

## THE FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY

The Faculty of philosophy through teaching and scientific research promotes an adequate formation of students in problems concerning «man, the world and God» (*Sapientia Christiana* 79, 1), in the light of Christian philosophy, with particular attention to the Franciscan School and its tradition.

The curriculum of studies is distributed in three cycles, which lead to the conferment of the academic degrees of Baccalaureate, Licentiate and Doctorate.

### **I. First Cycle**

In its aim at offering a fundamental philosophical formation, the program of the First Cycle or Philosophical Institutional Biennium includes four semesters and leads to the academic degree of Baccalaureate, on condition that the candidate: a) undergoes the prescribed examinations and obtains the total of 68 credits; b) elaborates during the first year a written work under the guidance of the General Methodology teacher; c) writes under the guidance of a professor a second dissertation - of about 50 pages - to be discussed at the end of the Biennium in the presence of a commission of three professors; d) undergoes an oral test on a list of theses, previously indicated by the teaching body.

### **II. Second Cycle**

This cycle offers, during the prescribed four semesters, a historic-theoretic specialization leading to the academic degree of Licentiate, on condition that the candidate: a) undergoes the prescribed examinations and obtains the total of 46 credits; b) elaborates three written exercises; c) submits a written report on the reading and study of two particular works pertaining to ancient, medieval, modern and contemporary philosophers, for each semester; d) undergoes in the presence of a commission, composed of a moderator and two correlators, the Licentiate examination, with the discussion of a written dissertation (of about 80 pages), elaborated under the guidance of the above mentioned professors, and the test on the themes previously selected.

### **III. Third Cycle**

This cycle proposes to offer a further deepening in philosophical specialization, through attendance, at the Pontifical Athenaeum

Antonianum or other Universities, of courses and seminars necessary to obtain the total of 12 credits. The Third Cycle comprises two semesters and leads to the conferment of the academic degree of Doctorate on those candidates, who publish either the entire doctoral dissertation discussed in the presence of a commission, composed of a moderator and two correlators, or an extract of the same dissertation consisting of at least 50 pages.