

5.00 credits

30.0 h

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This biannual learning is being organized in 2026-2027

This learning unit is not open to incoming exchange students!

Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	In order to achieve its set objectives, the course will tackle the issues facing sacramental practice and reflection today in the wake of the liturgical reform initiated by the Second Vatican Council and the challenges of secularization and unity of Christians.
Learning outcomes	<p>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to use the instruments of work, especially the rituals resulting from the liturgical reform, concerning the sacraments; - to situate the liturgical and pastoral issues of current sacramental practices. <p>According to the Bachelor's Degree in Religious Sciences:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. to master the knowledge to explain Christianity in its cultural environment according to theological disciplines; A.3. to understand and explain the liturgical and pastoral situation of a Christian community; A. 5. to understand and interpret historical and juridical sources relating to the Christian Faith; 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B. To use appropriate concepts to develop theological reflection; B.4. To perceive the complementarity of the theological disciplines of positive theology, systematic theology and practical theology; 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. To develop a personal theological reflection and critical thinking; D.3. To distinguish between the theological analysis of an issue or situation and a commonsense analysis. D.4. to equip oneself to promote self-learning and personal development throughout life.
Content	After a general introduction which will concentrate on the implementation of the liturgical reform initiated by the Council, the course will proceed through general themes. For each theme, the corresponding liturgical rituals will be used. The theme "Baptism and Confirmation" will address the issue of initiation from the point of view of the renewal brought about by the liturgical approach to the catechumenate of adults. The theme "Eucharist" will relate the practice of the Eucharist to the major options of the liturgical renewal. The dossier "Sacrament of Reconciliation" will focus on the issues of new rituals and the difficulties encountered in its implementation. The "anointing of the sick" theme will pay attention to the passage from the "extreme unction" to the "anointing of the sick". Concerning ordinations, the course will focus on the ecclesiological issues of the choices made by the new ritual. Finally, for the "sacrament of marriage", the new ritual and reflection on the preparation of this sacrament will be studied.
Inline resources	on Moodle
Bibliography	Louis-Marie Chauvet, <i>Le corps chemin de Dieu. Les sacrements</i> , Paris, 2010 Paul De Clerck, <i>Vivre et comprendre la messe</i> , Paris, Cerf, 2016 Arnaud Join-Lambert, <i>Guide pour comprendre la messe</i> , Paris, 2002 Service national de pastorale liturgique et sacramentelle, <i>59 questions sur l'eucharistie : repères pour les pratiques eucharistiques</i> , Paris, Cerf, 2000 (Guides Célébrer 6). Bernard Sesboüé, <i>Invitation à croire. 2. Des sacrements crédibles et désirables</i> , Paris, 2009
Faculty or entity in charge	TEBI

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Bachelor in religious studies [Modalité en ligne]	RELI1BA	5		