

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Study program		Theological master program		
Module		Biblical-Patristic		
Type and level of studies		Master		
Course name		Patristic Ontology		
Teacher (lectures)		Vasiljevic Maksim, Jeftic Andrej		
Teacher/Associate (exercises)				
Teacher/Associate (additional forms of classes)				
ECTS	5	Course status (obligatory/elective)	obligatory	
Attendance percentage				
Course objectives		Attainment of theoretical knowledge about the ontological problem, mastering the conceptual-categorical apparatus and methodology of the Fathers, learning about the ontological hermeneutics, enabling competent independent work in the field of patristic ontology, training for further independent research.		
Learning outcomes		Possession of basic scientific and professional academic competences in the domain of ontology of the Fathers and the ability to analyze ontological toposes of the Fathers by employing objective research methods and techniques.		
Course content				
Lectures		1. How do we talk about God's being. Methodological limits. 2. Divine or human limits of knowledge of God. Being determined by the essence and Being emerging from an event. 3. Cappadocian distinction in God's Being. Life-existential significance of the Triune God. 4. Person of God the Father. Father as the "cause". 5. One in three and three in one. Ranking of persons. 6. Hypostasis: dynamic particularity. 7. Transcendence and Ecstasy. 8. Biological hypostasis. Death. 8. Relation and freedom of choice. 9. Defining the basis for an ontology of community. The importance of the ontological questions of Hellenic Fathers. 10. Incantation: redemption or deification? Freedom-love-asceticism as a way to ontological realism. 11. The Great Fall and its consequences. "What does it mean to be resurrected from the dead?" - Dogmas/truths and the Resurrection of Christ. 12. The Eucharistic hypostasis. Resurrection as a mode of being. Theology of adoption and the community of the Church. 13. Eschatological orientation.		
Practical classes (exercises, additional forms of classes, research work)		Same theme units are analyzed in the applicative dimension (the analysis of the relevant texts and their didactic transposition).		
Literature				
1		Св. Василије Велики, Св. Василије Велики, Paris: Les Editions du Cerf, 1978.		
2		Св. Григорије Богослов, Пет теолошких беседа: Λγοι 27-31, СЦх, Парис, 2005.		
3		Епископ Атанасије (прев. И прир.), Свети Максим Исповедник: Живот и избор из Дела (са уводним схолијама и студијама), Врњци-Требиње-Лос Анђелес, 2012.		
4		Christos Yannaras, Relational Ontology, Holy Cross, 2010.		
5		Јован Зизиулас, Заједница и другост, Пожаревац, 2012.		
Number of hours per week				
Lectures	Exercises	forms of	Research work	Other classes
2	2			
Coursework methods		Verbal-textual, illustrative, demonstrative and experimental.		
Knowledge evaluation (maximum number of points 100)				
Pre-exam requirements		Points	Final exam	Points
Class activity		5	Written exam	70
Practical classes		5	Oral exam	
Colloquia		20		
Seminars				