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5.00 credits

30.0 h

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**This biannual learning is being organized in 2025-2026**

Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	These objectives will be achieved after a study of a question in one of the main fields of the pastoral or catechetical studies ; an introduction to the critical use of specific studies and tools of the fields ; an initiation into different methods in pastoral theology and catechetic.
Learning outcomes	<p><b>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - achieve a study of a specific pastoral or catechetical question in a working party ;</li> <li>2 - carry out and expound personal research on a specific pastoral or catechetical question ;</li> <li>3 - analyse critically sources and other students' works</li> </ol>
Content	<p>In 2024, the research seminar in practical theology will tackle the question of 'foreign priests'. The interest is twofold: on the one hand, the implementation of an empirical research method in practical theology and knowledge of the various sources available to the student researcher; on the other hand, the study of a new problematic that concerns the Catholic Church throughout the world, a problematic that has received very little thought due to its extreme complexity.</p> <p>Content:</p> <p>A totally new and unexpected phenomenon in the Catholic Church, foreign priests already make up at least half of the active clergy in many Western Churches of ancient 'Christendom'. This situation raises many difficult questions, anthropological, theological and even very practical. A profound change is thus taking place in the Western local churches, the medium- and long-term effects of which are likely to have far-reaching consequences. The young Churches of the southern hemisphere and the Churches of Eastern Europe, the countries of origin of these priests from elsewhere, are also being disrupted. The aim of the seminar is to explore this complex reality using practical theological methods, including an empirical approach. We will then be able to develop an ecclesiological reflection, particularly in relation to the new evangelisation to which the local Churches in the West are called. The seminar will be divided into two parts: 1.</p>
Bibliography	Acquisition obligatoire du numéro 2023, 4, de la revue <i>Lumen Vitae</i> , sur ce thème. Distribution d'une bibliographie commentée en début de séminaire.
Other infos	This two-yearly course is taught in 2015-2016, 2017-2018,... Special offer: During the alternative academic year (2016-2018, 2018-2019, ...), a student in master with a finality in practical theology is authorised to follow the other research seminar (doctorates' degree) after the agreement of the person in charge.
Faculty or entity in charge	TEBI

<b>Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)</b>				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Master [60] in Theology	<a href="#">THEO2M1</a>	4		
Certificat universitaire en théologie (approfondissement)	<a href="#">TECB9CE</a>	5		
Master [120] in Theology	<a href="#">THEO2M</a>	5		