

Master's Degree / **KNOWLEDGE, ART AND INTERIORITY**

Aim

To provide students with conceptual tools and concrete artistic and intellectual experiences able to bring them to delve deeper into the complexity and beauty of the conscious human experience.

Structure

- **4 teaching Modules**

The program consists of one compulsory module and three optional modules structured around eighteen thematic blocks (program overview attached below).

- **18 thematic blocks**

The topics covered are in this order: know thyself, love, grace, humility, silence, word, community, forgiveness, fulfilment, suffering, freedom, truth, prayer, joy, meaning, justice, innocence and solitude. Each thematic block is taught over a weekend. A non-mandatory seminar designed to guide students in writing the master thesis is offered on Friday evenings.

- **5 distinctive perspectives**

Each thematic block combines five distinct perspectives: literary, biblical, fine arts, theological and musical. These five approaches are presented on an equal footing conceptually and practically (they have the same number of classroom hours). The program is offered at the monastery premises but it is non-confessional in scope. The Bible and the theology are not expected to provide the answers to the questions raised by the literature, the fine arts or the music, but to participate with them in a common quest. Students are thus invited to participate, beyond all disciplinary boundaries, in a true dialogue of the spirit that will enable them to critically analyze some of the basic dimensions of our common humanity.

Methodology

Students will be exposed to carefully selected examples from the universal literature, biblical passages, fine arts, theological writings and musical compositions. The selected works will be analyzed in depth during the lectures and critically engaged during the small group discussions. At the end of each thematic block, students will have been exposed to five very distinctive outstanding examples of how the human spirit and the human creativity have dealt with the topic at hand, each one of them coming from one of the five different perspectives. A one-hour long interdisciplinary plenum will take place at the end of each thematic block. At least two professors from two different perspectives will be present at each concluding plenum.

Master Thesis

For the master thesis, students are required to combine two perspectives of the five presented to them: one from literature, fine arts or music; the other from Bible or theology.

Academic requirements for admission

All bachelor graduates are welcomed. The program is particularly well-suited for bachelors in the humanities, philosophy, theology, history of art, music and literature, and also for those in pedagogy, teaching and communication.

Length of the program

120 ECTS are needed to graduate.

Location

Monestir de Sant Benet de Montserrat near Barcelona (Spain).

Auditing students

Students can enroll as full master students or as auditors.

On-Line Learning

The lectures will be streamed live and available as video to all registered students.

Lecture period

The classes run yearly from October to June, once a month, from Friday evening to Sunday evening. The attendance to the seminar on Friday evenings is non-mandatory.

Teaching language

The teaching language is English; the videos of the classes will be subtitled into Catalan and Spanish.

	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR
	2020-21	2021-22
<i>october</i>	23-25/X KNOW THYSELF	22-24/X SUFFERING
<i>november</i>	20-22/XI LOVE	19-21/XI FREEDOM
<i>december</i>	18-20/XII GRACE	17-19/XII TRUTH
<i>january</i>	22-24/I HUMILITY	21-23/I PRAYER
<i>february</i>	26-28/II SILENCE	18-20/II JOY
<i>march</i>	19-21/III WORD	18-20/III MEANING
<i>april</i>	16-18/IV COMMUNITY	29/IV-01/V JUSTICE
<i>may</i>	14-16/V FORGIVENESS	20-22/V INNOCENCE
<i>june</i>	18-20/VI FULFILMENT	17-19/VI SOLITUDE

1 COMPULSORY MODULE

KNOW THYSELF / SUFFERING - **SILENCE / JOY** - **FULFILMENT / SOLITUDE**

3 OPTIONAL MODULES

LOVE / FREEDOM - **FORGIVENESS / INNOCENCE**

GRACE / TRUTH - COMMUNITY / JUSTICE

HUMILITY / PRAYER - **WORD / MEANING**