

**QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK**  
**PONTIFICAL GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY**  
**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

The Faculty of Social Sciences aims at forming specialists in social sciences who are able to integrate the knowledge of social sciences with ethical principles, particularly those in the social teachings of the Catholic Church. The Faculty forms teachers, researchers, church and national and international organizations operatives, who are able to address the ethical challenges about community and institutional life.

**I Cycle - Bachelor in Social Sciences**

*Admission Criteria*

- To be admitted the candidate must have a diploma which would allow access at the civil University in the country in which the previous studies have been completed<sup>1</sup> and sufficient knowledge of Italian and English (which will be tested at the beginning of the academic year). The Faculty reserves the right to recognise social sciences courses successfully completed in other Universities.

*Duration*

- Three years (six semesters).

*Credits*

- 180 ECTS.

*Learning outcomes*

The grade of Bachelor in Social Sciences is conferred to those students who:

- have a general knowledge of social sciences and their ethical developments with an interdisciplinary perspective, with view to an admission at the Second Cycle;
- have acquired a scientific approach, typical of social sciences, in their research work thus demonstrating the ability to link theoretical knowledge and practical applications;

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. *Sapientia Christiana*, art. 32

- have learnt in a critical way the fundamental subjects of social sciences in order to make personal evaluations on relevant ethic subjects;
- have the ability to communicate their acquired knowledge about social sciences and their ethical aspects to a specialist and non-specialist audience;
- have developed, through the interaction with teachers, tutors and fellow students, both the learning abilities and the psychological motivations which stimulates and strengthen knowledge useful to reach the next Cycle,

## **II Cycle - Licence in Social Sciences**

### *Admission Criteria*

- To be admitted the candidate must have a Bachelor degree in Social Sciences. The Faculty reserves the right to recognise First Cycle social sciences courses successfully completed in other Universities.

### *Duration*

- Two years (four semesters).

### *Credits*

- 120 ECTS.

### *Learning outcomes*

The grade of Licence in Social Sciences is conferred to those students who:

- have a specialist knowledge, based on and widening the notions acquired in the First, especially the fundamental aspects of the social doctrine of the Church, social communications, sociology and public ethics;
- know how to design, propose, sustain and lead arguments and projects regarding social sciences issues and their ethical aspects, as well as how to face successfully connected interdisciplinary approaches;
- have acquired, through the perfect balance of technical information and field research, the ability to gather, process and understand data about the many aspects of the social doctrine of the Church, social communication, sociology and public ethics;

- have developed learning abilities and psychological motivations which stimulate and make possible autonomous permanent learning.

### **III Cycle - Doctorate in Social Sciences**

#### *Admission Criteria*

- Admission is reserved to students who have obtained the Licence with a more than satisfactory score. The candidates must have the ability to read modern languages required for their scientific research.

#### *Duration*

- At least three years (six semesters). In any case, the necessary time to produce an original research.

#### *Credits*

- Not specified.

#### *Learning outcomes*

The grade of Doctor in Social Sciences is conferred to those students who:

- have a systematic knowledge of their course of studies (social doctrine of the church, social communications, sociology and public ethics) and a mastering of the associated research method;
- know how to plan, propose, support and develop an original scientific research that both in national and international areas is able to widen the boundaries of the field of studies and reaches a level that will allow a publication, at least in part.
- have demonstrated to possess critical analysis abilities, and to know how to develop and synthesize new and complex ideas;
- have developed the ability to communicate in a clear and unambiguous way their specific competency to their peers, the wider academic community and society, in general;

- are able to promote and strengthen specialist knowledge at the service of the local Churches, in the apostolic and social actions, in teaching and promoting the social doctrine of the Church and the social sciences.