


This biannual learning is being organized in 2026-2027

Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	These objectives will be achieved after - an introduction to current processes (secularism, individualism) with pastoral consequences and theological questions ; - an introduction to characteristics of evangelization in the present Occident; - an analysis of a specific pastoral question with current challenges to Churches.
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : 1 - analyse theologically the secularism and individualism in religious field in the Occident ; 2 - understand the main theological challenges in current changes in social and religious life ; 3 - improve the mission of Churches as evangelization today in the post-modern life.
Content	The concrete topic of this course changes every year. Please refer to the French version for up-to-date information.
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Other infos	Notes will be supplied to the students as the support for their participation in the courses and for their personal research. To support their work of appropriation and of research, the professor will supply an adequate bibliography, mainly but not exclusively in French language.

Faculty or entity in charge	TEBI
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Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Certificat universitaire en théologie (approfondissement)	TECB9CE	4		
Master [120] in Theology	THEO2M	4		