



Information on Course Enrolment

for students of the English Protestant Theology Programme, who began their studies in 2024/25

Outlook for the 3rd year of study – Academic Year 2026/27

Compulsory courses for the 3rd year will be registered for students by the Study Department; students therefore do not need to arrange registration for these courses themselves.

Students themselves only need to enrol in **elective** and **optional courses**.

Elective courses comprise courses in these groups:

- **Old Testament** (4 ECTS credits are required, corresponding to the completion of 2 elective courses)
- **New Testament** (4 ECTS required = completion of 2 elective courses)
- **Church History** (2 ECTS required = completion of 1 elective course)
- **Systematic Theology** (2 ECTS required = completion of 1 elective course)
- **Theological Ethics** (2 ECTS required = completion of 1 elective course)
- **Practical Theology** (2 ECTS required = completion of 1 elective course)
- **Philosophy** (2 ECTS required = completion of 1 elective course)
- **Religious Studies** (2 ECTS required = completion of 1 elective course)

What needs to be enrolled by students themselves at the start of each study period (year), are also

- **Comprehensive examinations** (18 ECTS credits are required, corresponding to the completion of 6 examinations, each worth 3 ECTS credits).

Comprehensive Examinations

During the entire study and before the final state exam, students must pass **six examinations** out of eight disciplines: Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Systematic Theology, Theological Ethics, Practical Theology, Philosophy, and Religious Studies.

A prerequisite for taking a comprehensive examination is the completion of the compulsory and elective courses in the relevant discipline (i.e. seminar and one or two elective courses).

The two disciplines not covered by the comprehensive examinations — the discipline of the bachelor's thesis and one other discipline chosen by the student — will then be examined as part of the final state examination. One of these disciplines must be selected from the following: Old Testament, New Testament, or Systematic Theology.

It is recommended that students take some of the comprehensive examinations already at the end of the second year.

Students can find the examination descriptions and required reading in SIS under the relevant examination code (for example, RETA6100 Practical Theology First Comprehensive Examination).

Students register for examinations in advance through SIS, where they can find the current examination dates at the beginning of the examination period. Examination periods are held three times a year: in June, in September, and between the winter and summer semesters, i.e. in January/February.

N.B.: It is recommended to choose first both disciplines for the final examination and pass the comprehensive examination in the remaining disciplines. It is not possible to pass the final state exam in a discipline, in which a student already passed the comprehensive examination.

In case of any difficulties registering for the examination, the student should contact the Study Department: Ms Jana Nováková, novakova@etf.cuni.cz.

Optional courses

Over the course of their studies, students must earn **20 ECTS credits from optional courses**, which broaden the compulsory theoretical foundation according to the student's interests.

Students may register for any courses taught at the Protestant Theological Faculty, or at other faculties.

If students register for a course from the elective course offer beyond the required number of elective courses, that course will also count as an optional course.

Bachelor's thesis

The bachelor's thesis must be registered no later than the end of **November 2026**.

Students should first contact the teacher they have chosen with a proposed thesis topic and agree with them on thesis supervision.

The topic must fall within, or be related to, one of the areas covered by the study programme Protestant theology.

The teacher registers the thesis title, keywords, and a brief abstract in SIS.

The final state examination (SZZ)

The final state examination (SZZ) is taken at the end of the degree programme, after the student has obtained all 180 ECTS credits for compulsory courses (112 ECTS), elective courses (38 ECTS), optional courses (20 ECTS), and the bachelor's thesis (10 ECTS). It consists of three parts:

1. An oral examination in one of the following disciplines: Old Testament, New Testament, or Systematic Theology. If any of these is the discipline of the bachelor's thesis, the student may also choose from the following disciplines: Church History, Theological Ethics, Practical Theology, Philosophy, or Religious Studies.
2. An oral examination in the discipline of the bachelor's thesis.
3. Defence of the bachelor's thesis.

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