

Antonianum Pontifical University
Faculty of Theology
FRANCISCAN INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUALITY
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Masters Program For Formators
A Franciscan Perspective

In response to present needs in the Franciscan Family regarding the renewal of formation, the Antonianum Pontifical University offers a Masters Program for Formators.

Aim: To offer a theoretical and practical knowledge of the principles and dynamics of the formation journey, with particular reference to the Institutes of Consecrated Life, Christian communities and Church groups.

Pre-requisites for enrolment: Those students are admitted who have at least a three year Bachelor's degree. A good understanding of Italian is also necessary. At least a minimum of previous experience in the formation context is desirable. To better organize the teaching schedule, students may notify the office of the general secretary of the University before the end of May.

Admission interview: In order to take part in the Masters Program for Formators, students must first have an admission interview to arrive at an arrangement with the moderators of the Masters Program.

Course Length: The Masters Program takes one year, from October through to June. The basic course lectures are held in the mornings. The afternoons are for group meetings, practicum and intensive courses.

Study subjects: 1) elements of Franciscan anthropology and educational psychology, inter-disciplinary methodology; specific aspects of educational psychology; 2) the relationship context: the affective life, the dynamics of community life, listening techniques; 3) theoretical and practical aspects of accompaniment and vocational discernment; 4) formation programming (methods, principles, aims, tools, stages, assessment) at various levels (initial formation, ongoing formation, special formation); 5) Franciscan spirituality: approach to the sources, fundamental elements, discernment; 6) spiritual theology: spiritual experience, theology of vocation and States of life; the consecrated life and evangelical counsels; 7) personal formation interviews to gain an adequate knowledge of ones own resources and limits in regard to responsibility as a formator; at least 12 sessions are required.

Attendance at the lectures and other formation activities are obligatory.

A diploma is granted to the students who complete at least 60 credit points (ECTS) and present a final written work of at least 25 pages.

PROGRAM

First Semester

Obligatory Courses

General Franciscan Anthropology	Freyer
Franciscan Anthropology and Psycho-pedagogy	Schmucki
Programming Criteria for Initial Formation	Rodulfo
Spiritual Discernment in the Franciscan Perspective	Uribe
Spiritual Experience and Evangelical Counsels	Martinelli
Spiritual Accompaniment: a Franciscan Approach	Crasta
Development Psychology	Marasca
Social Psychology	Brondino
Psychology and Religious Experience	Solares
Affective and Community Life	Dell'Agli – Salonia

Optional Courses*

Writings of Francis and Clare	Lehmann
Systematic Franciscan Spirituality	Block

Second Semester

Obligatory Courses

Animation of Franciscan Prayer	Freyer
Crises and Difficulties in Religious Life	Rodulfo
Programming Criteria for Ongoing Formation	Rodulfo
Personal and Community Discernment	Rigon
Role of the Empathetic Listening	Ibba
Cross-cultural Formation	Pietrzak
Psychodynamics of Community Relationships	Solares
Psychology of Moral Development	Michielan
Stages of Formation Accompaniment	Schmucki

Optional Courses*

Family of Origin and Community Life	Di Sante- Salonia
Franciscan Hagiography	Uribe
The Testament of Francis of Assisi	Lehmann
Systematic Spiritual Theology	Cacciotti

* The optional courses may be chosen from those offered for the License of Spirituality. The subject titles give here are merely examples.

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For further information about timetables and course descriptions, see the website:
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