

Course Outline KULIS

Course title	Introduction to Christianity
Date/duration	04.10., 11.10., 25.10., 08.11., 22.11., 13.12., 10.01.
Lecturer	Ass.-Prof. Martin Koci, PhD
Teaching language	English
ECTS	
Contents	
<p>“What Christianity will become in the coming centuries is totally unpredictable,” says the philosopher of deconstruction and postmodernism Jacques Derrida. In this lectures, we will accept the challenge and will discuss the inherent content of Christianity as religion, faith, cultural force, political power, intellectual path, and existential movement of being in the world. The aim of this course is to introduce students to the fundamental questions, sources, and contents of the Christian tradition on the background of the present day context.</p>	
Learning outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will gain insight into the contextual embeddedness of Christianity and will become familiar with cultural, philosophical, and theological perspectives on the relation between Christian faith and the current postmodern context. • Students will learn the fundamentals of theological thinking and will gain ability to read and interpret philosophical and theological texts. • Students will be able to critically reflect on religious experience, the content of Christian doctrine, and will be able to formulate their own answer on the question: What is Christianity? 	
Teaching and learning methods	
<p>The lecturer will lecture (sometimes with PowerPoint, sometimes without). Students are expected to attend lectures and encouraged to ask questions.</p>	
Course preparation	

Each lecture session will be accompanied with additional reading which students may (but are not required to) read in advance for a better insight into the theme.
Additional literature
<p>Boeve, Lieven. <i>Interrupting Tradition: An Essay on Christian Faith in a Postmodern Context</i>. Leuven: Peeters, 2003.</p> <p>Koci, Martin. <i>Christianity after Christendom: Heretical Perspectives in Philosophical Theology</i>. London: Bloomsbury, 2023.</p>
Assessment (%) (methods of examination, requirements for awarding credit points)
Oral examination on the content of lectures and mandatory literature.
Prerequisite for participation
No previous knowledge of theology or philosophy is required.
Contact details (lecturer)
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