

## THE SCHOOL OF HIGHER MEDIEVAL AND FRANCISCAN STUDIES

### I. Nature and purpose of the School

The School of Higher Medieval and Franciscan Studies is an academic center open to all: professors, researchers and doctoral students. It is open to anyone who wishes to deepen his or her knowledge of medieval culture.

Its primary area of historical interest covers the XI - XIV centuries. The program also offers courses, which refer to authors and doctrinal themes prior to or after this period.

Its specific aim is to promote interdisciplinary research. It caters to the formation of specialists in different areas, particularly those of philosophy, theology, law and history, through editing medieval texts.

Study and research are promoted through courses, lessons, seminars, specialization meetings, public lectures, symposiums and congresses. In addition, Scientific methods are used. Tools are provided by some of the auxiliary and propaedeutic disciplines. The teaching body uses strict criteria, which are necessary for the highest qualification. The School has the services of specialists from Italian and international academic centers. The scientific contributions of professors and students from the School have been collected in a new series published by the Pontifical University *Antonianum* under the name: *Medioevo*. Further, the School publishes: *Testi Francescani Medievali* (TFM), *Bollettino di informazione*.

The School of Higher Medieval and Franciscan Studies works in close collaboration with the publishers of St. Bonaventure College at Claras Acquis (Editori di Quaracchi, Grottaferrata) and with the International Scotist Commission. The School is a member of F.I.D.E.M., *Fédération Internationale des Instituts d'Études Médiévales*, under the patronage of UNESCO.

### II. Those for whom the School is intended and the diploma

The School is intended for different groups of researchers and scholars. Its objectives are as follows.

#### 1. *Diploma of specialization in medieval studies at the university level*

Students who enroll and complete all the curricular requirements may achieve the diploma of specialization in medieval studies at the university level. Requirements for enrolment and obtention of the diploma:

- a) A Pontifical academic licentiate or a civil doctorate, or a foreign equivalent;
- b) A knowledge of Latin and/or Greek; and of at least two modern languages;

- e) A minimum of 432 hours of lectures equivalent to a total of 36 credits in 4 semesters;
- d) The successful completion of exams as outlined in the program of study and the fulfillment of the tasks set out in the seminars;
- e) Participation in interdisciplinary sessions and other activity promoted by the School;
- f) A research project pursued under the guidance of a lecturer and followed by a public defense.

### 2. *Courses and seminars to complete the specialty of a study program*

Students in the II and III cycles of faculties at the Pontifical University *Antonianum*, and those attending other universities and Pontifical athenaeums, may attend courses and seminars which they consider necessary for their own study programs.

### 3 *Particular studies in depth*

Students in the II and III cycle, or those who possess a university degree, may attend one or more of the courses set out in the general program and do the required exam.

## **III. Academic organization**

1. The School consists of four areas:

- a) philosophical-theological;
- b) historical-literary;
- e) religious traditions and studies (Franciscan studies);
- d) Byzantine studies.

2. Each academic year is subdivided into two semesters and three exam sessions (February, June and October). Some courses and seminars require one semester, others a month, and still others, a week.

3. The courses are divided into common foundational courses (MP), courses for deepening interdisciplinary concerns, particular directions (MO).

a) The basic foundational courses are introductions to the study of medieval sources. These are all required as obligatory courses: Medieval Latin, General codicology, Special codicology, Medieval paleography, Textual criticism, Paleography and Greek codicology, Byzantine liturgy, Iconology and byzantine iconography.

b) The courses for deepening interdisciplinary concerns and in particular directions are all optional and variable. They correspond to the interdepartmental nature of the School and, vary from year to year. They are chosen from the following groups of interest: theology, philosophy, history, exegesis, Greco-Latin and patristic sources, liturgy, Communications and cultural diffusion, Hebrew thought, mysticism; law, society, politics, economics, urban studies, the Germanic and Anglo-saxon world, the Greco-byzantine and Slavic world; literature, arts and trades, aesthetics, sciences.

e) It is also obligatory to participate in three seminars (MS) during the four semesters.

4. In working out courses and seminars, the unit of measure is the credit, which equals 1 hour of lectures weekly during a semester. Credits are distributed as follows during the two years:

5. The School reserves the right to have a preliminary discussion in cases where the President, taking into consideration the student's *curriculum*, deems it necessary.