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ENGLISH

In response to perceived needs within the Franciscan Family regarding a renewal of the formation process, the Franciscan Institute of Spirituality at the Pontifical University Antonianum (PUA) in affiliation with the Franciscan International Study Centre (FISC) now presents a Master Programme in Franciscan Formation in English.

The programme is a two-year programme, offering a theoretical and practical understanding of the principles and dynamics of formation for religious community life within a Franciscan perspective. Candidates will be required to have a working knowledge of the English language and an ability to do academic work. The programme is structured as follows:

Year I: An initial concentration on Franciscan studies and Franciscan formation, integrating academic studies and practical experiences. This initial year is such as is organised in the FISC at Canterbury in England (cf. Details inside the brochure). The acceptance of equivalent studies elsewhere is reserved to the PUA.

Year II: Admission to the second year at the PUA requires:

- a basic university degree (a three year bachelor degree) preferably in Theology;
- at least minimal work experience in the area of formation;
- a basic knowledge of Franciscan spirituality, i.e. a minimum of 20 credits (ECTS).

Enrolments need to be made before the end of May, 2010. Enrolments for the second year are made through the PUA. The second year will require a minimum of ten participants.

Admission Interview: To enter the programme, an admission interview will be arranged with one of the programme moderators.

Year II at the PUA in Rome consists of two semesters running from October to June. Fundamental courses are held in the mornings. The afternoon sessions are for group sessions, practical workshops and optional courses. Retreat days are also organised for some of the more important dates on the liturgical calendar.

Year II Core Courses: 1) Franciscan *Anthropology* and Educational Psychology, *Interdisciplinary working methods*; the specific Psychological and Educational elements of the formation process. 2) *Franciscan Spirituality*: approaching the sources, essential elements, prayer animation. 3) *Personal Relationships*: the Affective Life; the Dynamics of Community Life; Listening Techniques. 4) Theoretical and Practical Aspects of *Formation Accompaniment* and of Discernment. 5) *Personal training interviews* to gain an adequate understanding of one's own resources and limits with formation responsibility in view. Sixteen sessions are required. 6) There may also be a workshop on Assisi and surroundings.

Attendance at the lessons and other training exercises is obligatory.

A Masters degree (first level) will be issued to the students who obtain at least 60 credit points (ECTS) and who present a written work of at least twenty five (25) pages at the conclusion of the programme.

COURSE PROGRAMME YEAR II AT THE PUA ROME

FIRST SEMESTER

OBLIGATORY SUBJECTS

The Human-Spiritual Formation of a "Franciscan Person"	Coughlin
The Development of the Franciscan Person (personal, interpersonal, ecclesial, structural dimensions)	Couturier
Franciscan Spirituality – Formation in Living the Gospel	Short
Developmental Psychology and Formation	Nethisnghe
Family of origin and its influence	Taylor
Counseling Skills – an Introduction	Garland
Franciscan Spiritual Accompaniment	Crasta
Self Awareness	Nethisnghe

OPTIONAL*

Franciscan Intellectual Tradition	Chinnici
Medieval Female Spirituality	Pryds
The Discernment of Spirits: "Test everything and hold on to what is good" (1Thess 5,21)	Plattig

SECOND SEMESTER

OBLIGATORY SUBJECTS

Franciscan Accompaniment of Formators	Feaver
Formative Accompaniment – Supervision	Garland
Integrating Spirituality and Sexuality	Taylor
Discernment during Formative Process	Mathias
The Dynamics of Community Life	Salonia
Experiencing and celebrating our cross-cultural reality	Hixon
Training Sessions for Leadership in the Franciscan Life	Jose
Franciscan Formation and Leadership: Canonical Aspects	Yates

OPTIONAL*

"Between knowledge, wisdom and faith". Mystical and ascetical theology	Dienberg
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* The optional courses may be selected from those offered in the Licence Programme in Spirituality. The subjects listed here are suggestions.

Year I at the FISC in Canterbury

Year I at the FISC in Canterbury is conducted within a trimester format running from the end of September to the end of June. The concentration is on Franciscan Studies and Franciscan Formation. Included also are opportunities for Franciscan spiritual days, Solitude Retreat, evening lecture series and a spring break option (separate cost) for a pilgrimage to Assisi. Courses are an integration of academic studies and practical applications.

Year I Core Courses: 1) *Franciscan Studies*: Writings of Francis, Study of the TOR or First Order Rule and Charism; History, Identity and Values of First and TOR Franciscans; Franciscan Sources I, II, III; 2) *Franciscan Spirituality/Theology*: Christ in Franciscan Writings; Franciscan Intellectual Heritage; Relevance of Franciscanism for the Church Today; Bonaventure's Soul's Journey; Praying with Francis and Clare; Evangelical Life; Clare of Assisi; 3) *Franciscan Formation*: Franciscan Formation Seminars I, II, III (*Theory and practical application of Franciscan Formation Principles*); Franciscan Formation Sessions I, II, III (*Study of Church and Franciscan Documents regarding Consecrated Life and the concepts of Formation, the formator, and the levels of formation within a Franciscan perspective and with direct application to Rules, constitutions, and Congregational Formation policies*); Franciscan Vision and the Evangelical Counsels; Conversion as Primary Principle of Franciscan Formation.

