

**INSTITUT  
DE THÉOLOGIE ORTHODOXE  
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***Letter from the Dean***

The St. Sergius Orthodox Theological Institute is preparing for the new academic year 2018-2019. It intends to continue its theological teaching and to remain faithful to its vocation by responding to the spiritual expectations of the contemporary world.

Placed by Providence in the heart of Western Europe in the secular environment of post-modernity, our Institute, with its unique history and what rapidly became its secular experience, has a unique vocation in the Church. It is the result of both a high fidelity to the Orthodox tradition and a free and creative theological commitment to the spirit of the Fathers and ecumenical openness; its fidelity and commitment, asserted by those who founded it, have been pursued by those who teach it today. The faculty has just been renewed by the election of 5 new guest teachers.

By welcoming students not only from France but also from all over the world, our Institute testifies to the ecclesial meaning of communion and unity and ensures the transmission of the legacy it has received.

In this perspective, it proposes an updated, diversified education, necessary for the theological formation of priests and lay people called to work for the Church in today's world, but also open to all those who are hungry and thirsty for a strong theological and spiritual nurturing.

Considering that this commitment is also a responsibility for which training is needed, we invite all those who feel concerned to take advantage of the training that our Institute offers them in a broader and renewed framework:

1 ° a university studies course following the European model LMD: Level License - Master - Doctorate:

**Bachelor level**

Prepared after the Baccalaureate, this cycle, spread over 3 years, is organized in 6 semesters of 10 courses each. Registration at the Bachelor's level is based on an entrance examination. A Bachelor's Degree in Orthodox Theology is delivered at the end of this cycle: this includes compulsory active attendance of classes, personal work, writing assignments given by the teachers passing all the exams (written and oral) corresponding to the subjects taught. The Institute also offers the possibility of obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Distance Theological Education (ETD, see below).

Free listeners are allowed in the different classes.

**Master level**

Prepared in 2 years (Master 1 and Master 2) after the BA cycle, this cycle is organized consisting in 3 semesters of 5 courses and 1 last semester consisting in 3 courses. The first year constitutes a deepening of the disciplinary contents, while the second year is oriented

towards research and concludes with the writing of a thesis presented in a public viva. At the end of this cycle of study and after the viva of the thesis a Master's Degree in Orthodox theology is awarded.

#### PhD level

Registration for the doctoral level is legal for any student holding a Master's degree in Orthodox Theology from I.T.O. (or an equivalent degree obtained in a Faculty of Theology with which the I.T.O. has agreements) and having obtained the mention Summa cum laude or Magna Cum Laude.

Prepared in 3 years, the doctorate is awarded with a Doctorate degree in Orthodox theology for the Orthodox or Level Doctorate in religious science for the non-Orthodox.

2 ° two courses of long-distance learning :

#### The Theological Distance Education (E.T.D.)

Distance learning is divided into 3 levels of 12 subjects each. Each subject, including a training with a booklet and a bibliography, is assessed by the writing of a written work and by an oral examination.

The BA degree in Orthodox theology crowns all 3 degrees of this cycle.

#### Correspondence Theological Training (F.T.C.)

This lightened training is intended for all those who wish to know and deepen orthodox theology and pastoral care. Each subject, including a training from a booklet and a bibliography, is sanctioned by passing an oral examination.

The Correspondence Theological Education Diploma crowns all 3 degrees of this cycle.

The two courses of long-distance study also exist in Russian language: see on the website of the Institute [www.saint-serge.net](http://www.saint-serge.net).

There is also a project to launch distance learning in the English language.

If you wish to register for one or other of these courses, you are invited to send an email to [ito@saint-serge.net](mailto:ito@saint-serge.net) and ETD / FTC to [ftc@saint-serge.net](mailto:ftc@saint-serge.net).

For further information you can download the ITO booklet and ETD / FTC on the website of the Institute [www.saint-serge.net](http://www.saint-serge.net).

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