

# Master of Arts in Theology



## **Programme Description**

It is the first time that Theological Studies are being offered in Cyprus on a postgraduate level. The programme aims to cover the needs of both church and education. The lessons are taught by highly experience Professors. Clergy and lay theologians, teachers of religion, philologists and graduates of other relevant humanities can attend the MA programme in Theological Studies.

### Main objectives of the programme

- To instruct and develop students so they can respond productively to the demands of research and education in the field of theology which the church has diligently been performing for the past 2000 years.
- To create an international environment of Christian and inter-religious dialogue and culture
- To provide high quality post graduate studies to theologians, spiritual people, and scholars in humanities, who want to deepen their knowledge of theological issues and acquire skills which will contribute to professional and personal growth

# **Career Prospects**

A post graduate degree in Theological Studies can be used in primary and secondary education, in preaching and missionary activities, for social and pastoral work of the church, in ecclesiastic journalism, or to contribute to other areas of the church such as secretarial work for Dioceses, to assist directors of charity organizations, in Christina archeological areas and religious tourism.

Programme Duration: Three (3) semesters costing a total of 5000 euros Free accommodation on campus grounds of University Low transportation costs, including flight ticket air fares

Academic studies at Neapolis University are supported by a library with a rich collection of resources which operates 7 days a week and there is also online access to all library resources as well as a university learning management system (moodle)

### Criteria for Admission:

- Degree in Theology from a recognized University
- Degree from recognized schools or departments, national institutions or equivalent foreign institutions
- Interview
- Certificate of proficiency in English



# **Specializations:**

# A) Bible studies, Church History, Pedagogy and Christian Education

The Biblical Studies include introductory subjects, interpretation and theology of the Old and New Testaments, as well as topics of the translation Septuagint (O ') and the New Testament.

The Ecclesiastical History includes:

- The General Church History, History of the Church of Greece and Cyprus, as well as the history of the Church and the culture of the Slavs.
- Pedagogy and Christian Education explores the multidimensional phenomenon of education and learning, with particular emphasis in Christian pedagogy and the teaching of religious education.

# B) Patristic studies, Byzantine Music, Chanting, Functional and Hymnology, the Pastoral and Social Action of the Church.

Studying of Greek, Latin and Eastern Church patristic literature. Alongside Patristic theology and spirituality and Hagiology examined, with emphasis on Cyprus Hagiology. The emphasis is on Byzantine Music and Chanting and practical dimension of worship of the Church, while examining subjects of hymnology and liturgical life of the Church. The Pastoral and Social Action of the Church approaches the one pastoral work as pastoral counselling, pastoral communication, pastoral person and culture issues, and on the other the social action of the Church as charity work and social welfare, social institution, economy and ecology.

### C) Systematic Theology, Canon Law, Byzantine Archaeology and Art.

The Systematic Theology examines the teaching of the Orthodox Church compared to the other confessions, History of Dogma, the inter-Orthodox and inter-Christian relations, as well as the ecumenical movement and the modern heresies. The Canon Law studies the Sources of Canon Law, the relations between Church and State and the modern statutory law of the Church of Cyprus. The Byzantine Archaeology and Art, examines the sources of Byzantine art, architecture and monumental painting, mosaics, the wall paintings, as well as the theology of the image.

**D)** The historical religious studies focus their attention on the study of world religions, history of religions, in comparative religion, psychology and philosophy of religion. The study is concluded with a dissertation.

### **Seminars:**

In conjunction with the distant learning post graduate programme, the following seminars are offered for free:

- Greek Paleographia and Diplomacy
- Places of worship and the path of monasticism.
- Forms and Pastoral Practice of Worship Orthodox Church in everyday life.
- Research methods using computers for research papers









# **Neapolis University Schools**

- School of Economic Sciences & Business
- School of Architecture, Land & Environmental Sciences

# PhD PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE!

- · School of Health Sciences
- School of Law Sciences & Social Sciences

### **OTHER PROGRAMMES**

- Informatics (BSc & MSc)
- Theology (MA)

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