



Pontificia Università Urbaniana

Summer School on Christian Sciences for students from other Religious Traditions Academic Year 2018



Foreword

The main institutional aim of the Pontificia Università Urbaniana is to provide higher education programs designed for pastoral care operators who serve (with different ministries and ecclesial responsibilities) in areas where the Church is a minority and other religions and cultures are dominant. The PUU belongs to the Educational System of the Holy See (Vatican City State) that is integrated in the Bologna Process for the guarantee of the European Standards of Education.

The PUU Statutes underline the importance of promoting an academic focus on non-Christian cultural and religious contexts, in order that *"the presence of Christian thought be public, constant and universal through the effort of promoting higher education"* and foster the knowledge of *"non-Christian history, cultures and religions as well as the relation between the doctrine of the Church*

and their traditional wisdom". In this perspective the PUU is committed to encourage a higher level of understanding of the present reality of the Church and Christianity in non-Christian contexts at-large as part of PUU mission.

The PUU was established in 1627, currently it is an international study and research center for Students and Professors from over 120 different countries, representing the widest variety of cultures and social and religious contexts. In this cultural reality, students not only prepare for the pastoral care commitments that await them after their studies, but also have the opportunity to experience a multicultural environment. Such experience facilitates a mature attitude open to new encounters and exchanges.

Through everyday student life, students discover new cultures and appreciate the gifts that each one enjoys. Our lectures offer personal exchanges among speakers, students and lecturers, promoting a fruitful dialogue between the elements of their own culture and tradition.



The Summer School

In the light of the above, the purpose of the Summer School is to allow students of Universities and Institutions of Higher Education from non-Christian majority Countries to have a study-abroad period at the PUU.

Our proposal is a program of study assuring a first-hand knowledge of the Catholic and ecclesial context and an overall presentation of its human and religious values and concerns for a peaceful cohabitation among communities from different cultures and religions.

We wish to provide an actual understanding of the contemporary Catholic world in order to form experts from non-Christian contexts who may overcome possible misrepresentations and provide themselves concrete information about Christian culture and religion.

In the last editions of the Summer School on Christian Sciences we had in Rome Students from: Egypt, Turkey, United States of America, China (Taiwan), People's Republic of China, Israel, Kosovo, Azerbaijan, Malaysia, Italy, etc.



Modalities of implementation

The 2018 *Summer School on Christian Sciences* will be held during the month of July (from 2 to 31) at the PUU and it is addressed to a group of 15 students of different Countries from non-Christian religious traditions.

The courses will be held in English with a total duration of 150 hours including classes, seminars, guided tours and meetings with authoritative representatives from the cultural catholic world and ecclesiastical institutions.

The PUU offers a “residential scholarship” to a limited number of foreigner students coming for abroad which includes from July 2nd to 31st:

- Free accommodation with services and board (food served three times a day in a public structure),
- lectures, use of the structures of the University (classes, library, wi-fi zones, etc...).

Every further expense (visa, international travel fares, pocket money, local transports, etc...) will be at personal charge of the Students.

The PUU offers also a “non-residential scholarship” to a limited number of foreigner students already resident in Rome, for study or work reasons, which includes from July 2nd to 31st:

- lectures, use of the structures of the University (classes, library, wi-fi zones, etc...).



Program

Courses

CSS1001. Outlines of Theology	2 credits ¹	[34 hours of frontal lecture]
CSS1002. Holy Scriptures (New Testament / Old Testament)	2 credits	[34 hours]
CSS1003. Anthropology and Ethics	1,75 credits	[20 hours]
CSS1004. Christian Art History (with guided visits)	1 credit	[14 hours]
CSS1005. Church History	2 credits	[30 hours]
CSS1006. Structure and organization of the Catholic Church	0,5 credit	[8 hours]
CSS1007. Interreligious relations of the Catholic Church (history, theology, spirituality)	0,75 credit	[10 hours]
Total	10 credits	[150 hours of frontal lecture]

The lectures will offer the Christian point of view according to the Catholic doctrinal perspective. During the lectures time will be provided for the investigation and the confrontation for a comparative approach with the other religion's perspectives.

Schedule

The lectures will be given from July 3rd to 30th according to the following timetable:

<i>Day</i>	<i>morning (8.30 – 12.30)</i>	<i>afternoon (15.00 – 18.30)</i>
Monday	lecture	lecture
Tuesday	lecture	lecture
Wednesday	lecture	lecture

¹ Credits are calculated according to the ECTS criteria (*European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System*). One credit stands for about 20 working hours, including frontal lectures and personal study.

Thursday	lecture	lecture
Friday	<i>free time – individual study</i>	lecture
Saturday	guided visits	<i>free time – individual study</i>
Sunday	<i>free time</i>	<i>free time</i>

Upon successful completion of the Summer School a Diploma will be awarded to each participant including a record of the courses attended, their contents and methodology of teaching. The aforementioned certification is an official document of the Vatican State System of Higher Education and allows students to transfer credits to their University of origin, where permitted.



Application

The following *Application form* for participation to the *2018 Summer School at PUU* must be sent by e-mail fulfilled in all its parts with a copy of the Passport or Identity Card to the following address within May 15th, 2018 :

don Roberto Cherubini
 Pontificia Università Urbaniana
 r.cherubini@urbaniana.edu
 tel. +39 06 69889536

The forms will be processed by the organizing committee and an official answer (positive or negative) will be sent by e-mail to all those who presented an application of participation.



Application form for 2018 Summer School at Pontificia Università Urbaniana

First name _____

Last (family) name _____

Date of birth _____

Place of birth _____

Nationality _____

Sex: M F I ask for: "residential scholarship" "non-residential scholarship"

Previous studies (completed degrees)

Actual activity of study or other

Contacts (e-mail, tel., cell., postal address)

I declare to be aware that:

- the Pontificia Università Urbaniana is free to accept or refuse my application: I will receive an official answer of acceptance or refusal within May 31st 2018, after the presentation of my application form.
- In case of acceptance of my application for a "residential scholarship" the Pontificia Università Urbaniana will offer me free from July 2nd to 31st: accommodation in single room with services and board (food served twice-a-day in a public structure), lectures, use of the structures of the University (classes, library, wi-fi zones, etc...).
- In case of acceptance of my application for a "non-residential scholarship" the Pontificia Università Urbaniana will offer me free from July 3rd to 30th: lectures, use of the structures of the University (classes, library, wi-fi zones, etc...).
- Every further expense (visa, international travel fares, pocket money, local transports, etc...) will be at my personal charge.

Signature _____

Date _____

(Herewith attached: copy of the Passport or Identity Card)