



Pontificio Istituto Teologico

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Matrimonio e Famiglia

 Sede Centrale

SCIENCES ON MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY



DOCTORATE - LICENTIATE - DIPLOMA
ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027



SCIENCES

ON MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

The program in **Sciences of Marriage and the Family - Diploma, Licentiate** (canonical degree), **Doctorate** (canonical degree) - responds to the educational needs of those who have already obtained a Bachelor's degree (for admission to the Licentiate) or a Master's degree (for admission to the Doctorate) in other academic disciplines or professional fields and wish to deepen their understanding of **family realities** from a **theological and pastoral perspective**.

It is designed primarily for **laypeople, religious men and women, educators, pastoral workers, and other professionals** working in the field of family counseling and pastoral care within diocesan and parish institutions.
No prior degrees in theology are required.

Prior familiarity with religious studies and one's specific **fields of specialization** is an asset for developing the interdisciplinary nature of the Science programs.

The **Social Doctrine of the Family**, the **synodal method**, and the **international outlook** are the main features of the program, making this educational offering unique in its kind.

The Doctorate is organized as a **Doctoral School**, bringing together doctoral candidates in both Theology and Marriage and Family Studies, with the aim of fostering an **international research community**.



The Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute is the only pontifical academic institution in the field of sciences regarding marriage and the family.



LICENTIATE IN SCIENCES – YEAR I

INTERNATIONAL CURRICULUM

Duration: 2 academic years (120 ECTS)
Admission Requirement: Bachelor's Degree or Baccalaureate, with at least *cum laude*

FIRST SEMESTER

CORE COURSES (Required)	PROFESSORS
Doing Family Theology in Light of <i>Summa familiae cura</i> (3 ECTS)	Ph. Bordeyne
Family Pastoral Projects in Light of <i>Amoris laetitia</i> : International Overview, Evaluation and Implementation (3 ECTS)	A. Diriart F. Pesce
Studying at the John Paul II Institute: Orientation and Tutoring Seminar (3 ECTS)	G. Cignarale C. Leal
AREA OF STUDY: Family Life and Christian Community	
Family and Church: The Use of Family Metaphors for the Church (6 ECTS)	S. Segoloni
AREA OF STUDY: Family Ethics	
The Cultural and Normative Status of Parenthood (6 ECTS)	C. Leal
AREA OF STUDY: Family and Kinship Psychology	
Psychology of Family Dynamics from a Systemic Perspective	C. Fernández

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS (4 ECTS) <i>Students must choose 1</i>	PROFESSORS
The Legacy of <i>Pacem in terris</i> for the Social Doctrine of the Family and the Question of Women	S. Segoloni
Nuptiality in Medieval and Contemporary Theological Anthropology	L. Pedrolí J.J. Pérez-Soba
WORKSHOP: Sociology of Pastoral Subjects and Forms	A. Casavecchia
WORKSHOP: Digital Technology and Family Theology	S. Kampowski
WORKSHOP: Families Together: International Family Associations as a Resource for Pastoral Ministry	G. Gambino M. Rizzolli

SECOND SEMESTER

CORE COURSES (Required)	PROFESSORS
Vatican II for the Churches of Today (3 ECTS)	S. Segoloni et al.
Studying at the John Paul II Institute: Orientation and Tutoring Seminar (3 ECTS)	G. Cignarale - C. Leal
AREA OF STUDY: Sources and Cultural Texts	
Social History of the Family (3 ECTS)	A. Giovagnoli
AREA OF STUDY: Family Practices and Law	
Work and Family Life in <i>Family studies</i> (3 ECTS)	V. Rosito
AREA OF STUDY: Family Empowerment	
Intercultural Models of Family Education: Educating Adolescents Today (3 ECTS)	M. Santerini

COMPLEMENTARY COURSES (3 ECTS) <i>Students must choose 1</i>	PROFESSORS
Poverty, Continental Magisterium and the Social Doctrine of the Family	S. George - C. Leal
Love and Sexuality in the <i>Magisterium</i> of Pope Francis	Ph. Bordeyne
Family Law and Migration	S. Kampowski - M. Volpe
Learning and Synodality: Family and Church	R. Prandini - V. Rosito
Family and Marriage in the Ecumenical Dimension	F. Pesce
Marriage Liturgies	H. Bricout

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS (4 ECTS) <i>Students must choose 1</i>	PROFESSORS
Family Stories in the Bible: Canonical Reading and Pastoral Insights	A. Pompili
Psychological, Legal and Spiritual Accompaniment in Marriage Nullity Processes: Practical Cases	A. Diriart - O. Grazioli
The Impact of John Paul II's Social Thought on Family Theology	J. Merecki J.J. Pérez-Soba
WORKSHOP: Family Theology and Pastoral Ministry in Dialogue with Disability Studies	A. Diriart - P.D. Guenzi
WORKSHOP: Children's Rights. Protection and Promotion of Migrant Children and Their Families	C. Fernández O. Grazioli
WORKSHOP: Conducting Theological and Social Research in Contextual Theology	S. George - A. Molè





LICENTIATE IN SCIENCES - YEAR II

INTERNATIONAL CURRICULUM

FIRST SEMESTER

CORE COURSES (Required)	PROFESSORS
Family and Catholic Social Teaching: From Leo XIII to Leo XIV (3 ECTS)	P.D. Guenzi
Psychology of Family Dynamics from a Systemic Perspective (3 ECTS)	C. Fernández
Canonical Marriage Law (6 ECTS)	O. Grazioli
Family Pastoral Projects in Light of <i>Amoris laetitia</i> : International Overview, Evaluation and Implementation (3 ECTS)	A. Diriart - F. Pesce

COMPLEMENTARY COURSES (3 ECTS) <i>Students must choose 1</i>	PROFESSORS
Love for the Poor in Luke-Acts: Fidelity to the Deuteronomic Covenant and Its Reinterpretation in Luke's Writings	L. Pedroli - B. Ulloa
Families in Poverty: Intersections of Theology and Psychology	P. Santos
Christology in Light of Care for Wounded Families	L. Paris
The Family at Table: Conviviality, Family Practices and the Communication of Faith	A. Ciucci - V. Rosito
Love and Justice in Medieval Theology	S. Kampowski J.J. Pérez-Soba
Popular Piety, Faith and Adolescence: An Interdisciplinary Approach	G. Salmeri
Church, Marriage and Family Between History and Theology	G. Marengo
The Fathers of the Church Reading the Song of Songs: Bernard of Clairvaux	J.- L. Marion
Being Leaders in a Synodal Church: Ecclesial Discernment Workshop for Mission	F. Pesce et al.

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS (4 ECTS) <i>Students must choose 2</i>	PROFESSORS
The Legacy of <i>Pacem in terris</i> for the Social Doctrine of the Family and the Question of Women	S. Segoloni
Nuptiality in Medieval and Contemporary Theological Anthropology	L. Pedroli J.J. Pérez-Soba
WORKSHOP: Sociology of Pastoral Subjects and Forms	A. Casavecchia
WORKSHOP: Digital Technology and Family Theology	S. Kampowski
WORKSHOP: Families Together: International Family Associations as a Resource for Pastoral Ministry	G. Gambino M. Rizzolli

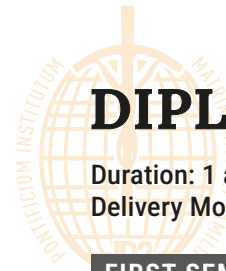
SECOND SEMESTER

CORE COURSES (Required)	PROFESSORS
The Second Vatican Council and the Churches of Today (3 ECTS)	S. Segoloni et al.
Love and Sexuality in the Magisterium of Pope Francis (3 ECTS)	Ph. Bordeyne
Nuptiality in Family Spirituality (3 ECTS)	A. Diriart
Work and Family Life in <i>Family studies</i> (3 ECTS)	V. Rosito

COMPLEMENTARY COURSES (3 ECTS) <i>Students must choose 1</i>	PROFESSORS
Poverty, Continental Magisterium, and the Social Doctrine of the Family	S. George - C. Leal
Social History of the Family	A. Giovagnoli
Family Law and Migration	S. Kampowski M. Volpe
Learning and Synodality: Family and Church	R. Prandini - V. Rosito
Family and Marriage in the Ecumenical Dimension	F. Pesce
Intercultural Models of Family Education: Educating Adolescents Today	M. Santerini
Marriage Liturgies	H. Bricout

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS (4 ECTS) <i>Students must choose 1</i>	PROFESSORS
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Psychological, Canonical, and Spiritual Accompaniment in Marriage Nullity Processes: Practical Cases	A. Diriart O. Grazioli
The Impact of Saint John Paul II's Social Thought on Family Theology	J. Merecki J.J. Pérez-Soba
WORKSHOP: Theology and Family Ministry: The Challenge of <i>Disability studies</i>	A. Diriart P.D. Guenzi
WORKSHOP: Children's Rights. Protection and Promotion of Migrant Children and Their Families	C. Fernández O. Grazioli
WORKSHOP: Workshop: Conducting Theological and Social Research in Contextual Theology	S. George - A. Molè





DIPLOMA IN SCIENCES

Duration: 1 academic year (60 ECTS), full-time or part-time
Delivery Mode: On Campus or Online

FIRST SEMESTER

CORE COURSES (Required)	PROFESSORS
Doing Family Theology in Light of <i>Summa familiae cura</i> (3 ECTS)	Ph. Bordeyne
Family and Church: The Use of Family Metaphors for the Church (6 ECTS)	S. Segoloni
Family and the Social Teaching of the Church: From Leo XIII to Leo XIV (3 ECTS)	P.D. Guenzi
Family Ministry Projects in the Light of <i>Amoris Laetitia</i> : International Perspectives, Assessment, and Implementation (3 ECTS)	A. Diriart F. Pesce
The Cultural and Normative Status of Parenthood (6 ECTS)	C. Leal
Studying at the John Paul II Institute: Orientation and Academic Tutoring Seminar (3 ECTS)	G. Cignarale - C. Leal

COMPLEMENTARY COURSES (3 ECTS) <i>Students must choose 1</i>	PROFESSORS
Love for the Poor in Luke–Acts: Fidelity to the Deuteronomic Covenant and Its Reinterpretation in Luke’s Writings	L. Pedroli - B. Ulloa
Families in Poverty: Intersections of Theology and Psychology	P. Santos
Christology in Light of Care for Wounded Families	L. Paris
The Family at Table: Conviviality, Family Practices, and the Communication of Faith	A. Ciucci - V. Rosito
Love and Justice in Medieval Theology	S. Kampowski J.J. Pérez-Soba
Psychology of Family Dynamics from a Systemic Perspective	C. Fernández
Popular Piety, Faith, and Adolescence: An Interdisciplinary Approach	G. Salmeri
Church, Marriage, and Family between History and Theology	G. Marengo

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS (4 ECTS) <i>Students must choose 1</i>	PROFESSORS
The Legacy of <i>Pacem in Terris</i> for the Social Doctrine of the Family and the Question of Women	S. Segoloni
Nuptiality in Medieval and Contemporary Theological Anthropology	L. Pedroli J.J. Pérez-Soba
WORKSHOP: Sociological Approaches to Agents and Forms of Pastoral Ministry	A. Casavecchia
WORKSHOP: Digital Technology and Family Theology	S. Kampowski
WORKSHOP: Families Together. International Family Associations as a Resource for Pastoral Ministry	G. Gambino M. Rizzolli

SECOND SEMESTER

CORE COURSES (Required)	PROFESSORS
The Second Vatican Council and the Churches of Today (3 ECTS)	S. Segoloni et al.
Intercultural Models of Family Education: Educating Adolescents Today (3 ECTS)	M. Santerini
Work and Family Life in <i>Family Studies</i> (3 ECTS)	V. Rosito
Social History of the Family (3 ECTS)	A. Giovagnoli
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DOCTORATE IN SCIENCES

Duration: 3 academic years
 Admission Requirement: Licentiate in Marriage and Family Studies or Master's Degree with *magna cum laude*

FIRST SEMESTER

DOCTORAL CORE COURSES	PROFESSORS
Seminar on Learning Methodology and Scientific Research (4 ECTS)	P.D. Guenzi - C. Leal F. Pesce - V. Rosito
African Theologies in Context (3 ECTS)	P.D. Guenzi - S.C. Ilo

RESEARCH ATELIER (5 ECTS) <i>Students choose 1 during the academic year.</i>	PROFESSORS
Processes of Forgiveness: Perspectives and Practices in Family Mediation	O. Grazioli - S. Kampowski (con J. Daher)

COMPLEMENTARY COURSES(3 ECTS) <i>Students choose 1 during the academic year.</i>	PROFESSORS
Doing Family Theology in Light of <i>Summa familiae cura</i>	Ph. Bordeyne
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Seminar on Doctoral Research Supervision and Development (4 ECTS)	Ph. Bordeyne O. Grazioli J.J Pérez-Soba
Marriage Liturgies (3 ECTS)	H. Bricout
African Theologies in Context (3 ECTS)	P.D. Guenzi - S.C. Ilo

RESEARCH ATELIER (5 ECTS) <i>Students choose 1 during the academic year.</i>	PROFESSORS
Feminist Theological Perspectives on Contemporary Family Questions	C. Leal - S. Segoloni

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The Family is a Primary Social Good

Pope Leo XIV, Magnifica Humanitas, no. 165



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