

## Faculty of Theology



### RELI2091 Marriage and Family Ethics

[45h] 4 credits

This two-yearly course is taught in 2005-2006, 2007-2008,...

This course is taught in the 2nd semester

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**Language:** French  
**Level:** Second cycle

#### Aims

This course provides an introduction to the doctrinal bases of Catholic theology on sexuality, marriage and family.

#### Main themes

From a dogmatic point of view, the course studies the problem of marriage as an institution by examining its sociological and theological components as well as its historical development and recent significance. Emphasis is placed on the sacramental reality of marriage; in so doing, we point to the specificity of Christian marriage in a pluralistic world and the relation between marriage as an institution willed by God the creator and marriage as a sacrament of Redemption. Particular attention is paid to the effect of this identity on present-day questions: juvenile co-habitation and civilly remarried divorcees.

From the ethical point of view, the course is based on the teachings of Holy Scripture, pontifical and episcopal Magisteria, and personalist philosophy in proposing criteria for a moral evaluation of behaviours in the area of sexuality and fertility.

#### Content and teaching methods

Introduction: Object, method and limits of the course  
 I. Human sexuality: scriptural and personalist perspectives  
 II. Marriage as an institution and sacrament  
 A. Marriage in civil society  
 B. Theology of Christian marriage  
 III. Birth control  
 IV. Abortion  
 V. Homosexuality  
 Conclusion

**Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)**

without object

#### Programmes in which this activity is taught

**RELI2/BA** Licence en sciences religieuses (programme de base)  
**RELI2/PS** Licence en sciences religieuses (pour des licenciés d'autres disciplines)

**Other credits in programs**

<b>ISP22</b>	Deuxième licence en philosophie	(4 credits)	
<b>RELI21/BA</b>	Première licence en sciences religieuses (programme de base)	(4 credits)	Mandatory
<b>RELI21/PS</b>	Première licence en sciences religieuses (pour des licenciés d'autres disciplines)	(4 credits)	Mandatory
<b>RELI22/BA</b>	Deuxième licence en sciences religieuses (programme de base)	(4 credits)	Mandatory