoral care, and the church's canonical and legal structure.

Courses of Study

Diploma Programme Catholic Theology (required for ordination)

Mag. theol. 10 semesters

BA and MA Programme Catholic Religious Education

BA 6 semesters; MA 4 semesters

BA and MA Programme Philosophy

BA 6 semesters; MA 4 semesters

Doctoral Programme in Catholic Theology (Canonical Doctorate)

Dr. theol. 6 semesters

Doctor of Philosophy Programme

PhD with philosophical or theological emphasis,
6 semesters

Teacher Training Programme with Diploma Thesis – Subject Catholic Religious Education

Qualification for Secondary Schools,
Mag. theol. 9 semesters

Job Outlook

The main fields in which our alumni are employed are teaching young and adult students; pastoral, charitable, and social work; as well as church management. Our courses of study provide a broad horizon which enables our alumni to understand and solve complex problems, opening doors for them into theological and philosophical research positions and ensuring that they are sought after as idea-generators in numerous fields of public life.

International Networking

A number of exchange programmes (with universities in Paris, Madrid, Milan, Limerick, London, and Poona in India) provide students with the opportunity to study abroad while continuing on their Innsbruck course of study. These exchanges are partially funded by the European Union and the University of Innsbruck.

