3rd Semester

THEO.231

Canon Law

Metropolitan Krinis Cyril

The relations between Law and Theology are emphasised, the meaning and nature of Canon Law as part of Theological Science are defined, as well as primary and secondary sources. The hierarchical organisation of the Church and the distinction among its members, the organs of ecclesiastical authority and episcopal polity, and the topic of Church-State relations are approached. Additionally, the Charters of the Orthodox Churches and the modern Constitutional Legislation of the Orthodox Church of Cyprus are examined in the course.

THEO.208

Patristic Studies II

Arcim. Nikolaos Ioannides

As a continuation of the course THEO.108, students are taught the introductory problems in the study of the Fathers and ecclesiastical writers (9th-15th centuries) and the methodological conditions for understanding the patristic theology of the period. The course examines the historical-grammatological research of the life and writings of post-9th century authors. Students also examine the history and writings of post-9th century Fathers and Ecclesiastical writers. They are also taught the theological analysis of each of the ecclesiastical writers and their individual work, with an in-depth study of the theology of objections (M. Photios etc.) and quietist theology (St. Gregory Palamas and his disciples).

THEO.218

History of Dogmas

Metropolitan of Constantia Vasilios

The course focuses on the different character of the history of Church Dogmas, as related to the Revelation in the person of Christ, in reference to the history of human thought. It explains the development and formulation of dogmas through the synodal writings of the Church, demonstrates the history of dogmas over the centuries, and emphasises its close relationship with ecclesiastical experience. It presents the Church's struggles to formulate dogmas and preserve truth and traces the dogmatic evolution in the West until the Reformation.

THEO.204

Hagiology

Archim. Nikolaos Ioannides

This course deals with the classification of hagiological texts and familiarises the students with basic hagiological terminology and sources. Students are acquainted with the most important authors of hagiological texts and the main milestones of hagiology in the

Byzantine and post-Byzantine period. There are references to the Holy Martyrs, the honour of the holy relics, the Virgin Mary, and the choirs of the Saints. It also explains the canonisation process in both the Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church.

THEO.240

Ancient Greek II

Maria Pavlou

The course aims at completing the introduction of the students (which started with THEO.141) to basic grammatical and syntactic structures and vocabulary of ancient Greek, providing them with an overview of the most important grammatico-syntactic phenomena. In addition, it aims at enabling students to approach, with the help of a dictionary and other reference books, basic sources of theology, such as the OT translation, the New Testament, the Patristic texts, etc.

THEO.243

Foreign Language, English III

Karolina Lamprou

As a continuation of the course THEO.144, students practise the use of the basic terminology of theology as it is communicated in English and the formulation of reasoning and arguments in the production of written and oral discourse. They learn how to identify textual genres relevant to the discipline of theology in English. Students are instructed in compiling and updating a lexicographical database according to their academic needs.

THEO.278

Byzantine Music – Execution

Dimitris Ierodiakonou

This course is an introduction to the world of Byzantine Music and Chanting, the Byzantine music notation, and the way of writing and reading Byzantine Music. The students learn the musical performance and interpretation of ecclesiastical hymns as they are chanted in basic worship services.

4th Semester

THEO.281

General Church History II

Chrysovalantis Kyriacou

As a continuation of the course THEO.181, the period beginning from the Justinian era is examined, specifically the Iconoclasm, the Restoration of the Icons, the Schism of the Churches, the Christianisation of the Slavs, the last Schism of the Churches of the East and West. This course also examines the heresies, the relations between the Churches of the East and West, the history of the Church during the Latin occupation, the Quietist controversy in the East, and the spiritual life of the Church of the East.

THEO.262

Liturgical Year - Theology of Worship

Archim. Gregorios Ioannides

This course is an introduction to the basic theological concepts and the methodological study of its sources. It also examines the liturgical year and the celebrations as aspects of Church experience. The key historical and theological milestones in the development of Liturgy are studied: Sunday - Easter, cycle Moveable or Immovable feasts, feasts of Christ, the Virgin Mary and the Saints.

THEO.201

Philosophy

Ioannis Mpekos

Through an introduction to the basic concepts and fundamental problems of Philosophy, students are acquainted with the major branches of Philosophy (Ontology, Anthropology, Ethics, Political Philosophy). The influences of Ancient Greek Philosophy on modern trends are identified and the methodological schemes of the various philosophical trends are examined. At the same time, it is aimed that students learn to enhance their critical and creative thinking skills.

THEO.221

Old Testament Hermeneutics I

Athanasios Paparnakis

With THEO.121 as a prerequisite, students are introduced to the basic principles of hermeneutics as a discipline and to the interpretation of selected prophetic books of the Old Testament, approached through modern methods of Bible interpretation. The particular interpretative and theological problems of the books under consideration are identified and their solution is attempted to be found, with the contribution of the opinions of ecclesiastical fathers and writers and the findings of modern scientific research.

THEO.241

Ancient Greek Language III

Maria Pavlou

The course aims to explore more complex syntactic phenomena of the ancient Greek language, such as the use of subjunctive, optative, and imperative moods in direct and indirect speech. It also aims to cultivate the linguistic skills students need for being able to understand in greater depth and more effectively complex ecclesiastical texts in the original language. The approach to grammatico-syntactic phenomena is achieved through the literary and linguistic analysis of texts of the Three Hierarchs.

THEO.210

Psychological Theories of Personality

Maria Petridou

Theories, research methods and assessment tools of personality psychology are examined. The development, structure, and divergent characteristics of personality, as well as the processes that result in personality change, are investigated, while a critical approach to the subjective areas of human psychology is attempted. Students become able to apply various personality assessment techniques on their own personality.