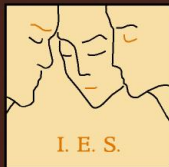
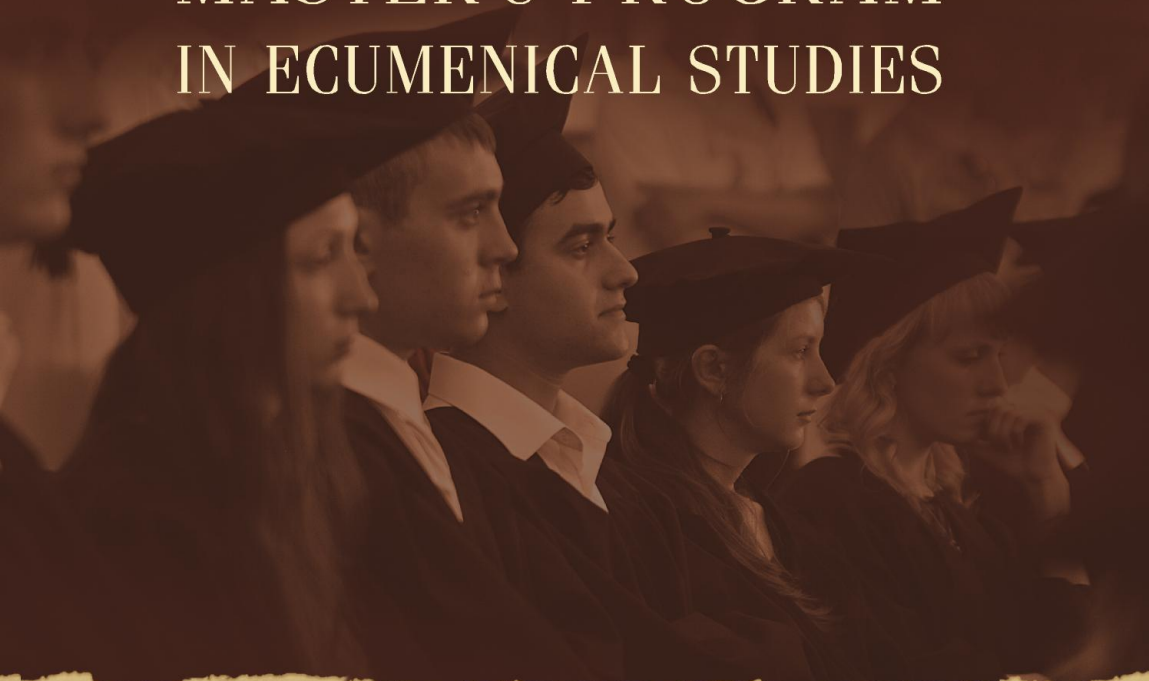


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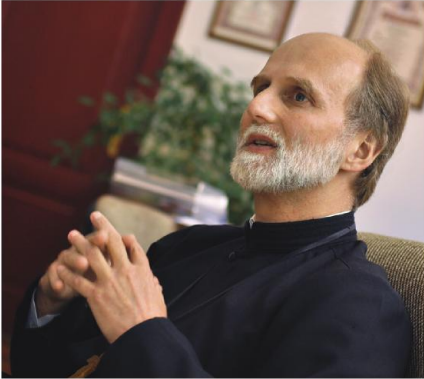
DISTANCE LEARNING MASTER'S PROGRAM IN ECUMENICAL STUDIES



UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY







*D*ear Prospective Student,
The DLPES is a cooperation between the committed and innovative staff of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies, an accomplished, multi-confessional and international faculty, and the dynamic spirit of the Ukrainian Catholic University. Being part of this exciting cooperation will be an academically productive and spiritually enlightening experience for students in both the Church and the world. I wholeheartedly give my blessing to the Distance Learning Program, its students, faculty, and new staff, and I look forward to seeing the fruits of this new, border-less, boundary-less ecumenical education.

His Excellency Borys Gudziak
Ph.D. Rector,
Ukrainian Catholic University



I am proud to present to you the first-ever distance learning Master's program in Ecumenical Studies. This program is the fruit of the preparation and contemplation of several years, and we are now able to offer you a truly unique and worthwhile experience in distance learning.

The inspiration to create such a program in ecumenism came from the nature of the field itself: ecumenism is driven by a desire to gather the dispersed people of God. Distance learning gives us the opportunity to gather those deeply concerned by the disunity of the Body of Christ from around the world, thereby creating an online community who can address critical questions and explore possibilities for healing.

We created this program with the aim of building an international, inter-confessional, academic community, who could establish constructive inter-denominational dialogue. We do not promote confessionalism, nor do we attempt to reduce to the differences between Christian denominations or between Christians and non-Christians. The varying Christian approaches, or denominations, will receive faithful and unembarrassed representation from their adherents among both our faculty and our student body, helping to establish genuine dialogue.

You will enjoy and benefit from our carefully selected reading materials, our accomplished and ecumenically committed professors, the flexibility of the program, the ability to participate while at a distance, and the ecumenical community which we have created and which we continue to create.

We look forward to working with you.

Antoine Arjakovsky
Founder of the Institute of
Ecumenical Studies



WHAT IS THE DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM?

The Distance Learning Master's Degree Program in Ecumenical Studies (DLPES) at the Institute of Ecumenical Studies is the first and only distance program in Ecumenical Studies offered in the world. This innovative program offers students throughout the world the opportunity to study the depth and diversity of contemporary ecumenism under the guidance of a world-class teaching faculty. Our program is ideal for the independent, motivated student who wants the opportunity to study ecumenism through reading - and writing-intensive courses as well as to participate in an international, ecumenical network of students and scholars of ecumenism.

Our program offers foundational courses that include introductory courses to the Christian theological traditions as well as others concerning ecumenical theology, ecclesiology, and history. In addition to these foundational courses, electives are offered throughout the academic year and provide students with the opportunity to study particular aspects of historical or contemporary ecumenism according to their interest. In all, students must successfully complete fifteen courses within the program in order to be eligible to be awarded the Master's degree of Ecumenical Studies. Upon successful completion of these fifteen required courses, degree-seeking students may devote one academic semester to completing a Master's thesis under the supervision of a member of the DLPES faculty. In addition to their coursework, students of the program report on visits to churches of confessions other than their own as a way to incorporate course work into observational practice.



COURSES OFFERED

FALL SEMESTER

History of the Ecumenical Movement
Dr. Taras Kurylets (Ukraine)

Survey of the Catholic Tradition
Dr. Peter De Mey (Belgium)

Survey of the Protestant Tradition
Dr. Ted Campbell (USA)

Oriental Churches and
Ecumenical Rapprochement
Fr. Dr. Ken Yossa (USA)

Liturgy and Sacraments
Fr. Dr. Thaddee Barnas (Belgium)

Ecumenical Hagiology
Deacon Didier Rance (France)

Bi-Lateral and Multi-Lateral
Ecumenical Dialogues
Fr. Dr. Thomas Baima (USA) and
Dr. Heleen Zorgdrager (Netherlands)

SPRING SEMESTER

Christian History - An Ecumenical
Perspective
Dr. Antoine Arjakovsky (France)

Ecumenical Social Ethics
Dr. Konrad Raiser (Germany)

Opposition to Ecumenism
Fr. Dr. Michael Plekon (USA)

Ecumenical Biblical Hermeneutics
Halyna Teslyuk (Ukraine)

Methods in Ecumenical Dialogue
Laurent Cleenewerck (USA)

Ecumenical Theology
Pavlo Smytsnyuk (Ukraine)

Survey of the Eastern Christian
Tradition
Dr. Elizabeth Theokritoff (USA)

Eastern Catholic Churches and
Ecumenism
Fr. Dr. Ivan Dacko and
Dr. Taras Kurylets (Ukraine)



WHAT DOES EACH COURSE CONSIST OF?

It is the priority of the DLPES to offer its students both flexibility and structure during their study experience within the program. The organization of DLPES courses strikes the balance between structure and flexibility as best as possible.

Each DLPES course consists of a course syllabus, bibliography, and thematic introductions provided by the course professor to each of the seven, two-week long sections of a course. At the end of each section, students will submit a short response paper that is read and constructively evaluated by their course professor. Students are also encouraged to share questions, reflections, and analyses with their peers and professors through the online course forum. At the end of each semester, students complete their final papers for all of their courses. Each course therefore includes fourteen consecutive weeks of coursework and five weeks of independent work on the final paper.

DLPES also incorporates video conferences into the courses so that students and professors can have closer interactions.

Our Faculty

The Distance Learning Program in Ecumenical Studies is proud to offer its students the opportunity to study under the guidance of some of the most respected experts in ecumenism today from around the world and across Christian traditions. Among our professors:



Fr. Dr. Michael Plekon

Father Michael Plekon is a professor in both the department of Sociology/Anthropology and the Program of Religion & Culture at Baruch College at the City University of New York (CUNY). He has written extensively on Kierkegaard's theology and social criticism, and also studied the thinkers of the Russian emigration in Paris and their efforts to bring the church into conversation with the modern world. Additionally, he has translated and edited many of their writings. He is a priest of the Orthodox Church in America.



Dr. Konrad Raiser

Reverend Dr. Konrad Raiser studied Protestant theology in Tübingen, Heidelberg and Zurich from 1957- 63. In 1965 - 66, he studied sociology and social psychology at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts (USA). From 1967- 69, he was an assistant in Practical Theology at the Protestant Theological Department in Tübingen (Germany). In 1969, he joined the staff of the World Council of Churches in Geneva (Switzerland), first in the Commission on Faith and Order and later as Deputy General Secretary and Staff Moderator of the Unit on Justice and Service. From 1983 to 1993, he was a Professor of Systematic Theology/Ecumenics at the Protestant Theological Department of the University of the Ruhr in Bochum (Germany). He assumed leadership of the WCC as General Secretary in 1993 and retired from this office in 2003.



Fr. Dr. Thomas A. Baima

The Very Rev. Thomas A. Baima is the Vicar for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the Archdiocese of Chicago and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake / Mundelein Seminary, where he is also a full professor of systematic theology. His research interests are in fundamental theology, interreligious dialogue, organizational studies as they apply to North American religion, theology of religion and contemporary Lutheran ecumenism. Father Baima was President of the Illinois Conference of Churches and the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago. He was one of the organizers the 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions. He currently serves the US Bishops' Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs as a member of the National Catholic-Muslim Consultation. Father Baima was appointed by the Holy See to the Assyrian-Catholic Consultation.



Fr. Dr. Thaddee Barnas

Father Thaddee Barnas is a monk of the Benedictine Monastery of Chevetogne in Belgium. He came to Belgium in 1964 to join the Chevetogne Monastery, known for its ecumenical work and its affinity for the Eastern Churches. Father Barnas teaches ecumenics at the Studium Notre-Dame in Namur, Belgium. He is also a chronicler and the editorial secretary of the journal *Irenikon*. He is active in ecumenical commissions on local, national, and European levels.



Dr. Heleen Zorgdrager

Reverend Dr. Heleen Zorgdrager obtained her Ph.D. (cum laude) in 2003 at the Theological University of Kampen. She works in the Mission Department (Kerk in Actie) of the Protestant Church in the Netherlands as Program Officer for Europe, and is also a Delegated Lecturer at Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv). Dr. Zorgdrager is an ordained pastor in the Protestant Church in the Netherlands.

Dr. Zorgdrager's areas of specialization include Protestant systematic theology, ecumenical theology, theology of mission, and pastoral theology. She has published works on Friedrich Schleiermacher, Karl Barth, women's studies, and ecumenical issues.



Dr. Peter De Mey

Dr. Peter De Mey's teaching and research focuses on Roman Catholic ecclesiology and ecumenism. He is the director of the Faculty's Centre for Ecumenical Research and am currently the President of the European association of ecumenical research, and member of the steering group of the of the American Academy of Religion. He is a member of the National Commission for Ecumenism, an

institution sponsored by the Catholic Church in Belgium. He is also involved in the faculty choir and regularly plays in a string quartet with colleagues and students.



Dr. Elizabeth Theokritoff

Elizabeth Theokritoff completed a doctoral thesis in liturgical theology at Oxford under the supervision of Bishop Kallistos Ware; she subsequently served for 7 years as Secretary of the Anglican-Orthodox Fellowship of St Alban and St Sergius in London, during which time when was seconded to the Ecumenical Institute of the WCC (Bossey) as Orthodox tutor for the 1988-89 Graduate school. She is an

independent scholar, freelance translator of theological works from modern Greek and occasional lecturer (including at the Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies in Cambridge).



Deacon Didier Rance

Since 1985, he has been Deacon in both the Latin and the Byzantine rites. He studied History at the Sorbonne University (Paris), and holds a Master's degree in Medieval History. His main area of research is Byzantine History. Deacon Rance has spent ten years in the Middle East and Africa doing Humanitarian work. He worked with ACN (Aid to the Church in Need), was the Director of ACN-France (1980-

2005), and was a member of the New Martyrs Commission in Rome (1995-2000). Deacon Rance is the author of about twenty books, mainly on martyrs and persecuted Churches. His current fields of research are martyrdom, forgiveness, St. Ephrem and the Syrian Churches, and ecumenism.



Dr. Ted Campbell

Dr. Ted A. Campbell as associate professor of Church History with a concentration in Methodist history. Campbell currently serves as visiting professor of the History of Christianity at Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, CA, He previously served as president of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL. He has taught at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Duke Divinity School, and was professor of the History of Christianity at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. Also, Campbell has served as pastor of United Methodist congregations



HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

The Master's program is designed to be completed in two years. However, students wishing to study on a part-time basis may take up to six years to finish their degree.

WHAT IF I JUST WANT TO TAKE ONE COURSE?

Students can register for individual classes of the program, without seeking the Master's degree.

HOW WILL THIS PROGRAM BE USEFUL FOR MY FUTURE?

This program is intended primarily as an introductory or supplementary education for individuals working in other academic or non-academic disciplines, particularly in ministry. It can be particularly important for those interested in working in an ecumenical field, or continuing on to a Ph.D. program in that field. Nevertheless, we do not seek to educate professionals only. The DLPES is strongly recommended for all those who have an interest in matters of Christian unity. The flexible, distance-learning format of this program enables anyone, regardless of primary occupation, to learn and participate in this project.

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE, AND HOW DO I APPLY?

Please visit our website for more information and for the application form. We look forward to seeing you at...

www.iesdistance.org.ua



STUDENTS ABOUT THE PROGRAM



Penny Cavill

I am very much involved in ecumenical work and activities here in South Wales partly through the Catholic charismatic renewal and also through my work as a Street Pastor where I work with Pastors from all the other churches in the town. We are fortunate here to have very good relations and unity between the different churches. I felt that it was particularly important for me to not only be able to worship with other denominations, but also to confidently engage in ecumenical discussion to help further the journey towards a greater visible unity.

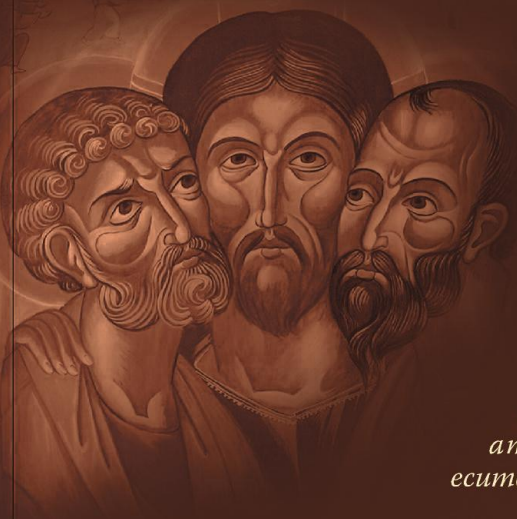
This program has enabled me to study my specific area of interest whilst because it is on- line, it has a flexibility that allows me to carry on with my work other activities. I find it such a great opportunity and privilege to be able to study and engage with teachers and students from all over the world from such diverse backgrounds. I thoroughly recommend the course to anyone who is passionate about Christian unity.



Timothy Flanders

I am very pleased with the education and studies of the distance program. It is very convenient and easy to work on studies from home online, and the readings are very good and I learn a lot. I've been very passionate about Ecumenism for about six years now because I feel great sorrow in my heart over brothers who hate brothers, and how alienating that is to the rest of the world who does not know Christ. I want to work for Christian reconciliation because I love Christ and the Church, and we have been given the «ministry of reconciliation.»

I do feel very benefited by the program and have learned a lot so far, and I plan to complete the Master's program and write a thesis.



Ecumenism is the constant search and finding of what unites Christians and the constant rethinking of what sets them apart. This attitude of fervent prayer, humility, studying each other and cooperating in concordance is the vector, backbone, and essence of the contemporary ecumenical movement.

This means the search in one's spirit for truth - and mainly love - for more roads, leading to reconciliation and mutual forgiveness, for the explanation of mistakes which have accumulated throughout history. Ecumenism expects and calls forth directly methanoya - internal spiritual conversion and penance. It becomes fruitful where there is humility and obedience.

*Protopresbyter Ivan Dacko,
Dr. Theol., President of the IES*

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