

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Study program		Theological-pastoral program		
Module				
Type and level of studies		<i>Basic academic studies</i>		
Course name		Canon law		
Teacher (lectures)		Dr. Rastko Jović, Dr. Zoran Devrnja		
Teacher/Associate (exercises)		Dr. Rastko Jović, Dr. Zoran Devrnja		
Teacher/Associate (additional forms of cl				
ECTS	5	Course status (obligatory/elective)		Obligatory
Attendance pre	Enrolled in the seventh semester of basic academic studies			
Course objectives	Familiarizing students with the theological foundations of the canonical tradition, examining the practical aspects of the normative canonical corpus, creative use of the normative canonical collection, acquiring theoretical knowledge and practical skills for pastoral work and hermeneutic implementation of the canons, as well as the forming a correct but socially responsible inculturation of the canonical inheritance in the experience of the faithful and in the value system of contemporary society.			
Learning outcomes	Acquisition of developed professional-theoretical knowledge in the field of canon law, the history of the canons, the theological implications of the decisions of both ecumenical and local councils, training in the execution of practical skills in pastoral care, and mastering a knowledge of canon law, which, combined with both social and ecclesiastic experience, enable the student to take on the responsibilities of service in the Church.			
Course content				
Lectures	1. The canons and a canonical mind—a historical-theological analysis of the canonical tradition; 2. Workings of the development of canon law in Serbia; 3. The Apostolic Canons- analysis and reflection; 4. The Ecumenical Councils— historical context, theological reflections; 5. The canons of the Ecumenical Councils and their consequences on the organization of the Church, the Metropolitan, Exarchate, and Patriarchal models of church organization; 6. The canons of the Ecumenical Councils and the Church's position on heresy and schism; 7. Local councils- their historical circumstances and theological contexts; 8. The canons of the local councils- their pastoral significance and implications for the Church's ethos; 9. The Canons of the Holy Fathers- theological significance; 10. The canonical tradition concerning clergy and monastics; 11. The service of the laity in the canonical tradition of the Church; 12. The phenomenon of autonomous and autocephalous churches; 13. The canonical tradition concerning the Holy Mysteries; 14. Foundations of the Holy Synod.			
Practical classes (exercises, additional forms of classes, research work)	Due to the specific nature of the Faculty, within its teaching methods, on the basis of the Statute, there exist two particular methods of instruction, namely, pastoral-catechetical and practical-liturgical praxis. In cultivating these same themes into the units in their practical applications, the student achieves practical insight into synodal documents, becomes familiar with the governing statutes of the Serbian Orthodox Church, and discovers the most important figures and events which left their impressions on the development of the canonical tradition and church institutions in church history and in theological tradition.			
Literature				
	1	V. Fidas, Kanonsko pravo- bogoslovska perspektiva, Pravoslavni bogoslovski fakultet Univerziteta u Beogradu, Belgrade. 2003.		
	2	L. Patsavos, Duhovne dimenzije sveštenih kanona, Kalenić, Kragujevac, 2009.		
	3	A. Jevtić, Svešteni kanoni Crkve, Trebinje, 2005.		
	4	N. Milaš, Pravila Pravoslavne Crkve- sa tumačenjima, Zadar, 1903.		
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Number of hours per week				
Lectures	Exercises	Additional forms of classes	Research work	Other classes
2	1			2

Coursework methods	Verbal-textual, illustrative-demonstrative		
Knowledge evaluation (maximum number of points 100)			
Pre-exam requirements	Points	Final exam	Points
Class activity	10	Written exam	
Practical classes	10	Oral exam	70
Colloquia			
Seminars	10		