

UNDERSTANDING IN CONTEXT

- The School of Philosophy promotes contextual mediation between the fields of learning, between different cultures, and between reason and faith. With openness to theology, the School favors the understanding of the metaphysical dimension of truth and of the anthropological and historical, cultural context.
- We offer the foundations for understanding the crucial issues, whether current or perennial, to address the questions posed by scientific discovery and cultural change. The philosophical thought of Saint Thomas Aquinas, read in the light of the encyclical *Fides et Ratio*, roots our common tradition.
- Our teaching style develops capability for critical thought, methodological accuracy, and intellectual responsibility:
 - Systematic and organic formation in the fundamental areas of Philosophy;
 - Direct contact with authors and their great philosophical works;
 - Deepening appreciation for the metaphysical and anthropological dimensions of the classical tradition.

IN THE HEART OF ROME

In a context:

- **Of study and collaboration** between professors and students: **with an individualized tutorial approach and a dedicated teacher to guide each student;**
- With a **library** among the most complete for the study of Philosophy;
- Universal, characterized by **closeness to the See of Peter;**
- Open to the needs of local Churches, with a diverse community of **students coming from the whole world.**

A privileged place for appreciating the historical-philosophical, artistic, and political origins of the Western Christian world.

PUBLICATIONS

Acta Philosophica – International Journal of Philosophy: born in 1992 and published every sixth months (ISSN 1121-2179). Indexed by the main databases of scholarly publications and present in many university libraries.

Forum – Supplement to Acta Philosophica: periodic on-line journal (ISSN 2498-9746), peer reviewed, begun in 2015 to gather academic contributions from the School's researches.

Philosophica – Enciclopedia filosófica online: Dynamic Reference Work in Spanish (ISSN 2035-8326), offers in-depth presentation of the *status quæstionis* of the foremost philosophical authors and topics.

Studi di filosofia: series of monographic essays, published by Armando. Begun in 1990, has already reached volume 40.

Filosofia e Realtà: series of manuals for the philosophical disciplines.

Prospettive filosofiche: introductory essays on the chief questions of contemporary thought.

Saggi: publishes significant, contemporary, monographs.

Dissertationes-Series philosophica: publishes a selection of the best doctoral dissertations defended in our school.

AREAS OF EXCELLENCE

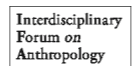
Our Professors and Researchers are involved in several research projects:



MCE – Markets, Culture and Ethics: aims to call attention to the anthropological and ethical dimensions of economy, business and professions



STOQ – Science, Theology and the Ontological Quest: research on the links between science, philosophy and religion, from the historical, epistemological and anthropological viewpoint.



IFA – Interdisciplinary Forum on Anthropology: interdisciplinary research on the main anthropological questions in cooperation with teachers of other universities.



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School of Philosophy



PROGRAM OF STUDIES

FIRST CYCLE, FIRST YEAR

1st Semester

- Introduction to Philosophy
- History of Ancient Philosophy
- Logic I
- Philosophy of Nature
- Introduction to Physical-Mathematical and Biological Sciences
- Fundamentals of Psychology
- Introduction to Christian Mystery
- Latin I

2nd Semester

- History of Medieval Philosophy
- Logic II
- Philosophy of Nature II
- Anthropology I
- Metaphysics I
- Readings of philosophical texts I
- Latin II

FIRST CYCLE, SECOND YEAR

1st Semester

- History of Modern Philosophy
- Anthropology II
- Metaphysics II
- Fundamental Ethics
- Introduction to Social Sciences
- Latin III
- Greek

2nd Semester

- History of Contemporary Philosophy
- Natural Theology
- Philosophy of knowledge
- Applied Ethics
- Philosophy of religion
- Reading of Philosophical Texts II
- Latin IV

FIRST CYCLE, THIRD YEAR

1st Semester

- Social and Political Philosophy
- Philosophy of Mind
- Introduction to Bioethics
- Philosophy in XX Century I: Personalism, Hermeneutics, Post-modernity
- Readings of Ancient Philosophers
- Readings of Medieval Philosophers
- Introduction to Methodology of Research
- Modern Language I

2nd Semester

- Philosophy of Science
- Introduction to the Metaphysics of St. Thomas Aquinas
- Aesthetics
- Philosophy in XX Century II: Logic and Analytic Ontology
- Readings of Modern Philosophers
- Readings of Contemporary Philosophers
- Modern Language II

FIRST CYCLE BACCALAUREATE

The **First Cycle** requires three years and grants the Baccalaureate in Philosophy (Diploma or first level).

It offers an organic and structured program of study of the various fields of philosophical thought and its history, allowing the student to develop the capability of facing, seriously and in depth, the different aspects of human knowledge.

Students assimilate the method of philosophical research through philosophical readings, personal research, and a course on methodology.

Special importance is given to the right understanding of the intimate harmony between reason and faith to acquire an integrated view of knowledge.

Great importance is attributed to the study of Latin, Greek and modern languages, needed to directly access the sources of philosophy and continue with specialized studies of the Second and Third Cycles.

- After the first two years of the First Cycle, it is possible to gain admittance to the First Cycle of the School of Theology.
- Once the third year is completed, after passing the comprehensive exam, the Baccalaureate Diploma in Philosophy is granted, which allows the student to be admitted to the Second Cycle of studies (specialized License) in the School of Philosophy.
- The Diploma meets the directives of the Bologna Protocol: and makes possible admittance to Second Level studies in other universities, upon recognition of the curriculum of studies.

SECOND CYCLE SPECIALIZED LICENTIATE

The **Second Cycle** or **Specialized Licentiate** (Second Level or Specialized Degree), lasts two years and is open to those who have already obtained the Baccalaureate in Philosophy (First Level Degree) in an ecclesiastical School, with a minimum grade of *Cum laude* 8,0, or those who have done equivalent university studies.

The two years of courses of the Specialized Licentiate studies the thought of the main philosophers and aims to achieve mastery of the philosophical principles and methods as required for university level teaching and research. Courses pay particular attention to emergent questions in the present development of the empirical and human sciences.

The School currently offers two specializations: that of **Ethics and Anthropology** focuses on the rational and cultural dimensions of the human being and action; while the one in **Metaphysics and Science** aims to study the main dimensions of human rationality in relation to the outcome of the empirical sciences and metaphysics.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

SECOND CYCLE

Specialization Courses: cover the fundamental themes of each specialization

Ethics and Anthropology:

- The Nature of the Human Person
- Reason, Will and Affectivity
- Human Action
- Culture and Relationality
- The Accomplished Life
- Virtues, Habits and Education
- Natural Law
- Society and Community

Metaphysics and Science:

- The Metaphysics of Being
- Metaphysics and Contemporary Thought
- Philosophy of God
- Religion, Secularization and Atheism
- Learning and Thinking
- The Forms of Rationality
- Scientific Knowing
- Physical World and Life

Optional Courses

Complementary Courses

Language Courses: Greek and Modern Languages

Reading Seminars: an important part of the curriculum is dedicated to the reading and discussion of important philosophical works

Licentiate Thesis and Degree Examination

THIRD CYCLE DOCTORATE

The **Third Cycle** (Doctorate), lasts a minimum of three years and offers a research specialization. Under the guidance of an advisor, every student elaborates a doctoral thesis, which must give an effective contribution to philosophical research. Moreover, the student must take part in other activities organized for the PhD candidates.

Among the main fields of research of the School are: Metaphysics and Classical Ethics, Aristotle and Thomas Aquinas, Anthropology and Psychology, Culture and Society, Organizational and Business Ethics, Cognitive Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Scientific Knowledge, Science, Reason and Faith.