# Holy Spirit Seminary College of Theology & Philosophy

## 聖 神 修 院 神 哲 學 院

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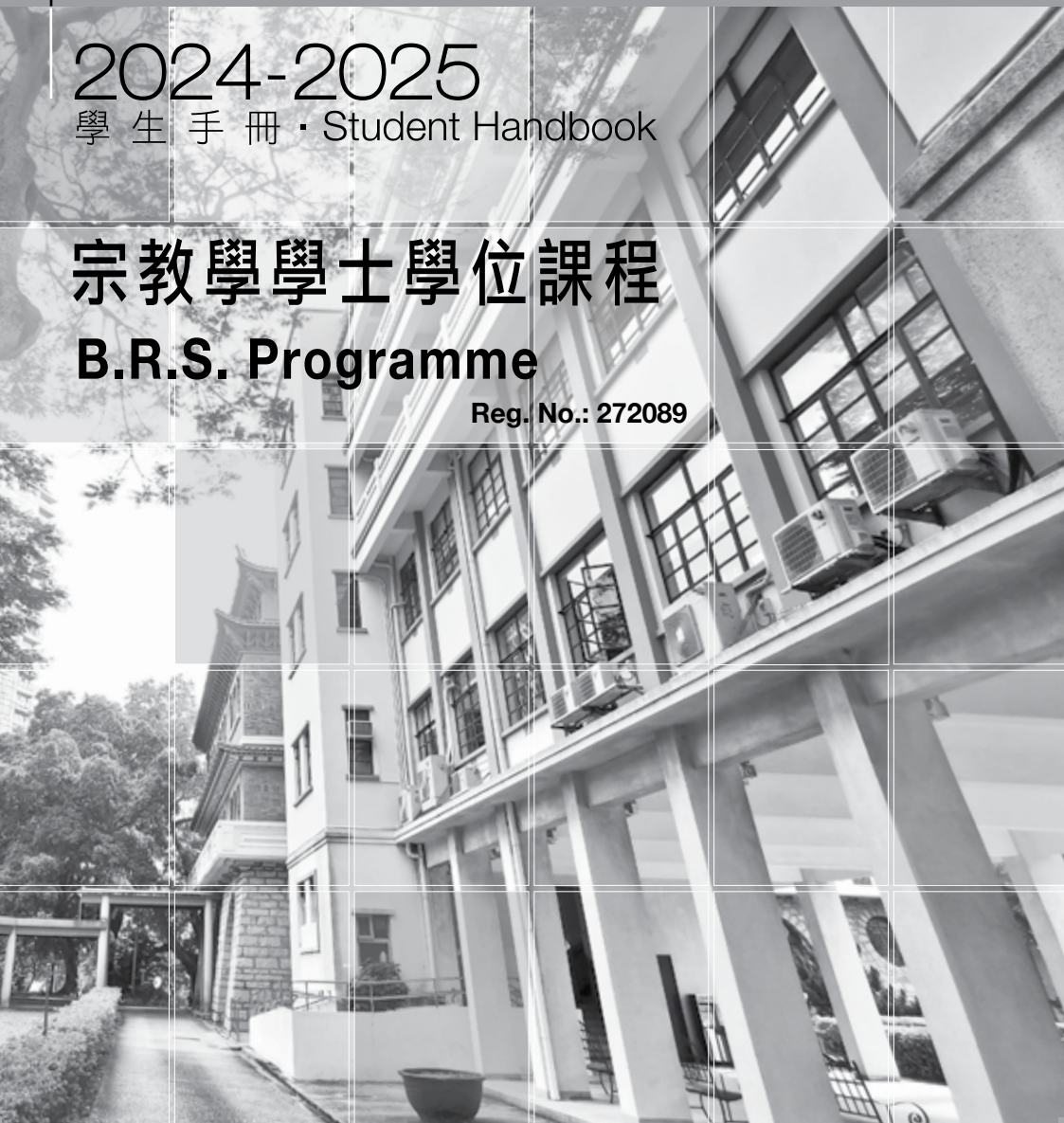
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# 宗教學學士學位課程

# B.R.S. Programme

**Reg. No.: 272089**

## 歷史

聖神修院前身是華南總修院（一九三一年至一九六四年），總修院之興建是為培育華南地區國籍神職人員，讓他們於晉鐸後，服務所屬教區。華南地區包括韶關、梧州、廣州、江門、嘉應、汕頭、汀州、廈門、福州、建寧、福寧、北海、瓊縣和香港等教區。

然而，除了香港外，上述各教區，鑑於環境變遷，自一九六四年後，再沒有派修士到來接受培育。於是，傳信部解散總修院，並將修院院址交由香港教區使用。是年，香港教區就在總修院院址開辦教區大修院，即現今的聖神修院，落實了梵蒂岡第二屆大公會議，有關修士與神職人員該在他們所屬地區接受培育的指示。

一九七零年聖神修院神哲學院成立，由香港教區、澳門教區、耶穌會和慈幼會合辦，一九八五年再邀得方濟會加入。

一九七三年，學院開始接受信友入讀，使他們有機會強化個人對天主的認識，及成為建設天國的有效工具。

一九七四及七六年，神學部與哲學部先後成為羅馬宗座傳信大學屬校。從此，該兩學部的畢業生可獲頒授神學學士學位(Bachelor of Theology)與哲學學士學位(Bachelor of Philosophy)。

一九八九年，為了滿全信友希望獲得神學課程學位的心願和需要，學院再向前邁進一步，開辦宗教學部，並同樣地獲得宗座傳信大學神學院的認可，使凡依照學部要求，修畢所有課程的人士，均可獲頒授宗教學學士學位(Bachelor in Religious Sciences)。

一九九四年，神學部取得了宗座傳信大學的同意，開始一個為期兩年的神學碩士學位（教義神學）課程(Licentiate in Theology (Dogmatic Theology) Program)。因此，神學部需要從宗座傳信大學附屬學院的地位，提升為該大學的成員學院。一九九七年三月六日，公教教育部終於批准神學部升格的申請，成為宗座傳信大學神學院的成員學院。

## 目的

聖神修院神哲學院乃一所專為研究神哲學的學術中心，由三個不同學部：神學部，哲學部和宗教學部組成。學院的首要目的是為給有志獻身司鐸職務的人士，教授哲學及神學。其次，為了配合地方教會發展上的需要，給予平信徒神哲學的訓練。

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| **副校監** | | His Excellency Archbishop Fortunatus NWACHUKWU | | |
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| **哲學院** | 院長 | Prof. Luca TUNINETTI | | |
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| | 黃國華神父 | 方濟會區會長 |

### 學院行政人員

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| **宗教學部** | 主任 | 伍國寶神父 |
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| | 秘書 | 崔綺嫻小姐 |
| **會計部** | 文員 | 陳愛芬小姐 |

## 1. 歷史

聖神修院圖書館是一所專科圖書館，以收藏神學、哲學及宗教學方面的資料為主，作為支援本地神學教育之用。本館於一九六七年正式成立，當時藏書均來自太古樓小修院及華南總修院，以供聖神修院所需；至一九七一年，本館又吸納了公教進行社圖書館藏書，並把服務擴展至聖神修院神哲學院。

## 2. 發展

聖神修院神哲學院在推動本港教區神、哲學培育方面扮演了一個重要角色。一九九四年，學院開辦神學碩士課程；同時本館亦進行電腦化及地方擴展工程以作配合。一九九七年，本館安裝了DYNIX圖書館電腦系統，在編目、流通及公共目錄方面進行全面電腦化；這系統亦為本港公共圖書館所用的電腦系統。其後，為提升服務質素，本館更於二零一四年改用Aleph圖書館電腦系統。這嶄新的系統能讓讀者更快速地從本館藏書、EIN聯網館藏及網絡世界中搜尋資料。

為提供讀者一個更寬闊及舒適的閱讀環境，本館在一九九八年進行了地方擴展工程，由原來的一層樓增至目前的三層樓。地下主要存放中文圖書；二樓收藏外文圖書；而三樓則存放最新年度的期刊。

靠著本身的經費及外來的捐獻，本館藏書量已由一九六七年的六千冊，增至目前約有八萬三千冊；這包括了三萬三千冊中文圖書及五萬冊外文圖書。此外，本館每年訂購的期刊約有一百種。

於二零零三年，本館為向各地華人教會提供完備的神學資料，故增設網上中文資料庫，以方便讀者搜尋教宗及各教廷聖部所頒佈的文件中文譯本。此外，該網頁更載有多份本館的神學雜誌及神學工具書的資料。

隨著資訊科技之發展，本館為提高服務質素，故於二零零五年起提供網上目錄，更於二零一四年改用"Easy Search"系統，以供讀者透過網上平台搜尋資料、查閱個人借還書記錄、續借及預約書籍和接收各項電郵通知書。

為提供讀者更方便快捷的服務，本館自二零零五年已開始引入電子資源。現時本館已訂購九個英文(Cambridge Companions, Cambridge Books Online, Digital Loeb Classical Library, Ebook Central, Gale, iG Library, NetLibrary, Oxford Handbooks Online 及 Religion Online)和三個中文(Super Book City, iRead ebook 及 HyRead ebook)電子書的資料庫，四個全文電子雜誌的資料庫(ATLAS PLUS, GALE (Religion, Social Science), GALE (Chinese Recorder) 及 Religion & Philosophy)，以及一個電子論文資料庫（中大宗教與中國社會研究中心論文）。這些資料庫在神學、哲學和文化上之範疇提供讀者約九萬二千多項書籍及雜誌。此外，本館更為優化網上目錄，故輸入了部份重要藏書的目錄和顯示其封面的影像。

## 3. 教會資訊網

讀者除了使用本館的資訊外，更可透過教會資訊網(EIN)，檢索其線上聯合目錄。此資訊聯網成立於一九九五年，旨在藉著本港不同宗派機構的合作，促進香港基督宗教的合一，並在這資訊時代裡，支援神學教育及滿足信徒在神學資訊上的需要。該聯網之成員現時包括了下列五間神學圖書館：

- 建道神學院胡慕德紀念圖書館
- 中國神學研究院圖書館
- 播道神學院圖書館
- 聖神修院圖書館
- 信義宗神學院圖書館

EIN聯合目錄是本港最大的神學圖書目錄，亦是全球最大的中文神學圖書目錄，現已載有約九十七萬五千三百冊的圖書資料。

## 4. 圖書館規則

- 請保持肅靜
- 請勿在館內使用電話
- 使用書籍後，請安放在書車上，切勿自行放回架上
- 請勿將未辦理借閱手續的書刊攜出館外
- 不准飲食

## 5. 開放時間

| | | |
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| 星期一至五 | | 上午九時至下午五時 |
| 星期一至五 | 午膳（休息） | 下午一時至下午二時 |
| 星期二、四（9月至6月） | | 上午九時至下午九時 |
| 星期六 | 全日 | 上午九時至下午六時 |
| 星期日及公眾假期 | 全日（休息） | |

## 6. 圖書館管理員

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## 1. 課程目的

a. 宗教學部的宗教學學士學位課程 (B.R.S.)，透過教會活生生的訓導，對啟示的正統理解，為天主教教義提供有系統的處理。此外，它亦處理神學上必須的預設，包括哲學和社會科學上的知識，從而推廣從神學角度研究人類的問題。

b. 此課程的目的在於加深信友和度奉獻生活者的信仰，務使他們在現世的生活內，更有效地參予福傳工作。故此，它能為教會培育更多不同職務和服務上的人才，包括大學以下所有程度的宗教科老師。

## 2. 歐洲學分互認體系

由2015-16學年起，本院按照羅馬宗座傳信大學的要求，採用歐洲學分互認體系(ECTS)，並以ECTS學分表示學生的學習量。每1學分相當於最少25小時的學習（當中包括8小時的授課）。此舉有助教授和學生客觀地釐定每一科所需的學習時間。

## 3. 課程結構

這課程是一個學士學位課程，全時間學生可以在四年內完成。但是，課程的修讀時間可延長至最長六年（選讀生）。課程主要由十個領域，合共180個ECTS學分組成。課程結構如下：

| 領域 | 編號 | 科目 | ECTS學分 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 聖經 | RB101 | 聖經背景 | 3 |
| | RB102 | 舊約導論 | 3 |
| | RB103 | 新約導論 | 3 |
| | RB207 | 梅瑟五書 | 3 |
| | RB208 | 舊約史書 | 3 |

| | RB311A&B | 先知書（一）及（二） | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | RB415A | 聖詠 | 3 |
| | RB415B | 智慧文學 | 3 |
| | RB209 | 對觀福音 | 3 |
| | RB210 | 宗徒大事錄 | 3 |
| | RB313 | 保祿書信：聖保祿的「早期」和「中期」書信 | 3 |
| | RB314 | 獄函和牧函、希伯來書、公函 | 3 |
| | RB417 | 若望著作 | 6 |
| 基本及教義神學 | RD101 | 神學導論 | 3 |
| | RD102A&B | 基本神學（一）及（二） | 6 |
| | RD103 | 基督信仰中的人學 | 3 |
| | RD204 | 恩寵學 | 3 |
| | RD205 | 基督學 | 6 |
| | RD306 | 教會學 | 6 |
| | RD408 | 末世論 | 3 |
| | RD409 | 聖三論 | 3 |
| 禮儀及聖事神學 | RR101 | 禮儀導論 | 3 |
| | RR203 | 聖事神學 | 3 |
| | RR501 | 基督徒入門聖事（一）：聖洗及堅振聖事 | 3 |
| | RR502 | 基督徒入門聖事（二）：聖體聖事 | 3 |
| | RR503 | 修和及病人傅油聖事 | 3 |
| 倫理神學 | RM101 | 基本倫理神學 | 6 |
| | RM602 | 婚姻倫理 | 3 |
| | RM303 | 社會倫理 | 6 |
| | RM604A&B | 醫療倫理（一）及（二） | 6 |
| 哲學歷史及哲學論題 | RP601 | 古代與中古哲學史 | 3 |
| | RP602 | 近代與當代哲學史 | 3 |
| | RP603 | 邏輯學 | 3 |
| | RP604 | 哲學倫理 | 3 |
| | RP605 | 哲學人類學 | 3 |
| | RP606 | 形上學 | 3 |
| | RP607 | 認知論 | 3 |
| 教父學及教會歷史 | RH101 | 教會歷史（一） | 3 |
| | RH203 | 教會歷史（二） | 3 |
| | RH205 | 中國教會史 | 3 |
| | RH301 | 教父學 | 3 |

| 教會法律 | RC601 | 教律導論 | 6 |
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| | RC602 | 婚姻教律 | 3 |
| 牧職學 | PM101 | 教友牧職 | 3 |
| | PM103 | 職務與團體 | 3 |
| | PM104 | 牧民神學導論 | 3 |
| 靈修學 | RS101 | 靈修學 | 3 |
| 論文 | AR601 | 學年文章（一） | 6 |
| | AR602 | 學年文章（二） | 6 |
| | | 合共： | 180 |

## 4. 學年分配

a. 每學年分三學期，第一學期於九月開始，十一月結束；第二學期於十二月開始，三月結束；第三學期始於四月，而終於六月。

b. 上課時間為每週二、週四晚上七時十五分至九時，及週六下午二時半至六時半。必要時，也會安排於其他時間上課。每節授課時間50分鐘，每3個ECTS學分有24節課。

## 5. 入學資格

a. 有良好品格及符合學歷要求的天主教徒，均可申請報讀本宗教學學士學位課程。特殊情況將由宗教學部主任成立的入學委員會決定是否接受其申請。

b. 學歷要求：

i. 具進入本地大學的資格或同等學歷；

ii. 由於本院以中文和英文兩種語言授課，良好的中英文水平是必須的。

c. 只接受準備修讀全科及參加總考者。不接受旁聽生。

## 6. 一般守則

a. 報名和重新註冊

   i. 學生必須於每年開課前完成報名或註冊的手續。為新生來說，他們須要在招生期間填寫報名表，支付首期學費和確認課程的日期和時間。為舊生來說，他們須重新註冊，支付學費和確認選讀的科目。入學及重新註冊均可在學院的網站上完成。這是學生的責任，以確保他們註冊的學科正確無誤。

   ii. 沒有報名或註冊的學生將不獲准進入課室，以及無法使用本學院的一切設施。

   iii. 逾期報名或註冊的學生須繳付逾期報名費。

b. 學生證

凡入學的學生，學院將發給學生證，學生證有效期至課程結束。如有遺失、學生須繳費才可補領學生證。

c. 出席和守時

   i. 學院需要保存所有學生課堂的出席率，因此班長會請學生在點名紙上簽到。不論任何理由，若學生缺席次數超過全學期堂數的百分之二十，有關學生將因不准考試而喪失該科的學分。

   ii. 學生須每天檢查他們的電子郵箱及學院的告示板，以免錯過修改上課及活動時間的緊急通知。

   iii. 學生須在限期前交功課，否則會受到處分或因不被接受而要重修該一學科。

d. 缺席的通知

學生如有重大的缺席原因，必須通知該科的教授和宗教學部主任，如果是患病，學生通常要提供證據。

e. 惡劣天氣安排

颱風、暴雨及極端情況下的上課指引，請參閱附錄乙。

f. 更改個人資料

   i. 學生須通知學院祕書處任何學生資料的更改：地址更改（郵遞和電子郵箱），電話號碼更改（辦公室，住宅和手電），以及課程的暫停或退出。

   ii. 學生就讀期間可以在網頁上「我的資料」檢查個人資料是否正確。任何錯誤的資料必須呈報，因為學院將按這些資料發出成績單，計算學習進度，以及與學生保持聯繫。為了提高通訊的效率，學生須提供一個可聯繫的電郵地址，沒有電郵地址將會導致訊息中斷。

   iii. 學院非常重視個人資料的保密。我們必須擁有學生準確而詳細的個人資料，但這些資料只會在特定的情況下才向有關當局披露。

g. 休學

如果學生要暫停學業，他們必須以書面形式向學院宗教學部主任查詢，並交回他們的學生證。如果學生要恢復學業，他們必須不遲於新學年開始前一個月與宗教學部主任商議。

h. 終止註冊

學生無論因任何原因，在學年結束前決定終止註冊，須事先通知宗教學部主任，並交回學生證。

## 7. 使用生成式人工智能的指引

a. 學院的立場

學院支持使用生成式人工智能（GenAI），並認為它是一個很好的靈感來源。但是，我們要強調：學生提交的任何作業都應該

是他們自己的手筆，他們必須對自己所寫的一切負責。由人工智能產生的內容可能不準確、具誤導性或包含受版權保護的資料。學生應該負責任地及明智地使用GenAI。

b. 學生在使用GenAI時應該注意什麼呢？

該做的事

✓ 了解你正在使用的人工智能系統／工具的局限性

✓ 掌握「提示工程」，因為輸入的品質與給出的品質相關

✓ 僅使用 GenAI 激發思考

✓ 檢查GenAI生成的資訊是否正確

✓ 正確註明各種的資料來源

不該做的事

✕ 絕對不可利用 GenAI 軟件代替你寫作

✕ 不可依靠GenAI生成的資訊作為唯一的資訊來源

c. 學生是否可以使用GenAI工具協助做作業，取決於課程的性質和學習目標。請參閱相關作業的具體指示，如有疑問請詢問你的導師。

d. 如學生被發現違反學術誠信，將受到紀律處分。這些個案將根據學院既定的紀律程序處理。

## 8. 學年文章

a. 在第二及第三年，學生須於一位教授的指導下，每年完成一篇學年文章。撰寫文章之目的，是為訓練學生在一些特選的神學、哲學或牧職學領域內，學習神學、哲學或牧職學的研究和寫作方法。

b. 學年文章須以英文書寫（篇幅：約為15頁雙間隙A4紙）。若文章主題涉及很多中文原材料，學生或會被允許以中文撰寫該篇文章（篇幅：約為6,000字）。但在這情況下，學生須同時以英文撰寫一份攝要（篇幅：約為中文文章的三分一）。

c. 為了滿9.b.iv項所列的領受學位條件，應試者必須公開匯報其中一份學年文章，為時15分鐘，然後與三位主考教授討論該文章，歷時15分鐘。

## 9. 領受宗教學學士學位的條件

a. 學生於完成課程後，每年會獲得一份成績表。修滿180個ECTS學分者，可參加學位試，考試包括筆試和口試兩部份。通過學位試者，可得到羅馬宗座傳信大學神學院頒發的宗教學學士學位。由於筆試試卷須呈送傳信大學審閱，因此應試者應以英文書寫。

b. 欲領受宗教學學士學位者，須符合的條件如下：

i. 在每主科領域（聖經、基本及教義神學、禮儀及聖事神學、倫理神學）的績分不得少於70分，每副科領域不得少於60分；

ii. 分別參加一次總考筆試和一次總考口試，筆試歷時5至6小時，口試則為時60分鐘，考試內容根據傳信大學神學院通過的論題；

iii. 上述之筆試和口試的績分均不得少於60分，總平均分不得少於70分；

iv. 除了學位試外，他應撰寫一份學年文章並就該文章作公開匯報為時15分鐘，然後與三位主考教授討論該文章，歷時15分鐘。在這份文章中，他必須證明自己有能力就一個主題制定和提出一個邏輯論證，這主題必須選自宗教學部所準備的論題；及

v. 繳交宗教學部和傳信大學所規定的學位考試費及學位證書費。

## 10. 成績評核、等級和科目豁免

a. 成績評核的方式一般有兩類，即正式考試和作業。每一科的評核方式由教授自行決定。每一科是獨立單元，完成後學生可獲得該科的成績和學分。教授作出最後評分時，他們不單依據正式考試的成績，而且也參考同學的作業和課堂上的表現。

b. 績分表

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A+ | = | 97 ~ 100 |
| A | = | 94 ~ 96 |
| A– | = | 90 ~ 93 |
| B+ | = | 87 ~ 89 |
| B | = | 84 ~ 86 |
| B– | = | 80 ~ 83 |
| C+ | = | 77 ~ 79 |
| C | = | 74 ~ 76 |
| C– | = | 70 ~ 73 |
| D+ | = | 67 ~ 69 |
| D | = | 64 ~ 66 |
| D– | = | 60 ~ 63 |
| E | = | 40 ~ 59　=　不合格；補考（補考的最高等級是C-） |
| F | = | 0 ~ 39　=　不合格；重讀 |

c. 若某學生曾經成功完成一些科目，而這些科目的內容和程度與宗教學部所提供的科目同等，例如是在其他宗座大學修讀的，宗教學部有可能會批准豁免該學生修讀宗教學部提供的對等科目。但是，科目豁免數量是有上限的。

## 11. 處理學生紀律問題之程序

如果有人投訴某學生倡議異端邪說和生活不檢點，並且提交了表面證據，宗教學部主任便會成立一個紀律委員會調查指控，委員會成員包括兩位教授和作為召集人的宗教學部主任。宗教學部主任會把調查結果報告給香港主教和校董會。若指控屬實，便按事件的嚴重性而定，該學生會被警告、暫停或取消學籍。該學生可向香港主教及羅馬宗座傳信大學神學院上訴，由傳信大學作最終裁判。

## 12. 費用

a. 宗教學學士學位課程的學費：

　i. 2024-25年度之學費為全年港幣16,200元或每3個ECTS學分港幣1,400元。每學年的學費分三期支付。

　ii. 為全科生：每學期的學費為港幣5,400元，整個課程的學費為港幣64,800元。

　iii. 為選讀生：每學期的學費是根據學生所修讀的學分之多少來決定；但是，每年所收取的學費均設上限（2024-25年度之上限為港幣16,200元）。收費減免將於每年的第三學期處理【即：每年的第一及第二學期學費會根據每位學生在該學期所修讀的學分之多少來計算；若三個學期的學費總額高於每年的上限，則第三學期便只需繳付餘額】。以2024-25年度之學費計算，整個課程學費不會超過港幣84,000元。

　iv. 學費包括教學、導修、研習會、參加考試及使用學院設施，也包括借用圖書館圖書，但不包括課本。

　v. 學院將每年檢討學費一次。有關學費的繳交日期及退款原則，請參閱附錄甲。

b. 申請報讀宗教學學士學位課程，學院將不收取任何報名費。

c   學生如欲報考每年8月舉行的學位試，須繳交港幣800元考試費和港幣800元證書費。羅馬宗座傳信大學頒發宗教學學士學位的先決條件是成功通過學位試。收取的證書費將會送到傳信大學，考試費乃支付學院主持學位試的行政支出。如果學生決定不領取傳信大學的學位，他／她無須繳交學位的考試費和證書費。

d.   所有費用請以劃線支票支付，支票抬頭為「聖神修院神哲學院」。

e.   香港教區教友培育基金為報讀本學院課程的平信徒提供獎學金，申請表可於教區網頁下載。

## 13. 申請入學

a.   宗教學部一般於四月初開始接受申請。申請人可於學院網頁下載報名表格。把表格填妥後，連同所需文件（包括：兩份推薦書）寄交祕書處。祕書處會通知申請人面試的安排。申請人只有在被錄取後，才能辦理註冊手續。

b.   推薦書：神職人員、修生及修士的推薦書必須由他們長上填寫；其他人的兩份推薦書當中的一份，須由神職或修道人填寫。

c.   查詢及所有有關入讀宗教學部的函件，可寄往以下地址：

香港 香港仔 黃竹坑 惠福道 六號
聖神修院神哲學院 祕書處
電話：(852) 2553 0265
傳真：(852) 2873 2720
電郵：college@hsscol.org.hk

信封面請註明「申請入讀BRS課程」

## 1. 繳交學費時間表（全科生：即四年內完成課程的學生）

假設學費沒有增加，全科生每期繳交的金額和時間如下：

| 期數 | 上 課 日 期 | 繳費時間 | 金 額 | 涵 蓋 期 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 第一年九月份的首星期二 | 學費必須於上課前二個月內繳交。大致上，每學年的第一個學期在九月份的首星期二開始，第二個學期在十二月份的首星期二開始，第三個學期在四月份的首星期二開始。 | $5,400 | 每期學費涵蓋三個月的課程 |
| 2 | 第一年十二月份的首星期二 | | $5,400 | |
| 3 | 第一年四月份的首星期二 | | $5,400 | |
| 4 | 第二年九月份的首星期二 | | $5,400 | |
| 5 | 第二年十二月份的首星期二 | | $5,400 | |
| 6 | 第二年四月份的首星期二 | | $5,400 | |
| 7 | 第三年九月份的首星期二 | | $5,400 | |
| 8 | 第三年十二月份的首星期二 | | $5,400 | |
| 9 | 第三年四月份的首星期二 | | $5,400 | |
| 10 | 第四年九月份的首星期二 | | $5,400 | |
| 11 | 第四年十二月份的首星期二 | | $5,400 | |
| 12 | 第四年四月份的首星期二 | | $5,400 | |
| | 學位考試費 | 第四年十二月份 | $ 800 | 如果學生參加第四年八月份舉行的學位試 |
| | 學位證書費 | | $ 800 | |

## 2. 繳交學費時間表（選讀生：即六年內完成課程的學生）

選讀生繳交每期學費的時間如下：

| 期數 | 上 課 日 期 | 繳 費 時 間 | 涵 蓋 期 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 第一年九月份的首星期二 | 學費必須於上課前二個月內繳交。大致上，每學年的第一個學期在九月份的首星期二開始，第二個學期在十二月份的首星期二開始，第三個學期在四月份的首星期二開始。 | 每期學費涵蓋三個月的課程 |
| 2 | 第一年十二月份的首星期二 | | |
| 3 | 第一年四月份的首星期二 | | |
| 4 | 第二年九月份的首星期二 | | |
| 5 | 第二年十二月份的首星期二 | | |
| 6 | 第二年四月份的首星期二 | | |
| 7 | 第三年九月份的首星期二 | | |
| 8 | 第三年十二月份的首星期二 | | |
| 9 | 第三年四月份的首星期二 | | |
| 10 | 第四年九月份的首星期二 | | |
| 11 | 第四年十二月份的首星期二 | | |
| 12 | 第四年四月份的首星期二 | | |
| 13 | 第五年九月份的首星期二 | | |
| 14 | 第五年十二月份的首星期二 | | |
| 15 | 第五年四月份的首星期二 | | |

| 期數 | 上 課 日 期 | 繳 費 時 間 | 涵 蓋 期 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | 第六年九月份的首星期二 | | |
| 17 | 第六年十二月份的首星期二 | | |
| 18 | 第六年四月份的首星期二 | | |
| | 學位考試費 | 第六年十二月份 | 如果學生參加第六年八月份舉行的學位試 |
| | 學位證書費 | | |

## 3. 退款原則

a. 如果課程無法開辦或撤回，已收取的學費將全部退還。

b. 如果課程提前結束，所有已收取，但因提前結束而無法提供的課程的學費，將會在課程結束後一個月內退還。

c. 在特殊困難的情況下，如學生或學生的家人（父母，兄弟姊妹，配偶，子女）嚴重患病，傷殘，甚至死亡，根據困難的性質，學生可獲退還已繳交，但無法完成課程的學費。學生或可保留學費，延期學習。學生須對上述困難情況提供有效證明。

d. 獲准休學的學生無須繳交休學期間的學費。

## 惡劣天氣安排

由教育局宣佈有關停課安排，並不全適用於本學院，本學院的政策如下：

1. 當8號風球（或以上）懸掛、黑色暴雨警告信號生效或政府宣佈本港正處「極端情況」時，以下安排將適用於：

尚未開始的課堂和考試

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| 在上午7:00或以後仍然生效 | 上午課堂和考試（上午9:00－下午1:00）取消。 |
| 在中午12:00或以後仍然生效 | 下午課堂和考試（下午2:00－下午6:00）取消。 |
| 在下午4:00或以後仍然生效 | 夜間課堂和考試（下午7:00－下午9:00）取消。 |

已經開始的課堂和考試

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| 懸掛8號或以上颱風信號或「極端情況」現正生效 | 立即停課。考試將繼續進行，直至結束為止。 |
| 黑色暴雨警告現正生效 | 課堂和考試將繼續進行。戶外活動將被立即中止。學生應被帶到一個安全的地方，直至情況安全才可回家。 |

2. 當8號風球（或以上）、黑色暴雨警告信號或「極端情況」除下／取消，以下安排將適用：

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| 在上午7:00或以前除下 | 是日課堂及考試將如期舉行。 |
| 在中午12:00或以前除下 | 下午／夜間課堂及考試將如期舉行。 |
| 在下午4:00或以前除下 | 夜間課堂及考試將如期舉行。 |

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# History

The origin of Holy Spirit Seminary College of Theology and Philosophy dates back to the early foundation of the Regional Seminary for South China (1931-1964). The purpose of the foundation was the formation of local clergy for the South China District who could then serve in their local dioceses after their priestly ordination. The South China District comprised the dioceses of Shaoguan, Wuzhou, Guangzhou, Jiangmen, Jiaying, Shantou, Dingzhou, Xiamen, Fuzhou, Jianning, Funing, Beihai, Qingxian and Hong Kong.

However, in 1964, when the above dioceses were not sending any of their seminarians for formation, the Congregation of Propaganda Fide closed the Regional Seminary and transferred the premises to the Hong Kong Diocese, which in the same year on the same premises set up its diocesan seminary, naming it "Holy Spirit Seminary," thus implementing the directive of Vatican II that the formation of seminarians and priests should be localized.

In 1970, Holy Spirit Seminary College of Theology & Philosophy was established through the collaboration of the Hong Kong Diocese, the Macau Diocese, the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and the Salesians of Don Bosco. Then in 1985, the Order of the Franciscan Minors was invited to join them.

In order that the laity might have an opportunity to deepen and widen their knowledge of God, since they too can be effective instruments in building God's Kingdom, the Seminary College was opened to the laity in 1973.

The Theology and Philosophy Divisions of the Seminary College were affiliated to the Pontifical Urbaniana University of Rome in 1974 and 1976 respectively; thus making it possible for students taking theology and philosophy to obtain the degrees of Bachelor of Theology and Bachelor of Philosophy.

A further step was taken, when in 1989, in order to fulfil the desires and needs of the laity for a degree course in theology, the Seminary College was expanded with the opening of the Higher Institute of Religious Sciences, endorsed by the Faculty of Theology of the Pontifical Urbaniana University. Those who have completed the necessary requirements in this Institute will obtain the degree of Bachelor in Religious Sciences.

In 1994, with the consent of the Pontifical Urbaniana University, the Theology Division started a two-year programme leading to the degree of Licentiate in Theology (L.T.). This required upgrading the status of the Theology Division from that of affiliation to aggregation with respect to the Pontifical Urbaniana University. On March 6th, 1997, the Holy See's Congregation for Catholic Education upgraded the Theology Division, aggregating it to the Theology Faculty of the Pontifical Urbaniana University.

## Goals

Holy Spirit Seminary College of Theology and Philosophy is an academic centre consisting of three distinct entities: the Theology Division, the Philosophy Division and the Higher Institute of Religious Sciences. They offer programmes of studies in philosophy and theology. The primary goal of the Seminary College is the teaching of theology and philosophy to men preparing for the ordained ministry. In line with the newly developing needs of the local Church, a secondary goal is the teaching of theology and philosophy to dedicated men and women, religious and lay.

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| | Provincial Superior |
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| | Very Rev. Placid WONG, O.F.M. |
| | President |

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| | Secretary | Ms. Cecilia CHUI |
| Accounts Department | Clerk | Ms. Clara CHAN |

## 1. History

The Holy Spirit Seminary Library is a special library with emphasis on materials of theological, philosophical and religious nature. It serves as an information and resource center to support the theological education and training of priests, religious and the laity. The Library officially came into existence in August 1967. It included books from the Seminary in Tai Koo Lau as well as from the Regional Seminary Library which served the needs of the Holy Spirit Seminary. In 1971, the Library incorporated the books of the Catholic Center Library and extended its service to Holy Spirit Seminary College of Theology and Philosophy.

## 2. Development

With the increasing demand for theological education for the laity and great interest in the area of theology and religious studies, the Seminary College plays an important role in the Diocese of Hong Kong in developing theological education. With the development of the Seminary College, a postgraduate programme in theology was introduced in 1994. In line with the development of the postgraduate programme, the Library was automated and spatially extended. In 1997, the Dynix automated library system, a system used in the public libraries in Hong Kong, was installed. In 2014, with a view to upgrading our library system and improving the library services in this fast-changing world of technology, a new library system called "Aleph" was installed. This system enables users to have a faster and easier access to our Library's collections, the EIN consortium's collections and the Internet information world. The Library is now fully automated in the areas of cataloguing, circulation and public online catalogue.

The Holy Spirit Seminary Library has been renovated and extended to occupy also the first and second floors of the existing building, and providing a more spacious and comfortable environment for the users. The ground floor houses extensive collections in Chinese, the first floor contains the Western languages section, and the second floor houses periodicals of the current year.

The Library collections have been growing as a result of gifts, endowments and purchase using its subscription funds. In 1967, the collections contained 6,000 volumes in all, but now there is a Chinese section with about 33,000 volumes of books and a Western language collection with about 50,000 volumes. The Library subscribes to around 100 titles of periodicals in different languages.

In 2003, a Chinese database was created on the web to provide theological information in Chinese for Chinese Church communities all over the world.This webpage contains links to a collection of Chinese documents promulgated by the Popes and the Sacred Congregations of the Roman Curia. Users can also access the full text for a number of Chinese theological journals and reference books of our Library, and perform search via this webpage.

With the advent of computing and information technology, in 2014 our library service was further upgraded with the launch of an online union catalogue called "Easy Search". This web-based catalogue has greatly enhanced user accessibility to the library service, and enables our users to perform a number of essential tasks such as searching the materials, checking their circulation records, renewing and holding items, receiving pre-overdue and overdue e-mail notices etc. via the Internet.

In order to better serve our users in this digital world, our Library has been enhancing our electronic resources since 2005. We have currently subscribed to nine English (Cambridge Companions, Cambridge Books Online, Digital Loeb Classical Library, Ebook Central, Gale, iG Library, NetLibrary, Oxford Handbooks Online and Religion Online), three Chinese (Super Book City, iRead ebook and HyRead ebook) e-book collections, four e-journal collections (ATLAS PLUS, GALE (Religion, Social Science), GALE (Chinese Recorder) and Religion & Philosophy) and one e-theses collection (E-Theses of CUHK's Center of the Study of Religion and Chinese Society). These collections, comprising more than 92,000 titles, in the areas of religion, philosophy and culture, provide reference sources in addition to the existing "conventional" printed books to our users. Moreover, to enhance our web-based catalogue, we have begun to add the table of contents and the book cover images to some of our core materials.

## 3. Ecumenical Information Network (EIN)

Besides using the information resources in our Library, users can also access the largest theological library catalogue in Hong Kong by searching the union catalogue of the Ecumenical Information Network (EIN). This network was established in March 1995 in Hong Kong. It is a library automation project aimed at contributing to theological education and church unity by networking the Christian religious and theological libraries in Hong Kong. At present, there are five member libraries in the EIN:

- Alliance Bible Seminary Library

- China Graduate School of Theology Library

- Evangelical Seminary Library

- Holy Spirit Seminary Library

- Lutheran Theological Seminary Library

This cooperation facilitates the sharing of library and information resources among EIN member libraries. The EIN union catalogue enables users to search through collections of the participating libraries. The union catalogue includes about 975,300 records and is the largest Chinese theological library catalogue not only in Hong Kong, but also in the world.

## 4. Regulations

- Please keep quiet in the Library.

- Please do not make phone calls in the Library.

- After reading the materials, please put them on the "re-shelving carts". Do not put them back on the shelf.

- Please do not bring out any materials from the Library without checking out.

- Eating and drinking are prohibited in the Library.

## 5. Opening Hours

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mon-Fri | | 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m. |
| Mon-Fri | Lunch Break (Closed) | 1:00p.m.-2:00p.m. |
| Tue & Thu (Sep~Jun) | | 9:00a.m.-9:00p.m. |
| Sat | Full Day | 9:00a.m.-6:00p.m. |
| Sunday & Public Holiday | Full Day (Closed) | |

## 6. Librarians

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| Director | Rev. Peter CHOY |
| Assistant Director | Dr. LAM Suet Pik |
| Assistant Director | Mr. Sam CHOI |
| Assistant | Mr. CHEUNG Chun Lung |
| Assistant | Ms. Vincy YUNG |

## 1. Goals

a. The B.R.S. programme in the Higher Institute of Religious Sciences (H.I.R.S.) offers a systematic treatment of Catholic doctrine that draws from the Church's authentic interpretation of Revelation offered in its living Magisterium. It also treats of the necessary presuppositions of theology, including both the philosophical and the complementary social scientific ones, thereby promoting research on the responses to the questions of humankind from a theological perspective.

b. This programme of studies aims to promote the religious formation of the laity and of those in consecrated life in order that they might better participate in the task of evangelization of the secular world in which they live. It therefore helps to prepare candidates for the many diverse lay ministries and services to the Church, including teachers of religion for all school levels below the university level.

## 2. European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)

Since the Academic Year 2015-16, the Seminary College adopts European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) and uses ECTS credits to express the volume of learning of students. 1 ECTS credit corresponds to at least 25 hours of work, which includes 8 hours of lecture. This helps professors and students to objectively determine how much learning time each course needs.

## 3. Structure

The programme is a bachelor's degree course, which can be completed within 4 years for full-time students. However, it may be extended up to a maximum of 6 years (part-time students). The programme consists of ten main areas, which between them generate the 180 ECTS credits required for the successful completion of the Bachelor in Religious Sciences (B.R.S.). The programme structure is as follows:

| Area | Code | Course | ECTS Credit |
|------|------|--------|-------------|
| Sacred Scripture | RB101 | History of Biblical Times | 3 |
| | RB102 | Introduction to the Old Testament | 3 |
| | RB103 | Introduction to the New Testament | 3 |
| | RB207 | Pentateuch | 3 |
| | RB208 | Historical Books | 3 |
| | RB311A&B | Prophetical Books I&II | 6 |
| | RB415A | Psalms | 3 |
| | RB415B | Wisdom Literature | 3 |
| | RB209 | The Synoptic Gospels | 3 |
| | RB210 | The Acts of the Apostles | 3 |
| | RB313 | Pauline Letters: St. Paul's Early and Central Letters | 3 |
| | RB314 | Captivity and Pastoral Letters, Hebrews, Catholic Letters | 3 |
| | RB417 | Johannine Literature | 6 |
| Fundamental and Dogmatic Theology | RD101 | Introduction to Theology | 3 |
| | RD102A&B | Fundamental Theology I&II | 6 |
| | RD103 | Christian Anthropology | 3 |
| | RD204 | Grace | 3 |
| | RD205 | Christology | 6 |
| | RD306 | Ecclesiology | 6 |
| | RD408 | Eschatology | 3 |
| | RD409 | The Trinity | 3 |
| Liturgical & Sacramental Theology | RR101 | Introduction to Liturgy | 3 |
| | RR203 | Sacraments in General | 3 |
| | RR501 | Sacraments of Christian Initiation I: Baptism & Confirmation | 3 |
| | RR502 | Sacraments of Christian Initiation II: Eucharist | 3 |
| | RR503 | Sacraments of Penance and Anointing | 3 |
| Moral Theology | RM101 | Fundamental Moral Theology | 6 |
| | RM602 | Sexuality and Marriage | 3 |
| | RM303 | Social Ethics | 6 |
| | RM604A&B | Medical Ethics I&II | 6 |

| Area | Code | Course | ECTS |
|------|------|--------|------|
| History of Philosophy and Systematic Philosophy | RP601 | Ancient Greek & Medieval Philosophy | 3 |
| | RP602 | Modern & Contemporary Western Philosophy | 3 |
| | RP603 | Logic | 3 |
| | RP604 | Philosophical Ethics | 3 |
| | RP605 | Philosophical Anthropology | 3 |
| | RP606 | Metaphysics | 3 |
| | RP607 | Epistemology | 3 |
| Patristics and Church History | RH101 | Church History I | 3 |
| | RH203 | Church History II | 3 |
| | RH205 | A History of the Church in China | 3 |
| | RH301 | Patristics | 3 |
| Canon Law | RC601 | Introduction to Canon Law | 6 |
| | RC602 | Canon Law on Marriage | 3 |
| Pastoral Studies | PM101 | Lay Ministry | 3 |
| | PM103 | Collaborative Ministry | 3 |
| | PM104 | Introduction to Pastoral Theology | 3 |
| Spirituality | RS101 | Spirituality | 3 |
| Research Paper | AR601 | Annual Research Paper I | 6 |
| | AR602 | Annual Research Paper II | 6 |
| | | **Total:** | **180** |

## 4. Academic Year

a. The academic year is divided into three terms. The first term lasts from September until November, the second from December to March, and the third from April to June.

b. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on Saturdays from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. If needed, classes may also be arranged on other dates. Each class period is of 50 minutes' duration. 24 class periods are equivalent to 3 ECTS credits.

## 5. Entrance Requirements

a. Admission to the B.R.S. programme is open to all Catholics, lay or religious, who are marked by their moral conduct and who have the required qualifications; any exception to this norm will be made by the Admissions Committee set up by the Director of H.I.R.S.

b. The required qualifications are the following:

   i. All applicants must have obtained the qualifications for entry into a university in Hong Kong; and

   ii. A working knowledge of Chinese and English is required as teaching and assignments are done through the medium of these two languages.

c. Only students who enrol for the whole programme and sit for the final degree examinations are accepted. Audit students are not accepted.

## 6. General Requirements

a. Enrolment and Re-registration

   i. Students must enrol on the programme at the beginning of each year by completing the enrolment or registration process. For new students, this involves completing an enrolment form, paying the first installment of tuition fees and confirming courses on an allocated date and time during the enrolment period. For continuing students, it involves a re-registration procedure by paying the tuition fees and confirming the courses enrolled. Enrolment and re-registration is done online at the Seminary College website. It is the responsibility of students to ensure that they are registered for the correct courses.

   ii. Students who have not enrolled for the year will not receive any teaching and will not be able to access the services and facilities of the Seminary College.

   iii. A late registration fee will apply to students enrolling or registering after the deadline.

b. Student Card

Students will be issued with student cards by the Seminary College when they have enrolled on the programme. The student cards will be valid for the duration of the programme. A fee is charged for the replacement of lost cards.

c. Attendance and Punctuality

   i. The Seminary College requires a record to be kept of student attendance at all timetabled classes. Therefore, class prefects will circulate an attendance sheet and ask students to sign against their names. If more than 20% of the classes in one semester are missed for any reason, the student will not be allowed to sit for the examination of that course and thus will forfeits the credits for that course.

   ii. Students must check their email boxes and the College's notice board on a daily basis as timetables and events may be revised at short notices.

   iii. Students are required to hand in their assignments before the deadlines. If they fail to do so, they will be penalized or will have to retake the subject.

d. Notification of Absence

Students must keep their course professor and the Director of H.I.R.S. informed of the reason for any significant absences and, in the case of sickness, will normally be required to provide supporting evidence.

e. Adverse Weather Arrangement

Please read the guidelines for resumption/cancellation of classes in times of typhoons, rainstorms and extreme conditions in Appendix B.

f. Change of Personal Information

   i. Students must keep the Secretariat at the Seminary College informed of any changes to their student records: address (postal and email), telephone numbers (office, residential and mobile), and course suspension or withdrawal. They can check their current details on-line using 'My Details' during the course of the year and any errors in their records must be reported as the details of these records will be used to issue their Grade Reports, calculate their progresses and for any staff in the Seminary College to contact them.

   ii. For efficiency in correspondence, students are required to provide an accessible email address. Failure to do so may result in a breakdown of communication.

iii. Data Protection is taken very seriously in the Seminary College. We have to keep accurate and detailed information about you but this information is only disclosed to relevant authorities under specific circumstances.

g. Suspension of Study

If students want to suspend their studies, they must inform the Director of H.I.R.S. in writing and return their student cards. Students must advise the Director of H.I.R.S. of their intention to re-commence study no later than one month prior to the start of the academic year.

h. Termination of Registration

Students who for any reason decide to terminate their registration before the end of the academic session must give prior notice to the Director of H.I.R.S. and must return their student cards.

## 7. Guidelines on Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence

a. Position of the College

The College supports the use of generative AI (GenAI) and considers it a good source of inspiration. However, we want to emphasize that whatever students submit for assessment is supposed to be their own original work and they are accountable for their work. AI-generated content may be inaccurate, misleading or may contain copyrighted material. Students should use GenAI responsibly and wisely.

b. General advices for students in using GenAI

DOs

√ Understand the limitations of any AI system you are using

√ Master "Prompt Engineering" because the quality of output correlates with the quality of input

√ Use GenAI for brainstorming only

√ Check for factual accuracy of AI-generated content

√ Properly acknowledge any GenAI assistance in your work

DON'Ts

× Do NOT ask GenAI software to write your essays

× Do NOT rely on AI-generated content as the sole source of information

c. Whether students are allowed to use GenAI tools in completing their assignment depends on the nature and learning objectives of their courses. Please refer to the specific criteria for your assignments and ask your lecturers if in doubt.

d. Students who are found committing academic dishonesty will face disciplinary actions. These cases will be handled in accordance with the College's Student Disciplinary Procedures.

## 8. Annual Research Paper

a. The annual research paper is an exercise aimed at developing research and writing skills in selected theological, philosophical or pastoral areas. In the second and third years, students are required to write an annual research paper on a theological, philosophical or pastoral theme under the guidance of a professor.

b. The annual research paper should be written in English (length: about 15 A4-sized double-spaced typewritten pages). Permission may be given for a student to write in Chinese (length: about 6,000 characters) if the topic involves a lot of source materials in Chinese. But in that case, a student must also prepare a synopsis of the paper in English in about one-third of the length of the paper.

c. In order to fulfill one of the requirements for obtaining the Degree as specified in #9.b.iv, one of the Annual Research Papers may be presented in public for fifteen minutes. This is then followed by a discussion for another fifteen minutes with three professors acting as examiners.

## 9.  Requirements for obtaining the B.R.S. Degree

a.  On completing the courses, students will be given an annual report. Those who have obtained 180 ECTS credits may sit for the Degree or Final Comprehensive Examination that is both written and oral.  This examination leads to the Degree of Bachelor in Religious Sciences that is granted by the Faculty of Theology of Pontifical Urbaniana University.  The written examination scripts, which will be sent to the University, should be in English.

b.  The requirements for obtaining the B.R.S. Degree include the following:

i.  Candidates shall have obtained a grade in each major area (i.e. Sacred Scripture, Fundamental and Dogmatic Theology, Liturgical and Sacramental Theology, and Moral Theology) of not less than 70% and a grade in each minor area of not less than 60%;

ii.  They shall have taken a written examination for 5 to 6 hours and an oral examination for 60 minutes on the thesarium approved by the Faculty of Theology of Pontifical Urbaniana University;

iii.  They shall have obtained a grade in each of the above-mentioned examinations of not less than 60% and on average a total grade of not less than 70%;

iv.  Apart from sitting for the Degree or Final Comprehensive Examinations, they shall compose and present in public an annual research paper for fifteen minutes.  This is then followed by a discussion for another fifteen minutes with three professors acting as examiners.  In this paper, the students must demonstrate the capacity to formulate and present a logical argument on a theme, which is chosen from a list of theses prepared by the H.I.R.S.; and

v.  They shall pay the examination and diploma fees as prescribed by the H.I.R.S. and by the Pontifical Urbaniana University.

## 10.  Examinations, Standards and Course Exemption

a.  There are two general categories of assessment, namely, formal examination and assignments. The type of assessment given is determined by the course professor. Each course is an independent unit, for which the student receives a grade and the assigned number of credits. In giving the final grade, professors take into account of not only the formal examination but also the coursework assigned to the students, as well as their performance in class.

b.  Key to Grades

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| A+ | = | 97~100 | | |
| A | = | 94 ~ 96 | | |
| A– | = | 90 ~ 93 | | |
| B+ | = | 87 ~ 89 | | |
| B | = | 84 ~ 86 | | |
| B– | = | 80 ~ 83 | | |
| C+ | = | 77 ~ 79 | | |
| C | = | 74 ~ 76 | | |
| C– | = | 70 ~ 73 | | |
| D+ | = | 67 ~ 69 | | |
| D | = | 64 ~ 66 | | |
| D– | = | 60 ~ 63 | | |
| E | = | 40 ~ 59 | = | Conditional; second examination is required (Maximum score for second examination is C-) |
| F | = | 0 ~ 39 | = | Failure; the course has to be retaken |

c.  Students may be granted an exemption from specific courses based on prior study. Exemption will be given only if the content and standard of the course taken previously are equivalent to those of the H.I.R.S. Examples would be courses taken in other pontifical universities. There is a limit to the number of courses being exempted.

## 11. Student Disciplinary Procedures

Should there be complaints against a student on his or her integrity of doctrine and the probity of life, and with prima facie evidence submitted, the Director of H.I.R.S. will set up a sub-committee of two professors and with the Director as the convener to investigate the allegations. He would report the result of the investigation to the Bishop of Hong Kong and the H.I.R.S. Board. If the allegations are substantiated, the student may be warned or be suspended or even be removed from the H.I.R.S., depending on the severity of the case. The student may appeal to the Bishop of Hong Kong and finally to the Faculty of Theology of Pontifical Urbaniana University, the decision of which will be final.

## 12. Fees

a. Tuition Fee

    i. For full-time students who start taking the course in September 2024, the total tuition fee is HK$64,800, i.e. HK$16,200 per year or HK$1,400 per 3 ECTS credits. The fee is payable in twelve consecutive installments of HK$5,400 each (three installments each year).

    ii. For part-time students, the amount to be paid is based on the number of enrolled credits (HK$1,400 per 3 ECTS credits). However, the annual tuition fee to be paid for all students is capped at HK$16,200 per year. The adjustment will be made in the third term of each year (i.e. In the first and second terms, a student will pay according to the number of credits he/she has enrolled for. In the third term, if the amount to be paid exceeds the ceiling, he/she will only need to pay the balance). As a result, the total tuition fee for part-time students is not more than HK$84,000. The fee is payable in installments; three installments each year.

    iii. The tuition fee covers instruction, tutorials, workshops, examinations and access to the Seminary College's facilities, including the borrowing of books from the Library, but do not cover textbooks.

    iv. Tuition fee is subject to an annual review. For the payment schedule and refund policy, please see Appendix A.

b. The Seminary College does not charge any application fees upon application to the B.R.S. programme.

c. A student will pay a final examination fee of HK$800 and a diploma fee of HK$800 when he/she applies for the Final Comprehensive Examination held in August each year. Successful completion of this examination is a pre-requisite for the granting of the B.R.S. degree by Pontifical Urbaniana University. Please note that the diploma fee is sent to Pontifical Urbaniana University while the final examination fees paid to the Seminary College are solely used for the administration of the final comprehensive examination held in the Seminary College. If a student decides not to take the degree from Pontifical Urbaniana University, then he/she does not have to pay the diploma and final examination fees.

d. Fees should be paid in the form of a crossed cheque made payable to "Holy Spirit Seminary College of Theology and Philosophy".

e. Scholarships offered by the Laity Formation Fund of the Hong Kong Diocese may be awarded to lay people who wish to study in the Seminary College. Application forms can be downloaded from the website of the Diocese.

## 13. Enrolment Procedures

a. The H.I.R.S. usually accepts new applications starting from early April. Applicants should first download an application form from the website of the Seminary College. After filling in the form, they should send it to the Secretariat together with relevant documents (including two recommendation letters). The Secretariat will inform the applicants of the schedule for the admission interview. Only after the interview, when it has been determined that the applicant may be admitted, will the applicant be able to proceed with the registration.

b. Recommendation Letter: for clergy, seminarians and Religious, this is to be given by their own Ordinary, Hierarch or Superior, or by one person delegated by them; for all other people, one of which must be by some Church persons.

c. Enquiries and all correspondence concerning admission to the H.I.R.S. should be addressed to:

The Secretariat

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6 Welfare Road, Wong Chuk Hang, Aberdeen, Hong Kong.

Tel: (852) 2553 0265

Fax: (852) 2873 2720

Email: college@hsscol.org.hk

Please indicate "Apply for BRS Programme" on the envelope.

## 1 Payment Schedule (Full-time: for students who complete the programme in 4 years)

For full-time students, the payment schedule is as follows, assuming no increase in fees each year:

| Install-ment | Term | Time to Collect Tuition Fees | Amount | Period Covered |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1st Tuesday in Sep. of Yr. 1 | Within two months before the date specified in the previous column. Usually, the first term of the academic year begins on the 1st Tuesday of September & the second and third terms on the 1st Tuesday of December and on the 1st Tuesday of April respectively. | $ 5,400 | Each install-ment covers 3 months of the course. |
| 2 | 1st Tuesday in Dec. of Yr. 1 | | $ 5,400 | |
| 3 | 1st Tuesday in Apr. of Yr. 1 | | $ 5,400 | |
| 4 | 1st Tuesday in Sep. of Yr. 2 | | $ 5,400 | |
| 5 | 1st Tuesday in Dec. of Yr. 2 | | $ 5,400 | |
| 6 | 1st Tuesday in Apr. of Yr. 2 | | $ 5,400 | |
| 7 | 1st Tuesday in Sep. of Yr. 3 | | $ 5,400 | |
| 8 | 1st Tuesday in Dec. of Yr. 3 | | $ 5,400 | |
| 9 | 1st Tuesday in Apr. of Yr. 3 | | $ 5,400 | |
| 10 | 1st Tuesday in Sep. of Yr. 4 | | $ 5,400 | |
| 11 | 1st Tuesday in Dec. of Yr. 4 | | $ 5,400 | |
| 12 | 1st Tuesday in Apr. of Yr. 4 | | $ 5,400 | |
| | Final Examination Fee | December of Yr. 4 | $800 | If a student takes the final comprehen-sive exam. in August of Yr. 4. |
| | Diploma fee | | $800 | |

2.  Payment Schedule (Part-time: for students who complete the programme in 6 years)

For part-time students, the payment schedule is as follows:

| Install-ment | Term | Time to Collect Tuition Fees | Period Covered |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1st Tuesday in Sep. of Yr. 1 | Within two months before the date specified in the previous column. Usually, the first term of the academic year begins on the 1st Tuesday of September & the second and third terms on the 1st Tuesday of December and on the 1st Tuesday of April respectively. | Each install-ment covers 3 months of the course. |
| 2 | 1st Tuesday in Dec. of Yr. 1 | | |
| 3 | 1st Tuesday in Apr. of Yr. 1 | | |
| 4 | 1st Tuesday in Sep. of Yr. 2 | | |
| 5 | 1st Tuesday in Dec. of Yr. 2 | | |
| 6 | 1st Tuesday in Apr. of Yr. 2 | | |
| 7 | 1st Tuesday in Sep. of Yr. 3 | | |
| 8 | 1st Tuesday in Dec. of Yr. 3 | | |
| 9 | 1st Tuesday in Apr. of Yr. 3 | | |
| 10 | 1st Tuesday in Sep. of Yr. 4 | | |
| 11 | 1st Tuesday in Dec. of Yr. 4 | | |
| 12 | 1st Tuesday in Apr. of Yr. 4 | | |
| 13 | 1st Tuesday in Sep. of Yr. 5 | | |
| 14 | 1st Tuesday in Dec. of Yr. 5 | | |
| 15 | 1st Tuesday in Apr. of Yr. 5 | | |
| 16 | 1st Tuesday in Sep. of Yr. 6 | | |
| 17 | 1st Tuesday in Dec. of Yr. 6 | | |
| 18 | 1st Tuesday in Apr. of Yr. 6 | | |
| | Final Examination Fee | December of Yr 6 | If a student takes the final comprehen-sive exam. in August of Yr. 6. |
| | Diploma fee | | |

3.  Refund Policy

a.  All tuition fees will be fully refunded if the course is withdrawn or not offered.

b.  On premature cessation of the course, all fees and charges that have been collected in respect of any part of the course failing to be conducted on or after that date of the cessation will be refunded within one month of the premature cessation.

c.  In exceptional hardship cases such as serious illness, disability, death of the students or a close family member (parent, sibling, spouse or child), depending on the nature of the hardship, there will either be a refund of paid tuition fee covering the unattended part of the course or a transfer/defer of study to some other time. Valid proof should be provided by the students.

d.  Students who are granted leave of absence are not required to pay the tuition fees for the period concerned.

# Appendix: B

## Adverse Weather Arrangements

Public announcements on suspension of classes made by the Education Bureau may not be applicable to the Seminary College. Our policies are as follows:

1. When Typhoon Signal No. 8 (or above) is hoisted, the Black Rainstorm Signal or "Extreme Conditions" (announced by the Government) is in force, the following arrangements will apply:

   For classes and examinations that have NOT YET started

   | | |
   |---|---|
   | Hoisted or in force at or after 7:00 a.m. | Morning classes and examinations (9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.) will be cancelled. |
   | Hoisted or in force at or after 12:00 noon | Afternoon classes and examinations (2:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.) will be cancelled. |
   | Hoisted or in force at or after 4:00 p.m. | Evening classes and examinations (7:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.) will be cancelled. |

   For classes and examinations that have already STARTED

   | | |
   |---|---|
   | Typhoon Signal No.8 (or above) is hoisted or "Extreme Conditions" is in force | Classes will be suspended immediately. Examinations will continue until the end of the examination session. |
   | Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is hoisted | Classes and examinations will continue. Outdoor activities will be suspended immediately. Students should be taken to a safe place, and remain there until it is safe for them to return home. |

2. When Typhoon Signal No. 8 (or above), the Black Rainstorm Signal or "Extreme Conditions" is cancelled, the following arrangements will apply:

   | | |
   |---|---|
   | Cancelled at or before 7:00 a.m. | Classes and examinations will be held as scheduled. |
   | Cancelled at or before 12:00 noon | Afternoon / evening classes and examinations will be held as scheduled. |
   | Cancelled at or before 4:00 p.m. | Evening classes and examinations will be held as scheduled. |

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