

### Registration Details

The maximum number of students admitted to the Diploma is fourteen. Applications should be addressed to the Director of the Programme and emailed to the Secretariat of the Faculty of Canon Law by May 30<sup>th</sup>. Requests regarding acceptance (or not) will be answered before the end of June. Candidates from the Gregorian faculty take precedence in the selection process.

### Requirements for the admission:

- Licentiate or Doctorate in Canon Law;
- Proficiency in Latin and Italian, to be described on the application for admission;
- Application from the candidate; in the case of a cleric or religious, authorization by one's superior; in the case of a lay person, a letter of presentation from an ecclesiastical authority.

### Documents to be included in the application:

- Academic Transcripts;
- Curriculum Vitae including academic history as well as professional positions held.

**Payment of fees:** The academic fees can be paid in full in October or in two installments (October and January). Total or partial exemption from tuition fees can be requested at the time of application. Students enrolled for the first time at the Gregorian University can be exempted from fees only for the second semester.



### Resulting credential to be issued

The student who has attended only the Programme, will obtain the Diploma of Specialization in Matrimonial Jurisprudence.

The student who has attended and finished the Programme and who has published a doctoral dissertation in the Faculty successively, will be declared a Doctor of Canon Law with a Specialization in Jurisprudence.



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## DIPLOMA OF SPECIALIZATION IN MATRIMONIAL JURISPRUDENCE



## Features of Diploma

The Diploma comprises **Seminars on Jurisprudence** about various causes of nullity, alternating with **Reading Courses** regarding marriage, tribunals, different types of canonical processes and related medical issues.

The Seminar lecturers, after presenting the doctrine and theory on a particular ground of nullity, will distribute summary sample case files and acts related to the topic treated in that Seminar. Students take turns drafting the Advocate's defense, writing up the Defender of the Bond's observations, and preparing the Judge's sentence. Finally, after the work has been evaluated, the lecturer moderates a group discussion on the case presentations.

The language used in teaching and interaction is Italian and the reading materials are in Italian and Latin. The assignments can be completed in any of the official languages of the University, to be arranged at the professor's discretion and according to his or her proficiencies.

## Programme Duration

The one-year Programme encompasses an entire academic year, from October to the end of May. It involves 140 days of instruction (with 3 hours of lessons a day) of which 100 days are dedicated to Seminars and the other 40 to the Reading Courses. It is possible to enroll simultaneously in the Doctorate in Canon Law and in the Diploma of Specialization. In this case, participation in the courses of the Diploma replaces that of the *Cursus ad doctoratum*.

*On this occasion we also wish to approve and praise the new study of Canon Law of this Faculty, which has just established a special Law Degree to better train students in the practice of justice. It is therefore right to support this initiative with words of praise and to wish with our paternal hope that this special school and training ground will succeed. (John Paul II 's speech on the occasion of the VIII Course for Judges of the Ecclesiastical Courts, Pontifical Gregorian University, December 13rd, 1979)*



## Topics

Topics are presented by both ecclesiastical judges and qualified professors, who are from various particular churches and/or universities.

### Jurisprudence Seminars

1. *De impotentia coeundi*
2. *De vi et metu*
3. *De simulatione*
4. *De gravi defectu discretionis iudicii*
5. *De incapacitate obligationes matrimonii assumendi*
6. *De ignorantia, errore, dolo, condicione*

### Reading Courses

1. *Matrimonii structura iuridica et sacramentalis*
2. *De Apostolicae Sedis tribunalibus*
  - *De Supremo Tribunali Apostolicae Sedis*
  - *De Rota Romana*
3. *Deontologia iudicialis*
4. *Quaestiones selectae processus*
  - *De aestimatione probationis in iudicio, de impugnatione sententiae*
  - *Lectio causae*
5. *De processibus matrimonialibus specialibus*
  - *De rato et non consummato*
  - *De dissolutione vinculi non sacramentalis*
  - *De processu orali, documentali vel praesumptae mortis coniugis*
6. *De aliis processibus specialibus*
  - *De processu poenali*
  - *De iustitia administrativa*
  - *De dispensatione a coelibatu*
  - *De causis canonizationis*
7. *Quaestiones artis medicae de matrimonio*
  - *Impotentia coeundi*
  - *Transsexualismus aut dysphoria generis*
  - *Perturbationes psychicae*