



LICENTIATE IN JUDAIC STUDIES AND JEWISH-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS

The Cardinal Bea Centre studies include two sections, *Section A: Judaism* and *Section B: Jewish-Christian Relations*. *Section A: Judaism* deepens the knowledge of Judaism with an emphasis on rabbinic literary production and its present understanding. *Section B: Jewish-Christian Relations* aims to develop a theology based on Jewish-Christian relations and explores adjacent shared areas.

The 2-Year Postgraduate Diploma programme is a four-semester curriculum comprising courses, seminars and a final evaluation consisting of a Thesis (minimum 50 pages/20.000 words) and a final oral exam for a total of 120 ECTS with a minimum of 42 ECTS from fundamental courses and mandatory seminars, divided into 24 ECTS from Section A (Judaism) and 18 ECTS from Section B (Jewish-Christian Relations),

FUNDAMENTAL SUBJECTS 2022-2023

Section A: Judaism

1. **From Second Temple Judaism to Rabbinic Judaism**
 - Transformations of Judaism under Roman Rule and the Jewish Revolts in 70 CE and 135 CE.
 - The “Jewish Sects” and the Emergence of the Pharisaic-Rabbinic Movement of Judaism
 - Palestine and Babylon.
 - The Question of the “Parting of the Ways”.
2. **Judaism and Hellenism**
 - The Formation of the Jewish (Rabbinical) Tradition in the Hellenistic and Christian Environments; Mutual Interactions.
 - Philo of Alexandria.
 - Flavius Josephus.
3. **Rabbinic Literature and Jewish Hermeneutics**
 - The Bible in Judaism.
 - “Revelation”, “Inspiration”, “Canonicity”, “Exegesis”.
 - Written *Torah* and Oral *Torah*.
 - *Mishnah*, *Tosefta*, *Talmud*, *Midrash*.
 - Literary Genres of Rabbinic Exegesis.
 - Schools and Exegetical Methods (*middot*): Hillel, Ishmael, Eliezer; the *Parades*.
4. **Medieval Jewish Commentaries**
 - Rashi (1040-1105).
 - Abraham Ibn Ezra (1089-1167).
 - Maimonides (1135-1204).
 - Nahmanides (1194-1269).
 - Karaism.

- *Shulchan Aruch*.
 - “*Biblia Rabbinica*”.
 - Common Topics Between Medieval Judaism and Christianity.
- 5. European Judaism from the Middle Ages to the French Revolution**
- The Spread of the Babylonian *Talmud* in Italy and Spain.
 - Jewish Culture in Spain Between Rationalism and Mysticism.
 - Rhineland Jews.
 - Jewish-Christian Disputes in the Middle Ages.
 - The Expulsion of Jews from England and France; the Expulsion from Spain in 1492.
 - From the Jewish Ghetto of Venice to the Ghetto of Rome.
- 6. The Kabbalah**
- The Origins of Kabbalah, its Main Currents in their Historical Development.
 - Interaction with Late Antiquity Thought Systems (Gnosis, Neo-Platonism), with the Medieval Jewish Philosophy and Islamic Mysticism.
 - Christian Approaches to Kabbalah from the Late Middle Ages to Modern Times.
- 7. Judaism and Modernity**
- The Formation of New Communities in the Netherlands and in Eastern Europe; the Case of Baruch Spinoza (1632-1677).
 - Sabbatai Zevi (1626-1676).
 - Samuel David Luzzatto (1800-1865).
 - Elie Benamozegh (1822-1900).
 - The Jewish Enlightenment Movement (*Haskalah*), the *Hasidim*, the Tension Between Integration and Assimilation.
 - The Birth of Zionism.
- 8. Anti-Judaism, Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust**
- The Historical Development of Anti-Judaism and Anti-Semitism.
 - The Holocaust.
 - Theology after the Holocaust.
- 9. Key Jewish Thinkers of the 20th Century**
- Hermann Cohen (1842-1918).
 - Martin Buber (1878-1965).
 - Franz Rosenzweig (1886-1929).
 - Joseph Ber Soloveitchik (1903-1993).
 - Yeshayahu Leibowitz (1903-1994).
 - Emmanuel Lévinas (1905-1995).
 - Abraham Joshua Heschel (1907-1972).
 - Emil Ludwig Fackenheim (1916-2003).
- 10. The State of Israel and the European Diaspora**
- The Multiplicity of the Contemporary Israeli Society: Ashkenazi, Sephardi, Yemenite; Orthodox Jews and the “*Lo-Datim*”.
 - Israel and the Local Christian Communities.
 - Life and Organization of the Jewish Communities in Italy. Characteristics of the Jewish Communities in Eastern and Western Europe.
- 11. Prayer and Liturgy in the Jewish Tradition**
- Jewish Liturgy and Jewish Festivals.
 - Afterlife and Eternal Life.
 - The Encounter with the Christian Liturgy.

12. Jewish Culture in the 20th Century

- The Presence of Judaism in Italian Literature and Arts in the Twentieth Century.
- Bible Interpretations in Literature and Arts.

Section B: Jewish-Christian Relations

13. Methodology of the Jewish-Christian Dialogue

- Theological Models of Jewish-Christian Relations.
- Jewish-Christian Dialogue on the Horizon of Inter-Religious Dialogue.
- The Notion of a “Jewish-Christian Theology”.
- The Challenge of Hermeneutics.

14. Christian Exegesis and Jewish Hermeneutics in the Light of the Jewish-Christian Dialogue

- The Issue of Anti-Judaism in the Gospels.
- The Issue of Anti-Judaism in the Pauline Epistles.
- The Issue of References to Christianity in Rabbinic Literature.
- Comparison Between Patristic Exegesis and Judaism; the *Adversus Judaeos* Writings.
- The Development of a Jewish-Christian Exegesis.

15. *Nostra Aetate* and Its Legacy

- The History of *Nostra Aetate*.
- Documents of the Magisterium of the Church after *Nostra Aetate*.
- Reactions from the Jewish Side (*Dabru Emet*, etc.).

16. Central Themes of a Jewish-Christian Theology

- a) God
- b) Messiah
- c) Covenant
- d) Salvation
- e) Eschatology
- f) Faith
- g) Justice
- h) Love
- i) Sin
- j) Personhood

17. Main Architects of the Jewish-Christian Dialogue

- Jules Isaac (1877-1963).
- Augustin Bea (1881-1968).
- Franz Mussner (1916-2016).
- David Flusser (1917-2000).
- Jean-Marie Lustiger (1926-2007).
- Clemens Thoma SVD (1932-2011).

18. Challenges and Opportunities in Jewish-Christian Relations

- a) The Holy Land and the Role of the State of Israel.
- b) Israel and the Nations.
- c) Unity and Diversity in God.

19. Social and Ethical Dimensions of Jewish-Christian Relations

- Religion and Family; the Role of Women, Mixed Marriages.
- Social and Economic Ethics.

20. Cultural Expressions of Jewish-Christian Relations

- Cultural Expressions of Jewish-Christian Relations in Israeli Literature, Cinema and Arts.

- Cultural Expressions of Jewish-Christian Relations in Italian (and European) Literature, Cinema and Arts.

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