

CURRICULUM
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AUREL VLAICU UNIVERSITY, ARAD
Faculty of Humanistic and Social Sciences
Department of Modern Languages and Social-Humanistic Sciences
Study Program: MASTERS - FAITH AND LIFE. STUDIES IN PUBLIC THEOLOGY
Fundamental domain: HUMANISTIC SCIENCES AND ARTS
Masters domain: Theology
Duration of the study program / credits: 2 years / 120 credits
Teaching format: full time
Graduate title: masters in theology

1. MISSION OF THE STUDY PROGRAM

The mission of the study program is related to teaching and research. This fundamental aspect resides in the following:

- (a) The masters study program entitled *Faith and Life. Studies in Public Theology* within Aurel Vlaicu University has a clearly deliniated teaching and research mission which results in training people for the following professions: primary school teacher, middle school teacher, evangelist, mediator, social mediator, religious - denominational counsellor, denominational secretary, instructor etc.
- (b) The prospective competences of the graduates are detailed in the curriculum and the syllabi, which are all taught in the English language. At the same time, they are also clearly presented in the degree's supplement as they match the declared qualification.
- (c) The qualification obtained by the graduates of the masters program entitle *Faith and Life. Studies in Public Theology* corresponds to the national framework of qualifications, unde the code M50401001020.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY PROGRAM

The mission of training studies within the masters program entitled *Faith and Life. Studies in Public Theology* is based on acquiring knowledge, developing abilities, and forming habits with the specific purpose to prepare the graduates with sufficient quantitative and qualitative information to ensure their social and scientific integration within society. In concrete terms:

- (1) The deeper knowledge of a specific field of specialization and the development of theoretical, methodological, and practical abilities as detailed within the study program, as well as adequate use of a particular scientific language in communicating with variegated professional contexts.
- (2) The use of specialized knowledge for the explanation and interpretation of new situations as they emerge within larger contexts adjoined to the study field.
- (3) The integrated use of the conceptual and methodological apparatus for the identification of solutions to new theoretical and practical problems in contexts where the various information providers are deficient.
- (4) The nuanced and pertinent use of evaluation criteria and methods for the adequate provision of value judgments and the constructive decisions.
- (5) The drafting of professional and/or research projects through the innovative use of a variegated range of quantitative and qualitative methods.
- (6) The implementation of complex professional tasks based on professional autonomy and independence.

- (7) The acceptance of leading positions within various professional groups and institutions or organizations
- (8) The exercise of autonomous abilities to control the learning process, the diagnosis of formation needs, and the reflexive analysis of one's own professional activity

3. COMPETENCES ACQUIRED THROUGH THE STUDY PROGRAM

Professional

- C.P1. The practical application of the mission to preach the faith in a tolerant spirit
- C.P2. The correct identification of church doctrine/confessional teaching, as well as of the means transmitted by it for the perfection of the human person in the world
- C.P3. The acknowledgment and interpretation of complex problems specific to inter-religious development
- C.P4. The pertinent analysis of religious phenomena in light of the research provided by religious history and philosophy
- C.P5. The promotion of inter-religious and ecumenical dialogue.

Transverse

- C.T1. The application of deontological value and principles specific to the theology of sacred / biblical texts, within the bounds of professional autonomy and independence
- C.T2. The planning and organization of human resources for the improved efficiency of ecclesiastical endeavors and the practical achievement of its specific purposes
- C.T3. The self-assessment of the needs for life-long education with a view to adapt personal professional abilities to the dynamics of religious phenomena as well as the promotion of the goals of the church/confession, coupled with the appropriation of various methods and techniques specific to self-taught learning.

4. DECLARED PURPOSES

The graduates of the masters program entitled *Faith and Life. Studies in Public Theology* will be qualified to work professionally in the following capacities as defined by the Romanian Occupational Classification (COR):

primary school teacher - COR code: 233101, middle school teacher - COR code: 232201, evangelist - COR code: 246035, mediator - COR code: 244702, social mediator - COR code: 513904, religious - denominational counsellor - COR code: 246009, denominational secretary - COR code: 246032, instructor - COR code: 342309.

5. FINAL PRESCRIPTIONS

According to the provisions of Article 137, Paragraph 2 of the National Education Law, curricula are considered legally binding following their formal approval during the Senate meeting and the application of the official endorsement (through handwritten signature) by the Senate President on the document's each individual page. Approved as such, the curricula remain valid until the next initiative aimed at their formal revision.

6. CURRICULUM ANALYSIS

In the curriculum for the masters program entitled *Faith and Life. Studies in Public Theology*, the arrangement of courses, organized by categories, abides by the following format as presented below:

Crt. no.	Types of Disciplines	Hours / study program	
		Number	Percentages
			Study program
1	Deep Study Disciplines	364	5,417%
2	Synthetic Disciplines	308	4,583%
TOTAL 672		672	100%

The total number of hours specific to the study program is 877

- Compulsory teaching hours: 672 hours
 - Professional practice hours: **135 hours**
 - Professional practice for the drafting of the dissertation project: **70 hours**
- Total practice hours: 205 hours**

The organizational structure based on compulsory and optional disciplines is the following:

Types of Disciplines	Hours / study program	
	Number	Percentage
Compulsory Disciplines	518	77,08%
Optional Disciplines	154	22,92%
TOTAL Co+Op	672	100%

- The number of professional practice hours and professional practice for the drafting of the dissertation projects is **205 (hours)**.
- The ratio between lectures and applications (seminars, laboratories, projects, practice strategies) is **1,5** (350 hours / 527 hours), which is in accordance with the 1,2-1,5% ARACIS provision.
- The ration between applicative disciplines and specialized practice is 60,09 (the ARACIS standard must be 60% higher out of the total number of hours).

- The masters program entitled *Faith and Life. Studies in Public Theology* and the Theology domain are included in the national qualifications listed in HG 1175/2006.
- The list of disciplines included in the curriculum, as well as their content corresponds to the field of masters in theology and the study program entitled *Faith and Life. Studies in Public Theology* (HG 1175/2006, HG 676/2007).
- The curriculum for the masters study program entitled *Faith and Life. Studies in Practical Theology* - full time, is drafted in accordance with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) and the Law no. 288/2004, article 4, paragraph 9, which regulates a 2 (two) year study period, a total number of 120 credits, and 60 credits per year.

7. THE STRUCTURE OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR (IN WEEKS)

Year	Teaching Activities		Exam Session			Practice	Vacation		
	Sem. I	Sem. II	Winter	Summer	Makeup Exam		Winter	Spring	Summer
Year I	14	14	3	3	3	65 hours	4	1	12
Year II	14	12	3	2	3	70 hours+2*	4	1	12

* 2 weeks for the drafting of the dissertation

Professional practice hours are designed based on specific programs drafted by Faculty Departments and the Faculty Council. The professional practice itself is carried out within Faculty Laboratories and specialized institutions based on memoranda of agreement.

8. THE WEEKLY NUMBER OF HOURS FOR COMPULSORY AND OPTIONAL DISCIPLINES

Year	Semestre I	Semestre II	
I	12	12 65	Professional practice in specific centers of information and documentation
II	12	12 70 70	Professional practice in specific centers of information and documentation Selected time for the drafting of the dissertation

9. REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR. PROMOTION PREREQUISITES FOR AN ACADEMIC YEAR. RETURN PREREQUISITES

The registration prerequisites for the next academic year, the promotion prerequisites as well as the return prerequisites are included in the ECTS Regulation and in the Procedura de organizare a activității didactice și notarea studenților.

In order to be promoted to the next academic year, students must obtain a minimal number of credits as follows:

- (a) For promotion to Year 2, the student must obtain at least 30 credits.
- (b) For permission to register for the dissertation exam, the student must obtain at least 120 credits (a minimum of 60 credits for each academic year).
- (c) For graduation, the student must obtain all the study credits included in the curriculum for each individual academic year.

The students who do not meet the minimal criteria listed in paragraph 1, a-c, will be formally expelled at the end of the current academic year. These students will be allowed to matriculate / register again at the beginning of the next academic year for the academic year from which they were expelled.

The students who do not obtain the minimal number of credits (during the course of an academic year / 2 semesters of the same academic year), as approved by the Faculty Council to be considered mandatory for promotion into the next academic year, will be listed as post-poned (the matriculation catalogue will read "post-poned for the acquisition of all credits specific to the current academic year"). The actual post-poning of an academic year may be approved for a maximum of three (3) academic years for the entire duration of the study. The student must register again for all failed disciplines, including the corresponding teaching activities.

The student who - at the end of the study program, having gone through the number of semesters / study years listed in the curriculum - did not complete his academic obligations to a maximum of 5 makeup exams is allowed to request the formal extension (fully paid) of his study period up to 1-2 semesters to facilitate the restoration of his failed disciplines.

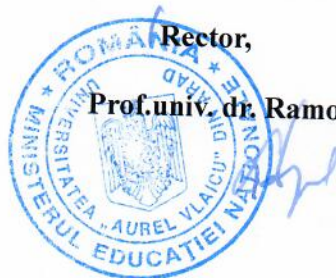
10. THE DISSERTATION EXAMINATION

The prerequisites for the defence examination of the dissertation are detailed in the Methodology for Examinations Related to the Completion of Academic Studies.

- The formal confirmation of the dissertation theme: semester 2
- The period ascribed for the drafting of the dissertation: semesters 3 and 4
- The period ascribed for the completion of the dissertation: the last 2 weeks of the final year
- The period of the defense of the dissertation: the month of July
- The final examination consists of: the defence of the dissertation

11. CREDITS ASCRIBED TO THE STUDY PROGRAM

- 68 credits for deep study disciplines
- 52 credits for synthetic disciplines
- Total: 120 credits**
- 94 credits for compulsory disciplines
- 26 credits for optional disciplines
- 10 credits for degree supplement options



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				Semestre I						Semestre II						
				C	S	L	Pr	Ev	K	C	S	L	Pr	Ev	K	
COMPULSORY DISCIPLINES																
HmSA1O01	The Methodology of Scientific Research	DA	131	1	2			C	7							
HmSA1O02	Theology - History of a Public Discourse	DA	156	2	1			E	8							
HmST1O03	Contemporary Public Theology - definition, structures, representatives	DT	131	1	2			E	7							
HmST1O04	Ethics and Academic Integrity	DT	59	1				C	3							
HmSA2O09	The Social-Political Dimension of Christian Faith	DA	131						2	1				E	7	
HmST2O10	Christian Mission and the Transformation of Society	DT	131						2	1				E	7	
HmST2O11	Faith and Life: Theology and Integrative Spirituality	DT	131						2	1				E	7	
HmSA2O12	The Bible in Context - from Creation to the New Creation	DA	106						1	2				E	6	
HmSA2O13	Professional Practice in Information and Documentation Centers	DA	3											65 hrs*	Vp.3	
	TOTAL			5	5				25	7	5			65 hrs*	30	
OPTIONAL DISCIPLINES																
	A discipline must be selected								C	S	L	Pr	Ev	K		
HmSA1A05	Christian Identity and Civil Society in a Secular World	DA	95	1	1			E	5							
HmSA1A06	Christianity and Globalization in Postmodernity	DA	95	1	1			E	5							
	TOTAL S1/S2 (Compulsory Optionals)			1	1				5							
	TOTAL YEAR I (Compulsory Optionals)			1C+1S						1E						K5

	TOTAL COMPULSORY DISCIPLINES S1/S2			6	6					K 30	7	5		65 hrs*	K3 0
	TOTAL COMPULSORY DISCIPLINES			12					12+ 65 hrs						
	TOTAL COMPULSORY DISCIPLINES YEAR 1			13C+11S+65 hrs practice					7E+1C+1Vp				K60		
FACULTATIVE (Nivelul II de certificare pentru profesia didactică)															
HmST1F07	Psihopedagogia adolescenților, tinerilor și adulților	DT	81		2	1								E 5	
HmSA1F08	Didactica domeniului și dezvoltări în didactica specialității	DA	81		2	1								E 5	
HmST2F14	Proiectarea și managementul programelor educaționale	DT	81								2	1			E 5
HmSA2F15	Consiliere și orientare	DA	81								1	2			E 5
	TOTAL AnI (Facultative)			4	2					10	3	3			10

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Discipline Code	Disciplines	Discipline Type	S.I./ Sem (hours)	Number of weekly hours and examination type											
				Semestre I						Semestre II					
				C	S	L	Pr	Ev	K	C	S	L	Pr	Ev	K
COMPULSORY DISCIPLINES															
HmSA3O01	Faith and Work	DA	106	1	2			E	6						
HmST3O02	Faith and Family	DT	131	1	2			E	7						
HmSA3O03	Professional Practice in Information and Documentation Centers	DA	3				70 hrs	Vp.	3						
HmSA4O10	Faith and Society	DA	131							2	1			E	7
HmST4O11	Faith and the Church	DT	131							2	1			E	7
HmSA4O12	Theology, University, Society	DA	131							1	2			E	7
HmSA4O13	Selected Time for the Drafting of the Dissertation	DA											70 hrs*	Vp.	2
	TOTAL			2	4		70 hrs*		16	5	4		70 hrs*		23
OPTIONAL DISCIPLINES (a discipline must be selected from each group)															
				C	S	L	Pr	Ev	K						
	Group 1:														
HmSA3A04	The People of God - Prophetic Community and Sign of Hope	DA	131	2	1			E	7						
HmSA3A05	Christian Faith, Human Wellbeing, and the Common Good	DA	131	2	1			E	7						
	Group 2														
HmST3A06	Faith and Art	DT	131	1	2			E	7						
HmST3A07	Faith and Science	DT	131	1	2			E	7						
										C	S	L	Pr	Ev	K
	Group 3:														

HmST4A14	Christianity in Europe - Ethical Challenges in Contemporary Times	DT	131								2	1				E	7
HmST4A15	Pentecostalism and Public Engagement	DT	131								2	1				E	7
	TOTAL S1/S2 (Compulsory Optionals)			3	3					14	2	1					7
	TOTAL AnII (Compulsory Optionals)			5C+4S						3E						K21	
	TOTAL COMPULSORY DISCIPLINES S1/S2			5	7		70 hrs*	30	7	5		70 hrs*					30
	TOTAL COMPULSORY DISCIPLINES			12+70 hrs						12+70 hrs							
	TOTAL COMPULSORY DISCIPLINES YEAR II			12C+12S+140 hrs practice						8E+1C+2Vp						K60	
	Dissertation examination									exam						K10	
FACULTATIVE (Nivelul II de certificare pentru profesia didactică)																	
HmSA3F08	Practică pedagogică	DA	81		3			C	5								
HmSA3F09	Educație interculturală	DA	81	1	2			E	5								
HmSA4F16	Examen de absolvire: nivel II	DA														E	5
	TOTAL AnII (Facultative)			1	5				10								5

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Legendă: C – curs; S – seminar; L – practical papers (laboratory); P – project; Ev – evaluation type; K – credits;
Pt. PI masters: DA – deep study discipline; DT – synthetic discipline

Cu * – hours (professional practice and the special time for the drafting of the dissertation) over the minimal number of weekly hours; credits corresponding to these disciplines are included in the total number of credits (30), according to ARACIS provisions and standards.

** Defense of the masters dissertation - 10 credits