



Liberal Arts

B.A. Degree Program



INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

A PONTIFICAL FACULTY AT THE HEART OF EUROPE



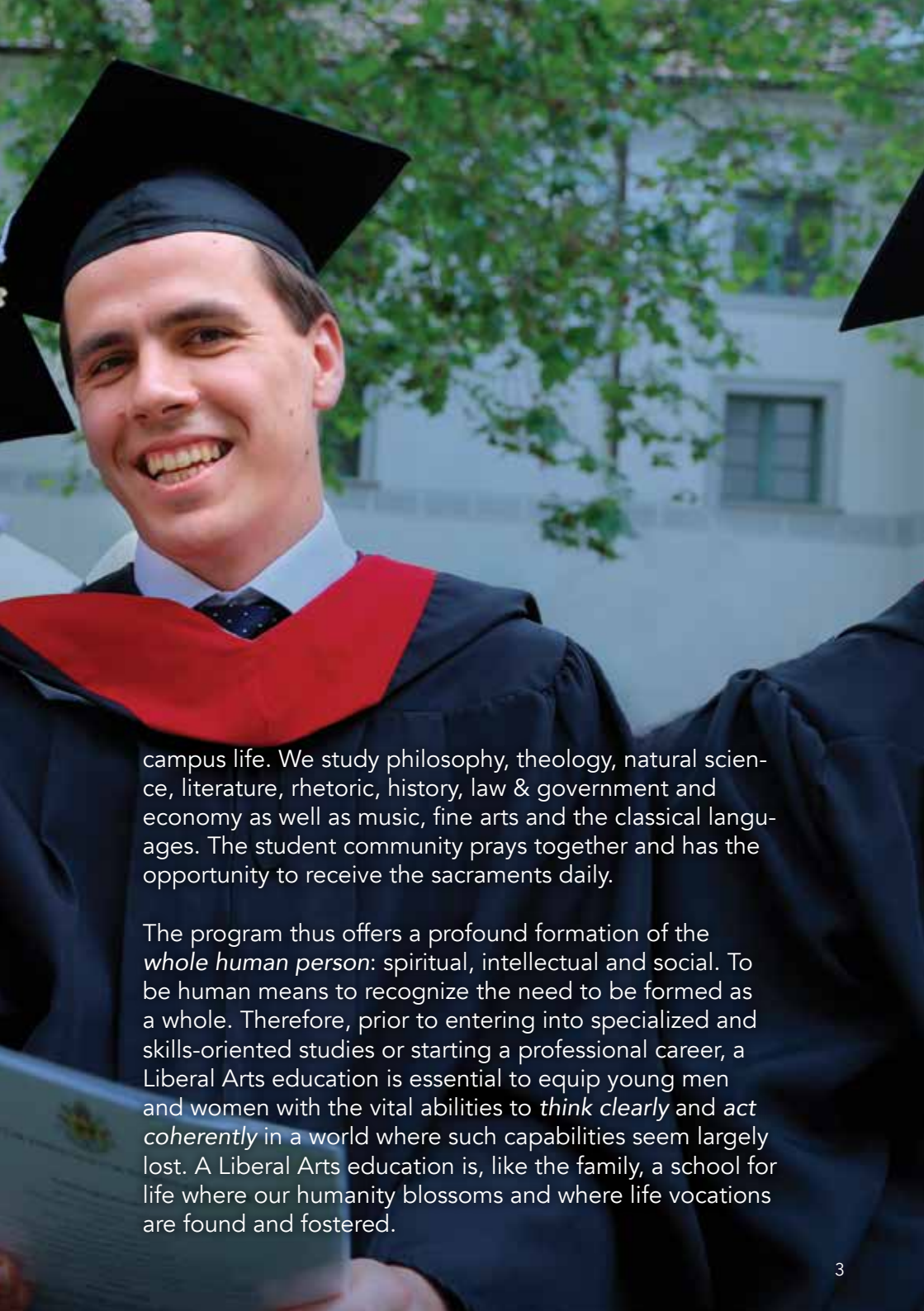
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What is Liberal Arts and why is it important?

Liberal Arts education is the pursuit of *wisdom and virtue*.

The pursuit of wisdom and virtue leads us to understand what it means to be human and thus allows us to assume responsibility for ourselves and for the world around us. Already the ancient Greeks (Plato, Aristotle and others) saw that this form of education took precedence over all other forms of education and thus founded the Liberal Arts tradition, which was subsequently further developed through the Roman and Judeo-Christian traditions. The chief tenet of a liberal arts education is Jesus' Word: "The truth will set you free." (John 8:32). Education is "liberal" when it frees the intelligence to see the "truth of the matter" and of what it means to be human, by *knowing reality and seeking God*.

We embark on this journey to know reality and seek God through an interdisciplinary three-year curriculum, combined with a deeply formative Catholic and international



campus life. We study philosophy, theology, natural science, literature, rhetoric, history, law & government and economy as well as music, fine arts and the classical languages. The student community prays together and has the opportunity to receive the sacraments daily.

The program thus offers a profound formation of the *whole human person*: spiritual, intellectual and social. To be human means to recognize the need to be formed as a whole. Therefore, prior to entering into specialized and skills-oriented studies or starting a professional career, a Liberal Arts education is essential to equip young men and women with the vital abilities to *think clearly* and *act coherently* in a world where such capabilities seem largely lost. A Liberal Arts education is, like the family, a school for life where our humanity blossoms and where life vocations are found and fostered.



A Catholic Liberal Arts Education:

- cultivates mind and character;
- enables one to have a integrated view of reality and to grasp the things as they really are;
- develops the ability to distinguish between truth and falsehood, to order things according to their real value;
- gives the person a clear and conscious view of his or her own opinions and judgments, a truth in developing them, an eloquence in expressing them, and a force in urging them (rhetoric);
- manifests itself in good sense, sobriety of thought, reasonableness, self-command, steadiness of view and in good acts;
- develops the capacity of entering with comparative ease into any academic subject of thought, science or profession;
- is the most proven way to connect young people with the sources of the Jewish-Christian and Hellenistic-Roman Culture and Tradition of Europe;
- lays the foundations for an intellectual Christian personality whose character is shaped by the Spirit of the Gospel and the teaching of the Church.



International Theological Institute *a Pontifical Faculty at the heart of Europe*

The Liberal Arts Degree program at the ITI seeks the inner growth of its students, through its proven seminar method, in the virtues of careful searching, responsible reading, reflective thinking and good judgment, whilst comparing judgments with personal experience.

The International Theological Institute (ITI), a fully accredited university near Vienna, Austria, was founded in 1996 by Pope St. John Paul II, with the aim of establishing an international educational center for future leaders in Church and society, especially laity, with a particular focus on the theme of marriage and the family, which necessarily includes offering a broad Catholic formation. In addition to the Liberal Arts Program and its one-year sister program known as the “Studium Generale”, the university also offers graduate degree programs in theology, at doctoral, licentiate and master’s levels, as well as a two-year specialized professional master’s in studies on marriage and the family. The language of instruction is English. Students, faculty and administrative staff come from all over the world.

The Liberal Arts program runs parallel with the first phase of the Theology Master’s degree program, thus enabling students who have obtained the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree to continue their studies at the ITI for a further two years in order to obtain a Master’s in Theology (STM).

Overview of courses

Year 1

Fall Semester 1

Grammar I:
Introductory Latin
(6 ECTS)

Liberal Education, Writing, and Rhetoric
(6 ECTS)

Introduction to Philosophy:
Early Platonic Dialogues
(6 ECTS)

Natural Philosophy I
Principles of Nature
(6 ECTS)

Geometry
Euclid
(6 ECTS)

Classical Literature I
Homer
(6 ECTS)

30 ECTS TOTAL

Spring Semester 2

Grammar II:
Introductory Latin
(6 ECTS)

Logic
Aristotle's Organon
(6 ECTS)

Music in the Western Tradition
(3 ECTS)

Natural Philosophy II
Motion and Order
(6 ECTS)

Ethics I
Ancient Moral Theory
(6 ECTS)

Classical Literature II
Lucretius, Virgil
(6 ECTS)

27 ECTS TOTAL

“The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled”

Plutarch, 45-125 AD

Year 2

Fall Semester 3

Grammar III:
Latin Reading
(3 ECTS)

Political Philosophy I
Ancient Political Theory
(6 ECTS)

Philosophical Anthropology
On the Soul
(6 ECTS)

Natural Philosophy III
Science and Mastery of Nature
(6 ECTS)

Church and World History I
Antiquity
(6 ECTS)

Christian Literature I
Boethius, Dante
(6 ECTS)

27 ECTS TOTAL

Spring Semester 4

Grammar IV:
Latin Reading
(3 ECTS)

Ethics and Politics II
Modern Moral and Political Theory
(6 ECTS)

Metaphysics I:
Classical Metaphysics
(6 ECTS)

The Sacred Text: *The Senses of Scripture and Principles of Exegesis*
(6 ECTS)

Church and World History II:
Christendom and the Reformation
(6 ECTS)

Christian Literature II:
Great Converts and Apologists
(6 ECTS)

27 ECTS TOTAL

“Of all things to be sought, the first is that Wisdom in which the Form of the Perfect Good stands fixed.”

Hugh of Saint Victor

Year 3

Fall Semester 5

Catechism of the Catholic Church I
(6 ECTS)

Salvation History I:
Old Testament
(6 ECTS)

Metaphysics II:
Modern Metaphysics
(6 ECTS)

Why Theology?
Man Before God
(6 ECTS)

The Pentateuch
The five books of Moses
(6 ECTS)

Theological Anthropology
Imago Dei
(6 ECTS)

30 ECTS TOTAL

Spring Semester 6

Catechism of the Catholic Church II
(6 ECTS)

Salvation History II:
New Testament
(6 ECTS)

Kings, Priests, and Prophets
(6 ECTS)

The Social Magisterium of the Church
Law & Justice and Economic Theory
(6 ECTS)

St Augustine
The City of God
(6 ECTS)

Introduction to Dogmatic Theology:
Irenaeus and Damascene
(6 ECTS)

30 ECTS TOTAL

“The road to reason leads through the ordering of the soul, which implies the necessity of an education in love, in discernment, and in virtue.”

Stratford Caldecott







The program offers broad extracurricular activities:

FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER
<p>Introductory Weekend in the Mountains First year students only</p>	<p>Weekend Lenten Retreat</p>
<p>Art & Music Excursions to Vienna</p>	<p>Art & Music Excursions to Vienna</p>
<p>Media Training Media Centre, Abbey of Heiligenkreuz</p>	<p>Walking Pilgrimage to Mariazell</p>
<p>Participation in Liturgical Life at Trumau Castle and the Abbey of Heiligenkreuz</p>	<p>Participation in Liturgical Life at Trumau Castle and the Abbey of Heiligenkreuz</p>
<p>Elective Courses (to be agreed with program director)</p>	<p>Elective Courses (to be agreed with program director)</p>



B.A. in Liberal Arts

Academic title pursued:

B.A. (Bachelor of Arts)

Program duration:

3 years (6 semesters)

Tuition fees:

€ 6.000 (total per academic year)

Accommodation:

€ 2.500 (total per academic year)

Other fees and costs:

Health insurance, residency permit, living expenses, etc.

ECTS Points:

171 credits over 6 semesters (30 or 27 per semester)

Language of Instruction:

Lectures and seminars in English

Campus:

Students live and study in Trumau, 30 km South of Vienna, on a campus created in 2009 and located around a twelfth-century castle that includes a beautiful inner courtyard, two chapels, a large library, as well as offices, seminar rooms and a Grand Hall.

Meals:

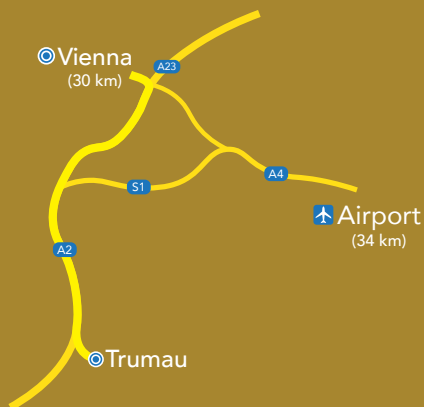
Each of the four campus residences offers students private and shared kitchens in which to prepare their own food. One can also order Mensa-served meals 5 times a week.

Sports:

There are a range of sporting facilities on and off campus in the town of Trumau.

Transport:

The campus is located close to the major A2 highway and reachable by public transport (train and bus).



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