

## THE CANON LAW FACULTY

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The curriculum of studies is divided into three cycles, which lead to the academic levels of the Licentiate and the Doctorate.

### **I. First cycle**

Preliminary, dedicated to the study of the theological, juridical and philosophical disciplines necessary for a superior juridical formation, the First cycle's program is four semesters and provides prescribed courses and supplementary courses arranged with the Dean.

### **II. Second cycle**

A three-year commitment, directed toward the study of the Code of canon Law and the study of Franciscan legislation, the program of the Second cycle is arranged in obligatory courses - concerning the Code of canon law, the Code of canons of the Eastern Churches and Franciscan legislation in addition to the introductory disciplines -, optional courses, seminars and exercises of canonical practice.

The Second cycle program leads to the academic level of Licentiate, on the condition that the candidate has: a) taken the exams necessary to attain a total of eighty-six credits; b) written, under the guidance of a professor, a licentiate thesis of at least fifty pages; c) taken the oral exam *de universo codice* on a subject prepared in advance by the Faculty Council.

### **III. Third cycle**

Mainly oriented to the study of practical discipline, the Third cycle program has a duration of two semesters and provides prescribed courses, optional courses, seminars and exercises.

The Third cycle program leads to an academic level of Doctorate, provided that the student, having passed the exams needed to acquire a total of twelve credits, publish either the doctoral dissertation defended before a commission composed of a moderator and two co-examiners, or a summary of the same dissertation of at least fifty pages.

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