



### Admissions

The IHU operates on a rolling admissions basis. This means that candidates apply for and are admitted to our programmes all year round. We suggest, however, that you **apply as early as possible** to ensure a quick response and place availability. To be considered for a Master’s programme, candidates are required to have:

- ▶ A good university degree from a recognised University
- ▶ An English language certificate with a good score (IELTS or TOEFL or Proficiency)

### Target audience

The Master in Orthodox Ecumenical Theology is addressed to English-speaking theologians, and graduates of relevant disciplines, who wish to acquire or broaden their specialization through a high level instruction aiming at an effective application of the foundational doctrine of Christianity, especially the Orthodox (Biblical, Liturgical, Patristic) to our secular and multi-religious and multi-cultural context. Eligible for registration are holders of any under-graduate diploma from accredited higher education institutions.

### Career path

The Master in Orthodox Ecumenical Theology offers a critical and multifarious study of Christianity, from the traditional focus of the Christian Faith to its witness to present day realities. The obtained skills that the graduates develop will allow them to work in Educational Institutions and Academies, concentrating on classical Christian Theology, to contemporary contextual missionary witness and Church administration. Concentrating on Ancient Macedonia or Greece, Archaeological Departments, Research Institutes, Museums, etc.

### The University

The **International Hellenic University (IHU)** is the only Greek **public** University where programmes are taught **exclusively in English**. It is located in Thessaloniki, a vibrant student metropolis.

We are focused on attracting leading academics and outstanding students from Europe and across the world. The IHU offers **full-scholarships** to exceptional prospective students.

### Where to find us

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# Master in Orthodox Ecumenical Theology

## The Programme

The **Master Program in Orthodox Ecumenical Theology (MOET)**, is an inter-Orthodox, inter-jurisdictional and ecumenical initiative, aiming at applying the invaluable theological legacy of the Orthodox Christianity to the needs of the present, following all international standards of excellence and the critical study pursued in modern academic scholarship.

## Aims and Objectives

- ▶ Provide research and education in foundational Orthodox theology that meet the needs of the Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century in local, inter-Christian, and inter-Faith environment. Though it primarily refers to Orthodox theology in its Ecumenical perspective, it also applies to all Christian theologies designated as “orthodox” not in a confessional sense, the term “ecumenical” referring to the universal, catholic, ecumenical dimension of the Christian faith.
- ▶ Enhance understanding of the ecumenical, socio-economic, ecological and gender issues facing the Churches and society today, through teaching and research of the highest academic standard.
- ▶ Create an international, multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and diverse student and faculty community to foster greater understanding between cultures, nations, and Church traditions.



## Programme Structure

### The Core Courses

#### First Semester

- ▶ Introductory course
- ▶ Liturgical Theology
- ▶ Patristic and Systematic Theology
- ▶ Church History and Theology
- ▶ Missiology

#### Second Semester

- ▶ Biblical Theology
- ▶ Ecumenical Theology (Inter-Christian & Orthodox Relations)
- ▶ Ecology & Inter-Faith Dialogue

### The Elective Courses

During the second semester, students should choose three courses from one of the following streams and one course from the rest of the two streams, according to their interests and their current and future career orientation:

#### (a) Foundational Orthodox Theology

- ▶ Biblical Hermeneutics and Social Studies
- ▶ Pauline Theology in Early & Contemporary Christianity
- ▶ Emotion, Body & the Senses in Orthodox Liturgy
- ▶ Oriental Orthodox Churches: History and Spiritual Life

#### (b) Systematic, Ecclesiology and Missiology

- ▶ Contemporary Orthodox Missions and Theology
- ▶ Patristics and Orthodox Mission
- ▶ Christian Social Ethics
- ▶ The Church's Structure: A Sociological Approach

#### (c) Ecumenical, Inter-cultural and Environmental Studies

- ▶ Modern Orthodox Ecumenical Figures
- ▶ Orthodox Feminist Hermeneutics
- ▶ Scientific and Bioethical Issues in Orthodox Theology
- ▶ 20<sup>th</sup> c. Orthodox Theology & its Conversation with West

### Schedule

The Master in Orthodox Ecumenical Theology is a **14 month** program of study comprised of three parts over three semesters. It is taught exclusively in English, mainly on weekdays, early in the afternoon. In special occasions also electronically from renowned scholars from abroad.

### The Dissertation

During the third semester, students submit their Dissertation, an individual project on a subject relating to their studies and career. The topic is chosen by the student with input and advice from a faculty member, who acts as supervisor, working closely with the student. The dissertation is an individual 10,000 - word paper of original scientific work, which upon completion is submitted for examination and approval by a three-member committee chaired by the student's supervisor.

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