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聖神修院神哲學院

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學生手冊 · Student Handbook

### 哲學課程

### Philosophy Programme



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## 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。

二零一一年三月，公教教育部頒佈文件，訂明公教大學哲學學士課程增至三年。由於本學院未具條件跟隨是項指引，哲學課程維持兩年，不頒學位，只頒由本學院發出的文憑。按上述公教教育部文件，兩年哲學足以為神學訓練提供所需的基礎。

## 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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## 學院行政人員

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哲學部	主任	周景勳神父
秘書處	行政秘書	陳綺芬小姐
	秘書	布佩儀小姐
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修社圖書館藏書，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，增至目前約有八萬一千八百冊；這包括了三萬二千五百冊中文圖書及四萬九千三百冊外文圖書。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八萬四千八百多項書籍及雜誌。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，現已載有約八十八萬七千七百冊的圖書資料。

#### 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

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. 鼓勵學生對生命的基本問題作有系統的反思，並留意自己在尋找有關答案時的能力和有限性。
- b. 給學生提供日常經驗和基督信仰之間，可以彼此理解溝通的橋樑。
- c. 培育有系統的和批判能力，為日後研習神學打好基礎。

#### 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

本課程為二年制文憑課程，分必修科和選修科。學生必須完成122.5個ECTS學分，其中包括：必修科112學分及選修科10.5學分。課程結構如下：

領域	編號	科目（必修）	ECTS 學分
哲學入門	PH101	哲學導論	3.5
	PH102	邏輯學	3.5
哲學論題	PH103	宇宙論	3.5
	PH104.1&2	哲學人類學（一）及（二）	7.0
	PH105.1&2	形上學（一）及（二）	7.0
	PH206.1&2	認知論（一）及（二）	7.0
	PH207	神的哲學	3.5
	PH209	中西宗教哲學與宗教交談	3.5
	PH109.1&2	倫理學（一）及（二）	7.0
	PH023	政治哲學	3.5

哲學歷史	PH111	古代希臘哲學史	3.5
	PH112	中古哲學史	3.5
	PH113	近代歐洲哲學史	3.5
	PH214.1&2	當代西方哲學史 (一) 及 (二)	7.0
	PH115	先秦哲學概論	3.5
	PH116	兩漢魏晉哲學	3.5
	PH217&218	宋明清理學 (一) 及 (二)	7.0
	PH219	現代中國思想家	3.5
	PH220	佛學	3.5
助修科目	PH032	論文寫作方法論	0.0
	PH038	聖經希臘文 (一)	3.5
	PH039	拉丁文 (一)	3.5
論文	PHP-I	哲學論文 (一)	7.0
	PHP-II	哲學論文 (二)	10.5

領域	編號	科目 (選修)	ECTS 學分
選修科	PH021	普通心理學	3.5
	PH022	社會學導論	3.5
	PH025	教育哲學	3.5
	PH026	老莊哲學	3.5
	PH028	傳媒文化研究：尋找電影中的耶穌	3.5
	PH030	四書研究	3.5
	PH033	中國哲學專題研究	3.5
	PH037	道教導論	3.5
	PH040	聖多瑪斯哲學思想探討	3.5

#### 4. 學年分配

- a. 學年始於九月初而終於次年五月底。第一和第二學期之間的假期約在聖誕至一月中。
- b. 每節授課時間50分鐘，每3.5個ECTS學分有28節課。每週授課四天，即週一、二、四、五，必要時也會安排於週三及週六早上上課。

#### 5. 入學資格

- a. 有良好品格及符合學歷要求的天主教徒，均可申請報讀本哲學課程。特殊情況將由校長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。

#### 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. 學生須每天查看他們的電子郵箱及學院告示板，以免錯過更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
- 學生缺席上學，必須通知有關科目的教授和哲學部主任，若是患病，學生通常要提供證據。
- e. 惡劣天氣安排
- 颱風及暴雨期間的上課指引，請參閱附錄甲。
- 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哲學部主任查詢，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哲學部主任商議。

- h. 退學

學生無論因任何原因，在學期結束前決定退學，須事先通知哲學部主任，並交回學生證。

## 7. 論文要求

學生每年須寫一篇研究論文。第一篇論文的篇幅約為：英文15頁雙間隙A4紙；中文一萬字。第二篇論文的篇幅約為：英文25頁雙間隙A4紙；中文一萬五千字。

## 8. 領受哲學文憑的條件

欲領受哲學文憑者，必須滿全下列條件：

- a. 須修畢所有必修科及部份選修科，並按規定完成兩篇研究論文；
- b. 成功取得122.5個ECTS學分；
- c. 每主科領域（哲學論題、哲學歷史和論文）的績分不得少於70分，每副科領域不得少於60分；
- d. 須通過畢業總考；總考包括一次筆試和一次口試。筆試歷時4小時30分鐘，口試則為45分鐘；及
- e. 總考筆試和口試的績分不得少於60分，總平均分不得少於70分。

## 9. 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。評核方式由各科教授自行決定，每一科是獨立單元，通過評核，學生可獲得該科的成績和學分。教授評分除根據考試成績外，亦會參考學生在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	
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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本院所提供的科目同等，例如是在其他宗座大學修讀的，本院有可能會批准豁免該學生修讀本院提供的對等科目。但是，科目豁免數量是有上限的。

## 10. 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，校長便會成立一個紀律委員會調查指控，委員會成員包括一位教授、哲學部主任和作為召集人的校長。校長會把調查結果報告給香港主教和本院校董會。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上訴，由主教作最終裁判。

## 11. 費用

- 全年港幣15,500元正或每3.5個ECTS學分港幣1,350元正(選讀生)，學院將每年檢討學費一次。
- 參加畢業總考的學生須繳交港幣800元考試費。
- 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」。
- 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，申請表格可於教區網站下載。

## 12. 退款原則

- 如果課程無法開辦或撤回，已收取的學費將全部退還。
- 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。
- 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。
- 獲准休學的學生無須繳交休學期間的學費。

## 13. 申請入學

- 本學院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：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。
- 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；其他人的推薦書須由神職或修道人填寫。

- c. 查詢及所有有關入讀聖神修院神哲學院的函件，可寄往以下地址：

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 電話：(852) 2553 0265  
 傳真：(852) 2873 2720  
 電郵：college@hsscol.org.hk

### 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：

- 當8號風球（或以上）或黑色暴雨警告信號懸掛時，以下安排將適用於：

尚未開始的課堂和考試

在上午7:00或以後懸掛	上午課堂和考試（上午9:00 - 下午1:00）取消。
在中午12:00或以後懸掛	下午課堂和考試（下午2:00 - 下午6:00）取消。
在下午4:00或以後懸掛	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

懸掛8號或以上颱風信號	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。

- 當8號風球（或以上）或黑色暴雨警告信號除下，以下安排將適用：

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

In March 2011, Congregation for Catholic Education issued a document, stating that the programme leading to the degree of Bachelor in Philosophy in Catholic institutions be extended to 3 years. Since the Seminary College has not got the required resources to follow this instruction, the philosophy programme remains two years. Instead of a degree, students who successfully complete the programme will obtain a diploma issued by the Seminary College. According to the aforesaid document by Congregation for Catholic Education, two years of philosophy is sufficient for providing a foundation for theology training.

## 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.

<b>Chancellor</b>	His Eminence Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim TAGLE Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples
<b>Vice-Chancellor</b>	His Excellency Archbishop Protase RUGAMBWA Secretary of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples
<b>Rector</b>	Prof. Leonardo SILEO
<b>Vice Rector</b>	Prof. Gaetano SABETTA
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<b>Dean</b>	Prof. Luca TUNINETTI Faculty of Philosophy
<b>Director</b>	Prof. Giuseppe IULIANO, S.X. Affiliated Institutes

<b>Governor</b>	His Eminence Cardinal Stephen CHOW, S.J. Bishop of Hong Kong
<b>Members</b>	Most Rev. Stephen LEE Bishop of Macau
	Very Rev. Stephen TONG, S.J. Provincial Superior
	Very Rev. Joseph NG, S.D.B. Provincial Superior
	Very Rev. Placid WONG, O.F.M. President

### Administrative Staff

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<b>President</b>		Rev. YIP Hing Wah
<b>Philosophy Division Director</b>		Rev. Edward CHAU
<b>Secretariat</b>	Executive Officer	Ms. Eunice CHAN
	Secretary	Ms. PO Pui Yi
<b>Accounts Department</b>	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 32,500 volumes of books and a Western language collection with about 49,300 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 84,800 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 887,700 records and is the largest Chinese theological library catalogue not only in Hong Kong, but also in the world.

### 4. Regulations

1. Please keep quiet in the Library.
2. Please do not make phone calls in the Library.
3. After reading the materials, please put them on the "re-shelving carts". Do not put them back on the shelf.
4. Please do not bring out any materials from the Library without checking out.
5. 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

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

- To stimulate the students to reflect in a systematic way on the fundamental questions of life and to be aware of their strengths and limitations in seeking answers to such questions.
- To provide a bridge of understanding between the student's everyday experience and his/her Christian faith.
- To cultivate a critical and systematic mind-set for the subsequent study of theology.

## 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 two-year diploma programme. To complete the programme, students should acquire 122.5 ECTS credits, including 112 credits from compulsory courses and 10.5 credits from elective courses.

The programme structure is as follows:

Area	Code	Course (Compulsory)	ECTS Credit
Introductory Courses	PH101	Introduction to Philosophy	3.5
	PH102	Logic	3.5
Systematic Philosophy	PH103	Philosophy of Nature	3.5
	PH104.1&2	Philosophical Anthropology I&II	7.0
	PH105.1&2	Philosophy of Being I&II	7.0
	PH206.1&2	Philosophy of Knowledge I&II	7.0
	PH207	Philosophy of God	3.5



	PH209	A Study of Western and Eastern Philosophies of Religion and Interreligious Dialogue	3.5
	PH109.1&2	Ethics I&II	7.0
	PH023	Political Philosophy	3.5
History of Philosophy	PH111	Ancient Greek Philosophy	3.5
	PH112	Medieval Philosophy	3.5
	PH113	Modern European Philosophy	3.5
	PH214.1&2	Contemporary Western Philosophy I&II	7.0
	PH115	Pre-Ch'in Confucianism and Taoism	3.5
	PH116	Philosophical Schools in the Han, Wei & Ch'in Dynasties	3.5
	PH217&218	Chinese Philosophy in the Sung, Ming and Ch'ing Dynasties I&II	7.0
	PH219	Contemporary Chinese Thinkers	3.5
	PH220	Buddhology	3.5
Subsidiary Courses	PH032	Methodology for Writing Research Papers	0.0
	PH038	Biblical Greek I	3.5
	PH039	Latin I	3.5
Research Paper	PHP-I	Research Paper I	7.0
	PHP-II	Research Paper II	10.5

Area	Code	Course (Elective)	ECTS Credit
Elective Courses	PH021	Introduction to Psychology	3.5
	PH022	Introduction to Sociology	3.5
	PH025	Philosophy of Education	3.5
	PH026	The Philosophy of Lao-Chuang	3.5
	PH028	Media Studies: In Search of Jesus in Cinema	3.5
	PH030	The Four Books	3.5
	PH033	Selected Topics in Chinese Philosophy	3.5
	PH037	Taoist Studies	3.5
	PH040	The Study of St. Thomas Aquinas's Philosophy	3.5

#### 4. Academic Year

- a. The academic year lasts from the beginning of September until the end of May. The break between the semesters is from Christmas to mid-January.
- b. Class periods are of 50 minutes' duration. 28 class periods are equivalent to 3.5 ECTS credits. Classes are held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. If needed, classes may also be arranged on Wednesdays and Saturdays' mornings.

#### 5. Entrance Requirements

- a. Admission to the Phil. 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 Seminary College President.
- b. The required qualifications are the following:
  - i. All applicants must have obtained the qualifications for entry into a university in Hong Kong or equivalent; and
  - ii. A working knowledge of Chinese and English is required as teaching and assignments are done through the medium of these two languages.

#### 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 forfeit the credits for that course.
  - ii. Students must check their email accounts 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 professors and Director of Philosophy Division 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 and rainstorms in Appendix A.

- 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 Philosophy Division in writing and return their student cards. Students must advise the Director of Philosophy Division 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 year must give prior notice to the Director of Philosophy Division and must return their student cards.

## 7. Term Paper Requirements

Each year a student must write one research paper. The length of the first research paper should be about 15 A4-sized double-spaced typewritten pages (in English) or about 10,000 characters (in Chinese) and the length of the second paper should be about 25 A4-sized double-spaced typewritten pages (in English) or about 15,000 characters (in Chinese).

## 8. Requirements for obtaining the Diploma of Philosophy

To obtain the Diploma of Philosophy, candidates shall fulfill the following requirements:

- a. They shall have successfully obtained a minimum of 122.5 ECTS credits in all compulsory courses and some elective courses;
- b. Completion of two research papers as required;
- c. They shall have obtained a grade in each major area (i.e. Systematic Philosophy, History of Philosophy and Research Paper) of not less than 70% and a grade in each minor area of not less than 60%;
- d. They shall have undertaken a comprehensive examination which includes a written examination for 4.5 hours and an oral examination for 45 minutes; and
- e. 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%.

## 9. Examination, 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 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 Seminary College. Examples would be courses taken in other pontifical universities. There is a limit to the number of courses being exempted.

## 10. 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 Seminary College President will set up a sub-committee of three

members: one professor, the Director of Philosophy Division and the President (as the convener), to investigate the allegations. He would report the result of the investigation to the Bishop of Hong Kong and the Seminary College Board. If the allegations are substantiated, the student may be warned or be suspended or even be removed from the Seminary College, depending on the severity of the case. The student may appeal to the Bishop of Hong Kong, whose decision will be final.

## 11. Fees

- a. The tuition fee is HK\$15,500 per year or HK\$1,350 per 3.5 ECTS credits (for part-time students). Tuition fee is subject to an annual review.
- b. Fees for the comprehensive examination: HK\$800.
- c. Fees should be paid in the form of a crossed cheque made payable to "Holy Spirit Seminary College of Theology and Philosophy".
- d. 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.

## 12. 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.

## 13. Enrolment Procedures

- a. The Seminary College 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 a letter of recommendation). 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, by some Church persons.
- c. Enquiries and all correspondences concerning admission to Holy Spirit Seminary College of Theology and Philosophy should be addressed to:

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

Tel: (852) 2553 0265

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## 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) or the Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is hoisted, 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	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) or the Black Rainstorm Warning Signal 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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