



## Ecumenism: Introduction

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information below is subject to change, in particular that concerning the teaching mode (presential, distance or in a comodal or hybrid format).

5 credits	30.0 h	Q1
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## This biannual learning unit is not being organized in 2020-2021!

Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	To meet these objectives, the course covers the following: (unit A - ecclesiology - 3 credits [45 h])  (1) (on the basis of the texts of Vatican II): the Church as mystery and historical institution; the holding together of the common mission of the baptised and of the various ministries; the uniqueness of the Church and the multiplicity of the Churches; the Church as sacrament of salvation for the world;  (2) (ecumenism): history and current situation of the main Christian denominations; history of the ecumenical movement and of the World Council of Churches; the Conciliar decree Unitatis redintegratio; the bilateral dialogues of the Roman Catholic Church and ecumenism in Belgium; (unit B - pastoral theology - 2 credits [30 h])  (3) meanings of the word "pastoral" in Biblical revelations; source, genesis and development of pastoral/ practical theology; current methods in pastoral /practical theology; application to topical questions; (unit C - canon law - 1 credit [15 h])  (4) reflection on the justification, nature, goals and limits of canon law in its relationship with theology, on one hand, and with the concrete life of the Church on the other hand. In addition, the course includes a practical initiation to the use of reference texts in ecclesiology.
Aims	The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Evaluation methods	Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change.  Oral examination
Content	Unit 1 Ecclesiology: On the basis of the texts of Vatican II, particularly Lumen gentium and Unitatis redintegratio, the course will deal with some fundamental questions in ecclesiology today: the relationship between theological mystery and historical institution within Church's reality; the holding together of the common mission of the baptized, and of the ministries, the ordained ones especially; the ecumenical question of the multiplicity of Christian Churches, and the efforts to get over the divisions amongst them; the Church as sacrament of salvation for the world, and her relationship with non Christian religions in particular. One will also take care of holding together ecclesiology, pastoral theology and canon law. Unit 2 Canon law: After a short historical introduction, the canonical approach will be focused on the main issues addressed by the differents schools of theology of canon law, in three perspectives: (a) normative validity (b) normative legitimacy (c) normative effectivity of canon law within the Catholic Church. The conclusive part will discuss the specificity of canon law for the Church, the faithfull and the society today. The main methodological principles for a research in canon law will be introduced.
Faculty or entity in charge	TEBI

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)					
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims	
Minor in Christian Theology	MINTHEO	5			
Additionnal module in Religious Studies	APPTHEO	5		0	
Bachelor in religious studies	RELI1BA	5			
Certificat universitaire en théologie (fondements)	TECA9CE	3		•	