Charles University, Protestant Theological Faculty
Courses in English in the academic year 2025-2026
Summer Semester 2026
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Bc – Bachelor level
MA – Master Level

Courses intended for all students

Czech for Pre-Intermediate Students - RET9536 (Bc /MA)
2 hours/week, 4 credits,

Choir singing - RP5600 (Bc/MA)
Every week, Teacher: Eva Křížová

Courses recommended for students of Theology

History of Ancient Israel and its Religion - RETA1003 (Bc /MA)
2 hours/week, 2 credits, Teacher: Filip Čapek
The subject of the course is the history of the religion of ancient Israel. The main emphasis is placed on studying the contemporary political contexts which provide the essential background for an understanding of particular religious concepts and ideas, their formation and development. Special attention is paid to religions in neighbouring cultures, since these contribute substantially to the religion of ancient Israel as such.

New Testament Greek Basic Course - RETA9200 (Bc)
100 hours/semester, 8 credits, Teacher: Lucie Kopecká
This course and its follow-up subjects focus on the study of Greek common language (koine), the language of the New Testament. The teaching includes grammatical explications of a part of the morphology and syntax of common Greek and their practicing on adequately difficult training sentences, selected mainly from the text of the New Testament. After completing the course, the student is able to read and write Greek text, analyze and translate simple Greek sentences, some types of compound and complex sentences and shorter texts and can work properly with dictionaries.

New Testament Greek - RETA9201 (Bc/MA)
2 hours/week, 5 credits, Teacher: Lucie Kopecká
This subject is directly connected to the New Testament Greek – Basic Course. It includes grammatical explanations of further parts of Greek morphology and syntax and exercises on adequately difficult practice sentences selected from the New Testament. Based on mastering the grammar and vocabulary, the student is able to translate the New Testament from the original, which is a prerequisite for subsequent study of the New Testament theology.

Biblical Hebrew - RETA9301 It is possible to enroll in the course for only one semester. (Bc /MA)
2 hours/week, 2 credits/semestr, Teachers: Martin Prudký, Petr Sláma, Jan Rückl
A practical class lasting two semesters, each session lasting two hours. Its aim is for students to acquire linguistic competence in independent reading, translation, and grammatical analysis of Hebrew texts from the Old Testament of medium difficulty. The course follows on directly from the intensive course in Biblical Hebrew.

Introduction to the Old Testament Studies – RETA1001 (Bc)
2 hours/week, 5 credits, Teachers: Martin Prudký, Petr Sláma, Jan Rückl
A two-semester series of lectures aimed at providing (a) a factual knowledge of the biblical texts (the Old Testament including the deuterocanonical books), (b) a basic knowledge of the Bible, its forms and constituent parts (the books and groups of books), and their literary and factual characteristics, and (c) an understanding of the basic issues relating to biblical studies, especially how Scripture has been read, used, and interpreted in the Christian tradition.

Introduction to the New Testament Studies - RETA2001 (Bc)
2 hours/week, 5 credits, Teacher: Jan Roskovec
The course has the form of lectures over two semesters in the first year of study. It introduces the students into critical study of the New Testament, providing them with basic information about the structure, content and literary characteristics of the particular writings. Simultaneous individual reading of the respective writings is expected, acquired findings are discussed. The course is an initial prerequisite for further courses in New Testament studies. It is aimed at acquiring a working knowledge of the New Testament writings, basic orientation in its texts, their types, literary forms and contents.

How to Study, Read and Write - RETA9801 (Bc /MA)
2 hours/week, 4 credits, Teachers: Jan Roskovec, Jan Kranát
The aim of the course is to introduce methods of writing academic work. The students should be able to write and publish their papers and theses. The course is based on explanation of the Humboldt ideal of University, principles of both classical and modern hermeneutics (Schleiermacher, Gadamer, Ricoeur) and elements of interpretation of texts and writing scientific articles. Special attention is paid to computer typography.

How to Study, Read and Write Bible and History - RET10427 (Bc /MA)

2 hours/week, 2 credits, Teacher: Jan Dušek

Our objective is to scrutinize the Old Testament texts which concern the period of the Iron Age in the light of the North-West Semitic epigraphic sources. We will study selected inscriptions written in Aramaic and in Canaanite languages, which concern the texts of the Old Testament. Basic knowledge of Classical (Biblical) Hebrew is an indispensable precondition to attending and participating in this course. BA/MA

History of Christian Doctrine - RETA3004 (Bc /MA)

2 hours/week, 3 credits, Teachers: Petr Gallus

A two-semester series of lectures aimed at providing (a) a factual knowledge of the biblical texts (the Old Testament including the deuterocanonical books), (b) a basic knowledge of the Bible, its forms and constituent parts (the books and groups of books), and their literary and factual characteristics, and (c) an understanding of the basic issues relating to biblical studies, especially how Scripture has been read, used, and interpreted in the Christian tradition.

Church History Seminar 1 - RETA3011 (Bc /MA)

2 hours/week, 5 credits (from both semesters), Teachers: Ota Halama, Pieter Morée

The course is designed for the acquisition of basic methods of historical research, applied to the material of the history of Christianity. The students learn to reflect on the phenomena from the past not only through the secondary literature, but also through the primary sources obtained, and familiarize themselves with the rules of source criticism and interpretation. They take part in discussions about these sources, fulfill smaller assignments and accomplish the course by a larger paper.

Theological Ethics 1 - RETA5031 (Bc /MA)

2 hours/week, 4 credits, Teacher: Pavel Keřkovský

The Origin and Influence of Biblical Ethical Thought in Christianity

Systematic Theology 1 - RETA4031 (Bc /MA)

2 hours/week, 2 credits, Teacher: Ondřej Kolář

First aggregate exam in Systematic Theology entails the examination of all particular fields of the discipline, students got acquianted in the lectures and seminars with, in order to verify the knowledges and skills of students within the complex of the particular discipline. The required literature is to find on the regularly actualized web sites of the department. The exam presupposes a thorough individual preparation.
This exam is intended for those who did not choose Systematic Theology for their final Bachelor degree state Exam.

Systematic Theology seminar 1 - RETA4011 (Bc /MA)

2 hours/week, 5 credits, Teacher: Ondřej Kolář

This seminar introduces the work of a modern systematic theologian. Students should learn to master a critical reading of a mid-difficult modern theological text. They are required to search in theological handbooks and dictionaries for unfamiliar terms, statements, theories, doctrines, schools, books, authors. Students are also encouraged to ask critical questions. The aim of the seminar is to learn to interpret a mid-difficult theological text, to formulate the line of thought with their own words and lead a critical discussion with the particular author. This year we will read Jürgen Moltmann, God in Creation. An Ecological Doctrine of Creation. Translated by Margaret Kohl (London: SCM, 1985).

Church History Seminar 1 - RETA3011 (Bc /MA)

2 hours/week, 2 credits, Teachers: Pieter Morée, Ota Halama

In the Summer Semester 2024/5 the theme of the course is: Baptising Jews? How protestant churches and ecumenical organisations understood missionary activities among Jewish populations in Europe in the 19th and 20th centuries. We read primary texts and interpret them in the context of the time. Significant attention is paid to the time before, during and after the holocaust.

Church History 2 - RETA3032 (Bc /MA)

2 hours/week, 2 credits, Teachers: Martin Wernisch, Pieter Morée

This course in Czech history of church and theology in the context of European and global church history deepens knowledge acquired through the individual study of text books and other literature. Therefore it is not confined to an overview of church history from the Christianization of the Czech lands till today, but dependent on the possibilities can rather be compared to research courses which by way of in-depth case studies help to understand and interpret details of general issues concerning both sources as well as the current academic debate about it. The individual themes of the course will therefore be modified and selected from various periods and aspects of church history

Introduction to Bohemian Reformation - RET3067 (Bc)

2 hours/week, 4 credits, Teacher: Pieter Morée

This course offers an overview of the Bohemian Reformation from cca. 1350 to 1650, and includes also the aspect of the later models of reception during the 19th and 20th centuries.

Ecumenical Mariology - RETN40518 (Bc /MA)

2 hours/week, 5 credits, Teacher: Ivana Noble,

After an introductory lecture the seminar will consists of reading of and commenting upon 20th and 21st century Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox theologians writing on Mary, such as Karl Rahner, Edward Schillebeeckx, brother Roger of Taizé, Max Trurian, Mother Maria Skobtsova, Tina Beattie, Maria Clara Bingemer, Rowan Williams and John Behr. The studied texts will include also an ecumenical attempts to arrive at a common understanding of Mary, as proposed by the Dombes Group.

Introduction to Latin American Liberation Theology - RET6043A (Bc)

2 hours/week, 6 credits, Teacher: Timothy Noble

More specific information and selections that will be required reading will be given to students on the course. You will minimally be expected to read Gustavo Gutiérrez, A Theology of Liberation, and further reading will be discussed with the course tutor (you will be minimally expected to read more than just this one book!). The bibliography is in English only – those who can read other languages will find a lot available, especially in German, in the libraries. See the course tutor for more information. Books are given by alphabetical order of author's name, and then by year of publication for each author.

Religious Studies 1 - RETA8031 (Bc)

2 hours/week, 2 credits, Teacher: Pavol Bargár

This course will offer an introduction to the academic study of World Christianity. The latter term has recently been used to account for the diversity and multiplicity of Christianity across time and space. In addition, this notion places Christianity alongside other world religions. This reflects a 20th-century "global shift" in Christianity from a largely North Atlantic religion to one that is found all around the world. In short, World Christianity is a concept that seeks to describe the global nature of the Christian religion. BA/MA

Introduction to Philosophy - RETA7001 (Bc)

2 hours/week, 4 credits, Teacher: Olga Navrátilová

The aim of the course is to introduce the students to the field of philosophical questioning and to present philosophy as never-ending movement of thought rather than a system of particular teachings. To this end, we will use several examples of important texts of the Western philosophical tradition. The course will focus on the acquirement of the skills necessary for the interpretation of philosophical texts.

Philosophy 1 - RETA7031 (Early Modern Philosophy) (Bc /MA)

2 hours/week, 2 credits, Teacher: Olga Navrátilová

The aim of the lecture is to introduce the students to the crucial problems of the modern philosophy. As it is expected that the students are able to get knowledge of the general overview of the history of the modern philosophy from the introductory books, the lecture focuses of the more difficult questions and should lead the students to the individual lecture of the philosophical texts. The lecture focuses mainly on the problems that are important for the development of the protestant theology (Kant and German idealism). The lecture serves also as "repetitorium" which should help the students to prepare for the examination in philosophy.

Practical Theology Seminar 1 - RETA6012 (Bc /MA)

2 hours/week, 5 credits, Teacher: Tabita Landová

This course offers an opportunity to explore the liturgical theology of Gordon Lathrop. We will critically read and discuss his seminal work, "Holy Things: A Liturgical Theology" (1993), and engage his biblically grounded concepts in dialogue with our own understanding of liturgy, as well as our experiences across various denominational settings.

Courses recommended for students of Social Work

Places of Hope - International research laboratory - RPN446A (Bc)

2 hours/week, 4 credits, Teacher: Eva Křížová

Hope from the Perspectives of the Social Sciences The course will be opened with the minimal number of 5 enrolled students. In the academic year 2025-26 the lessons will be face to face at the Protestant Theological faculty Fot the potential online teaching Mteams platform, team Places of Hope, access code bt686nu will be activated

Poverty and Hope in Theological Perspective - RPZ06 (Bc)

2 hours/week, 5 credits, Teachers: Petr Jandejsek

The course Poverty and Hope in Theological Perspective will allow students to work with the terms poverty and hope as theological concepts. Using important texts from the Christian tradition, we will explore ways to overcome poverty through the fostering of justice and solidarity. In a significant way, the course will draw on the ministry of Pope Francis. We will also study the view of poverty and its overcoming from the perspective of other disciplines and spiritual movements with which Christianity is in conversation. The aim of the course is to develop a perspective on poverty that leads to creative practice aimed at eliminating poverty and developing human belonging and social justice. To do this, the reflection on hope provides a theological horizon that brings a motivational and programmatic perspective to the study of poverty.

Social Work in the CR – RPN447 (Bc)

2 hours/week, 5 credits, Teacher: Jaroslava Šťastná

Social work contributes to social integration and social justice in modern welfare states. The course aims to introduce social issues and concerns in the Czech Republic closely associated with social work. Within the course, participants will explore concepts related to social exclusion and integration, examples of practical applications and relevant issues are to be analysed and discussed by the course participants. The specific topics, policies and examples covered in the course depend on the lecturers' selection, the same as the UpToDate social challenges. The course is taught over a semester (12 sessions) with a regular weekly lecture, seminar or other activites, including final presentations.