

Course title	Theological disputes in the Church till the Council of Chalcedon
Course code	KBP 419
Type of course	Optional
Level of course	Medium
ECTS	4 ECTS credits: 0.5 lectures and debates 1.0 tutorials and literature study 1.0 individual research and presentation during lecture, or written paper, or other guided activities 0.5 preparation and examination activities
Name of lecturer	Associate professor Ivan Bodrožić Ph.D.
Learning outcomes and competences	<p>Knowledge of the major theological disputes in the Church that gave rise to development of theological science. He/she is expected to be able to explain major theological errors and heresies of that time: Arianism, Appollinarism, Nestorianism and Monophysitism.</p> <p>Understanding of the role of the first four Ecumenical Councils in the 4th and 5th c., crucial for the right formulation of Trinitarian and Christological doctrines, as well as for repudiation of heresies;</p> <p>Competence for proper understanding of the idea of orthodoxy and heresy in the Church, as well as the knowledge of the Church competences in defining a sound doctrine;</p>
Prerequisites	
Course contents	<p>Content of this course is divided in two units. The first one covers the time before the Edict of Milan, when theological disputes in the Church were not so violent as they were after the Church gained its freedom, when the polemics became public and overtly. The most prominent were the disputes between the so called Logoschristology and monarchiastic tendencies that aroused out of fear that monotheism might be threatened, and consequently all discussions on Three Persons were banned.</p> <p>The other unit covers the disputes that resulted in four great councils, two in 4th c. (Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople), and two in the 5th c. (Councils of Ephesus and Chalcedon). The confession of faith and dogmatic definitions of these councils were not only the products of a certain theological process, but also the premises for further theological reflection.</p>
Recommended reading	<p>Commentaries by Marijan Mandac to the following patristic translations: Atanazije Veliki, <i>Pisma o Kristu i Duhu</i>, Služba Božja, Makarska 1980, pp. 25-84.</p> <p>Bazilije Veliki, <i>Duh Sveti</i>, Služba Božja, Makarska 1978, pp. 9-59.</p> <p>Grgur Nazijanski, <i>Teološki govori i teološka pisma</i>, Služba Božja, Split 2005, pp. 105-180.</p> <p>Teodoret Cirski, <i>Izabrani spisi</i>, Služba Božja, Split 2003, pp. 49-96; 146-157.</p> <p>Čiril Aleksandrijski, <i>Utjelovljenje Jedinorođenca – jedan Krist</i>, Služba Božja, Makarska 2001, pp. 93-183.</p>
Supplementary reading	<p>M. Simonetti, <i>La crisi ariana nel IV. secolo</i>, Roma 1975, pp. 3-567.</p> <p>E. dal Covolo (ed.), <i>Storia della teologia. Dalle origini a Bernardo di Chiaravalle</i>, Roma - Bologna 1995, pp. 145-331.</p>
Teaching methods	Lectures

	Reading and commentaries of council definitions, of patristic texts and texts of their theological adversaries Interactive dialogue
Assessment methods	Oral examination
Language of instruction	Croatian
Quality assurance methods	Questionnaire to be completed by students