

5.00 credits

30.0 h

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This biannual learning unit is not being organized in 2026-2027 !

Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	To achieve its objectives, the course will address the following themes: - description, in their diversity, of the challenges and needs specific to accompanying adults in the Christian faith today; - study of the numerous places where the maturation of their faith is realized, including the catechumenate; - study of current forms of continuing education in the faith of adults; - analysis of some reference texts relating to the Christian formation of adults.
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : 1 By the end of this course, the student should be able to undertake critical reflection on the foundations, forms, conditions of possibility, difficulties and finalities of accompanying adults with a view to looking further into the Catholic faith.
Evaluation methods	Students will be assessed on the basis of the following three exercises: • personal responses to four assessment quizzes at the end of each of the four days of classes (one point per quiz, or four points in total); • a review of the main points covered each day of class, carried out in small groups of three or four people (1 point per summary, for a total of 4 points); • a critical presentation to the whole group of a method of catechesis, formation, or adult catechumenate, carried out in small groups of 3 or 4 people (12 points).
Teaching methods	The course will include: • lectures; • large group interaction; • analysis of catechetical documents to be carried out individually or in small groups; • a day of presentations of the work carried out in groups by the students; • two hours of class time will be devoted to helping the groups prepare this work.
Content	The course aims to equip students to reflect on adult education and catechesis practices. Based on a review of the history of catechetical thought, the course will first focus on the rediscovery of adult catechumenate in the 20th century and on the questions surrounding catechesis and adult education that arose in the post-Council period. It will then present contemporary reflections on adult formation and catechesis: online formation, intergenerational catechesis, second proclamation, etc. The course will draw on the three catechetical directories (1971, 1997, 2020) as well as more recent authors (Paul-André Giguère, Denise Bellefleur-Raymond, Henri Derroitte, Jane Regan, Denis Villepelet, Enzo Biemmi). Based on these different contributions, students will work in groups to analyze initiatives in catechesis, formation, or the catechumenate for adults.
Inline resources	Documents and lecture notes will be available at https://openmoodle.uclouvain.be/local/ucl/home.php

Other infos	The course is organized for students pursuing a bachelor's degree in theology and a certificate in pastoral theology, as well as students at the Lumen Vitae Institute. It is held at two locations: • Monday, October 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: at UCLouvain (ERAS 54) • Monday, November 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: at the Lumen Vitae International Center, in Namur (rue Graphé, 4). UCLouvain students can follow the course remotely from the ERAS 53 auditorium. • Monday, November 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: at the Lumen Vitae International Center in Namur (rue Graphé, 4). UCLouvain students can follow the course remotely from the ERAS 53 lecture hall. • Monday, December 1, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: course only for students of the Lumen Vitae International Center • Monday, December 1, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: course only for UCLouvain students (ERAS 53) • Monday, December 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: at UCLouvain (ERAS 54)
Faculty or entity in charge	TEBI

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Certificat universitaire en théologie (fondements)	TECA9CE	3		
Minor in Christian Theology	MINTHEO	5		
Additionnal module in Religious Studies	APPTHEO	5		