



Master of Studies on Marriage and the Family (MMF)

Will you marry me?



This age-old phrase still captivates the hearts and minds of young people, starting at age three when the fairy tale prince asks the beautiful Cinderella, dreaming about it concretely when twenty-three, and, possibly, hearing it really when thirty-three? Could she ask this question - or pinch him in order to help him to ask? Should they live together so as to figure out their love - or, maybe, marry in order to love? What is the meaning of love, marriage and sexuality?

These questions - and many others that are even more complex - are burgeoning in today's societies as never before. The freedom to do what one wills is still fueled by the dream of true love - although this is a dream too often shattered. However, there is Good News! As an evernew spring of life, Christ is the answer - always unique - to every person no matter where he or she lives - or from where he or she comes to study on our campus.



The Master of Studies on Marriage and the Family (MMF) is a professional, two-year graduate program to introduce students to the Catholic understanding of human love, marriage and the family. While giving concrete answers to the most burning and challenging questions about love, sex, gender, marriage and family, the program equally provides a rigorous and broad formation that is academic, practical and spiritual for those who wish to work within the Church

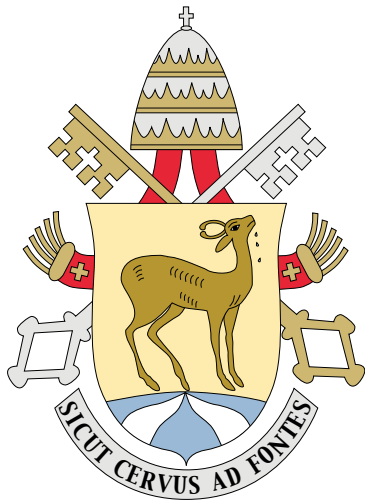
and within society in the area of marriage and the family. Our program above all aims at the formation of heart and mind, enabling young men and women to witness the light of Christ in the public domain whilst building a community of love in their personal lives.



We study:

- The Basics of Catholic Theology
- Human Love and Sexuality
- Moral Theology
- Marriage in the Sacred Scriptures
- Psychology of the Couple and the Family
- Spirituality and Sacramentality of Marriage
- Additional philosophical and theological courses

About the Insitute



The International Theological Institute – Catholic School of Theology (ITI) was founded in 1996 through the inspiring vision and direct intervention of St. John Paul II – the Pope of Marriage and the Family. Graduates of the MMF program today successfully work in Family Centers, Catholic schools, Dioceses, Youth ministries, Family politics and academia. Our program has benefited many students from around the world because it gives them, besides the Catholic vision of love and marriage, a solid anthropological foundation for understanding Man.

The Master of Studies on Marriage and the Family (MMF) offers 120 ECTS credits, which can be applied internationally to a subsequent course of studies elsewhere.

Students live and study at the ITI in Trumau, outside Vienna, on a beautiful campus created in 2009 and centred around a twelfth-century castle which includes a beautiful inner courtyard, two chapels, a library, as well as lecture and seminar rooms. All courses are taught in English.

In addition to the academic curriculum, which touches upon the fields of theology, philosophy, anthropology and psychology, the program includes a broad extracurricular offering. Furthermore, students are offered the possibility—subject to approval by the program director—of taking elective courses.

Program of Studies

Year I

Scripture I: Introduction to the Old Testament (6 ECTS)

Scripture II: Introduction to the New Testament (6 ECTS)

Mystery of Salvation I (6 ECTS)

Mystery of Salvation II (6 ECTS)

Introduction to Philosophy: Perspectives on Man in Nature (6 ECTS)

Anthropology II: Moral Theology (6 ECTS)

Anthropology I: Philosophical and Theological Perspectives of the Human Person (6 ECTS)

Marriage and Family in Magisterial Documents (6 ECTS)

Human Love and Sexuality I: Premarital Chastity and Friendship (6 ECTS)

Practical Skills and Implementation I: Education and Pedagogy (3 ECTS)

Elective

Year II

Scripture III: Marriage and Family
in Sacred Scripture (6 ECTS)

Anthropology IV: Theology
of the Body (6 ECTS)

Anthropology III: The Meaning of
Masculinity and Femininity (6 ECTS)

Marriage Sacrament, Spirituality,
and the Domestic Church (6 ECTS)

Psychology of the Couple and Family
(6 ECTS)

Children, Parenting and
Character Formation (6 ECTS)

Marriage and Family in Society
(3 ECTS)

Practical Skills and Implementation III:
Political Skills (3 ECTS)

Practical Skills and Implementation
II: Project Development (3 ECTS)

Human Love and Sexuality II:
Marital Chastity (3 ECTS)

Introduction to Canon Law of
Marriage and Family (3 ECTS)

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What our graduates say

The ITI is God's gift for our times and our secularized societies. The Culture of Life, proclaimed by St. John Paul II, is lived here both by studying inspiring texts and living family life, which is beautifully centered on God. The students and the families, which return to their homelands, having been strengthened, act in their work and life environment like the yeast, of which Jesus spoke in the Gospels.

Eva Maria DeMeo, MMF graduate, Austria

The MMF studies were a huge support for the intellect and faith "wings" of our personalities. We have received abundant answers to questions about love, marriage, sexuality – and also faith, Church, reason. At the ITI, we have experienced the joy of belonging to the Church as never before. For us as a young couple, these were the years of deep formation of our marital life. The richness of the Catholic vision of love continues to bless our daily life.

Vita and Saulius Kuliavas, MMF graduates, Lithuania.

The MMF program provided a great practical education on how to help families and married couples both through acquired knowledge from good texts we have studied, and also by deepening my personal formation. At the ITI, one is immersed in a very enthusiastic community life, surrounded by fellow students of different paths and states of life: single, married, religious... The occasion to see how the Church's teaching on marriage and the family is lived concretely and beautifully by many families at the ITI community was really precious.

Christine Friedrich, MMF graduate, USA



The ITI has a unique campus culture. With students from so many different countries, cultures and traditions, it is truly our Faith that gives us our unity.



Program Information

Academic Fees

See: www.iti.ac.at

Accommodation

€ 2.000 (total per academic year)

ECTS Points

120 points over 4 semesters (30 per semester)

Language of Instruction

Lectures and seminars in English

Meals

The campus in Trumau offers students private and shared kitchens in which to prepare their own food. Community meals are organized regularly.

Sport

The institute has its own soccer team, and Trumau offers a range of sporting activities.

Transportation

Trumau lies directly on the A2 motorway from Vienna to Graz. The campus can also be reached by bus and by train.

See: www.oebb.at



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