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**Methodology for Admission to University Doctoral Studies
Religion, Culture, Society Doctoral School
Academic Year 2026/2027
Babeş-Bolyai University**

Admission to the "Religion, Culture, Society" Doctoral School is organized in accordance with the Methodology for admission to doctoral studies at Babeş-Bolyai University, approved by Senate Decision No. 5 of Ianuar 19, 2026.

I. General Provisions

Admission to university doctoral studies is based on a competition organized by Babeş-Bolyai University, through the Institute of Doctoral Studies, in accordance with the framework methodology regarding the organization of admission in higher education institutions in Romania, developed annually by the Ministry of National Education, with the specific regulations of Babeş-Bolyai University, as well as the specific regulations of the Religion, Culture, Society Doctoral School.

Only graduates with a master's degree or equivalent are entitled to participate in the admission competition for university doctoral studies, and the cumulative number of transferable study credits obtained for the bachelor's and master's degree cycles must be at least 300.

According to the provisions of Higher Education Law No. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments and additions, the bachelor's degree of graduates from long-duration higher education from the period prior to the application of the three Bologna-type cycles is equivalent to a master's degree in the specialty. Consequently, holders of long-duration higher education degrees have the right to enroll in university doctoral studies without the obligation to complete the second cycle of university master's studies.

Enrollment in the admission competition for university doctoral studies in a doctoral field is not conditioned by the field in which the bachelor's or master's degree was obtained.

The admission competition for the Religion, Culture, Society Doctoral School consists of two examinations:

- a. A written specialty examination, based on a thematic announced by the doctoral supervisor at least 2 months before the date of the admission competition.
- b. An interview in which the candidate's scientific interests, research aptitudes, and the proposed topic for the doctoral thesis are analyzed.

The examinations are taken before the admission committee consisting of the doctoral supervisor who offered the doctoral student position for admission and at least 2 other specialists from Babeş-Bolyai University with at least the position of associate professor or scientific researcher grade II. The chairman of the admission committee is the doctoral supervisor. The admission committee is



proposed by the council of the Religion, Culture, Society Doctoral School and approved by the director of CSUD.

After evaluating the examinations, the admission committee nominates, based on the established selection criteria, the candidate who will occupy the doctoral student position put up for competition. This candidate may be enrolled in the respective position only after obtaining the favorable opinion of the Doctoral School Council.

Any appeals, in the case of written examinations, are submitted to the Doctoral School within 24 hours of the announcement of the initial results (provisional lists). Appeals are resolved and results are announced within a maximum of 24 hours from the end of the appeal submission deadline.

II. Admission Criteria

The admission criteria of the doctoral supervisors within the Religion, Culture, Society Doctoral School are as follows:

Prof. univ. dr. DIÓSI Dávid

1. A written specialty examination based on the thematic below.
2. An interview where the candidate will be asked about: the subject of doctoral research, main objectives, the relationship of the proposed subject with other recent publications in the field (bibliography), the type and accessibility of necessary information and data, the research methods and techniques to be used.

Written Examination Thematic:

1. The Church in the postmodern era
2. The religiosity of postmodern man

Bibliography:

1. DIÓSI Dávid: Egyház és posztmodern. Korunk vallásossága és esztétizáló hajlama, Szent István Társulat- Verbum, Budapest -Kolozsvár 2012.
2. DIÓSI Dávid: Egyházam a posztmodernben. A dialógus-„kényszer" ideje, Vigilia Kiadó, Budapest 2014.
3. DIÓSI Dávid: „A te arcodat keresem, Uram" (Zsolt 27,8). Puzzle-darabok posztmodern korunk istenkeresőiről/-nek, Vigilia Kiadó, Budapest 2018.

Prof. univ. dr. Clara A. Csiszar

1. A written specialty examination based on the thematic below.
2. An interview where the candidate will be asked about: the subject of doctoral research, main objectives, the relationship of the proposed subject with other recent publications in the field (bibliography), the type and accessibility of necessary information and data, the research methods and techniques to be used.



Written Examination Thematic:

1. The mission of the church as it appears in the Apostolic Letter *Evangelii gaudium* prepared by Pope Francis in 2013.
2. Guidelines for authentic pastoral care

Bibliography:

1. NEUNER, Peter – ZULEHNER, Paul M.: *Jöjjön el a te országod. Gyakorlati egyháztan*, Kolozsvár 2014.
2. Ferenc pápa: *Evangelii gaudium* kezdetű apostoli írása (2013), Budapest 2014.
3. RAHNER, Karl, *Egyházreform*, Budapest 1994.

Prof. univ. dr. HOLLÓ László

1. A written specialty examination based on the thematic below.
2. An interview consisting of the presentation by the candidate before the admission committee of a doctoral project, with the following structure:

a. Project title (which must be adequate to the purpose); b. Motivation, impact (refers to the importance of the planned research from a scientific and social perspective); c. Current state of knowledge (realized based on at least 10 synthesis and original scientific articles); d. Purpose and main objectives (a doctoral thesis has a well-defined purpose and several objectives that address specific problems that will probably be elucidated); e. Methodological plan for the four years and the main methods to be used; f. Expected results; g. Potential original contributions at national and international levels;

Written Examination Thematic:

1. Laypeople in the Church and in the world through the lens of Vatican II Council results.
2. The role of laypeople in the pastoral activity of the Roman Catholic Church.
3. The role of lay believers in Catholic autonomy in the Diocese of Transilvania/Diocese of Alba Iulia.

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1. A II. Vatikáni Zsinat dokumentumai, Szent István Társulat, Budapest 2000.
2. Christifideles laici. II. János Pál pápa szinódus utáni apostoli buzdítása a világi hívőknek az Egyházban és a világban betöltött hivatásáról és küldetéséről 1988. december 30. In: <https://uj.katolikus.hu/konyvtar.php?h=90> (2018. 05.06)
3. HOLLÓ László, A világiak által „vezetett” egyházmegye. Az Erdélyi Római Katolikus Státus társadalmi jelentősége, I. kötet. Kolozsvári Egyetemi Kiadó 2009, 264 p.
4. HOLLÓ László, A megélt szinodalitás tapasztalatai. A világi hívek egyházkormányzati tevékenységének hagyományai az Erdélyi Egyházmegyében különös tekintettel az 1848-



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Conf. univ. dr. abil. Ioan VIK

1. A written specialty examination based on the thematic below.
2. An interview where the candidate will be asked about: the subject of doctoral research, main objectives, the relationship of the proposed subject with other recent publications in the field (bibliography), the type and accessibility of necessary information and data, the research methods and techniques to be used.

Written Examination Thematic:

1. The question about the meaning of life – a possible path to God? A search for answers in the dialogical context of fundamental theology and Viktor Frankl's logotherapy and existential analysis.
2. The search for meaning in the context of pastoral counseling.
3. Conscience as an organ of perception of the meaning of life – a theological and logotherapeutic approach.
4. Christianity as a style in the context of the signs of the times.

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1. FRANKL, Viktor E.: A tudattalan Isten. Psychoterápia és vallás, Budapest 2018.
2. FRANKL, Viktor E.: Dumnezeuul neștiut. Psihoterapie și religie, Editura Trei, București 2021.
3. FRANKL, Viktor E.: Der unbewußte Gott. Psychotherapie und Religion, München 1999.
4. RATZINGER, Joseph, Benedict al XVI-lea: Ce este creștinismul. Un testament spiritual, Galaxia Gutenberg, Târgu-Lăpuș 2023.
5. THEOBALD, Christoph: Semnele timpului, Galaxia Gutenberg, Târgu-Lăpuș 2023.
6. VIK János: Az élet értelmére irányuló kérdés vonzásában. Tájékoztató kísérletek a szisztematikus és spirituális teológia, valamint a logoterápia és egzisztenciaanalízis határmezsgyéjén, Presa Universitară Clujeană, Cluj-Napoca, 2017.

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