

Course title	Relational Understanding of Man in a Biblical Perspective						
Type	35 hours of lectures + 10 hours of seminars = 45 hours						
Course leader	Assoc. Prof. Silvana Fužinato, PhD						
Course co-leader	Ivan Benaković, PhD						
The goal or purpose of the course	The goal of the course is to introduce students to the biblical understanding of man as a being of relationships. By analyzing man's threefold relationship: towards God, others, and himself, in the light of various Old and New Testament texts, the aim is to help students in their personal psycho-physical and spiritual growth and maturation, and in authentic and fruitful living of everyday interpersonal relationships. Improving knowledge, acquiring new knowledge, and personal development are the foundations of a mature personality and healthy spirituality that will help students in their work and pastoral activities.						
Prerequisites for enrolment	No prerequisites						
Learning outcomes	After successfully completing the course, the student will be able to: List the basic characteristics of the biblical understanding of man as a being of relationships. Recognize the differences between man's and God's view of the other and the different. Identify the most common motives, causes, and consequences of the breakup of a relationship, as well as the conditions and methods for its reestablishment. Write a seminar paper on Jesus's relationship to man and man's relationship to his neighbor.						
The relation between learning outcomes, teaching methods, and assessment	Teaching activity	ECTS	Learning outcome	Student activity	Methods of assessment	Points	
						min	max
	Lecture attendance	1.5	1-4	Attendance at classes with active participation	Records of monitoring students and their active participation	10	20
	Seminar	1	1-4	Writing a seminar paper	Evaluation	10	20
	Exercises	1	1-4	Methodical preparations and interactive work in groups	Evaluation of interactive skills	10	20
	Final exam	1.5	1-4	Review of acquired material and preparation for the exam	Oral exam and evaluation of seminars and exercises	30	40
	Total:	5				60	100
Office hours	Consultation times by arrangement with prior notice by email: <i>fuzinatosilvana@gmail.com</i>						
Acquired competences	After successfully completing the course, the student will be able to define correct, healthy, and authentic relationships in which a person can grow, develop, and mature, and fully realize themselves as a being of relationships. In their work and pastoral activities, they will be able to identify the causes of interpersonal relationship breakdown and provide others with help and support to rebuild them.						
Content	<p>Already on the first pages of Holy Scripture, man is depicted as a being of relationships. Created in the image of God, to be able to realize himself as a man fully, he needs an "other" who will stand before him "face to face" and in an encounter, relationship, and dialogue with whom he will come to know his own face.</p> <p>The definition of the face of Holy Scripture is that it is a dialogue between God and man. In the dialogue of love, man comes to know the relational nature of his life in relation to his Creator, the world, his neighbor, and himself.</p> <p>In the Old Testament accounts of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Sarah and Hagar, Esau and Jacob, we will analyze the fundamental characteristics of man as a being of relationships, most often the patterns and motives of their breakdown and the conditions and methods of their reestablishment and rebuilding.</p> <p>In the New Testament accounts, especially in the Gospel of John, we will define Jesus' attitude and relationship towards the other and the different, which the believer of today is also called to live and bear authentic witness to in his daily interpersonal relationships, especially in relationships with those whom the Bible calls "God's poor".</p>						

Required reading	<p>M. GRILLI, <i>Il volto: epifania e mistero</i>, Magnano (BI), 2019.</p> <p>S. FUŽINATO – M. GRILLI, <i>Riječ Božja u ljudskom jeziku. Tumačenje, Biblije u komunikacijskoj perspektivi</i>, Zagreb, 2019., str. 109-144.</p> <p>S. FUŽINATO, Čovjek – biće odnosa (Post 2,4b-25), u: <i>Bogoslovska smotra</i> 90(2020.)2, str. 315-338.</p> <p>S. FUŽINATO, Samarijanka – žena traženja (Iv 4,1-42), u: <i>Biblija danas</i> XVI(2018.)1, 14-18.</p> <p>S. FUŽINATO, »Gdje ti je brat Abel?« (Post 4,1-16), u: <i>Biblija danas</i> XVI(2018.)2, 3-7.</p>
Recommended reading	<p>N. HOHNJEC, <i>Čovjek kao biće odnosa</i>, Zagreb, 1991.</p> <p>I. DUGANDŽIĆ, <i>Evandjelje ljubljenog učenika. Uvodna pitanja i komentar Ivanova evanđelja</i>, Zagreb, 2012.</p>
Teaching methods	Lectures accompanied by PowerPoint presentations, individual and group work
Methods of knowledge assessment and examination	Written seminar paper, oral examination
Language of instruction and opportunities	Croatian
Method of monitoring the quality and success of each course and/or module	Anonymous survey