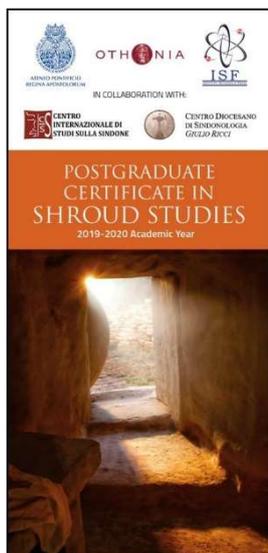


## Postgraduate Certificate in Shroud Studies 2019-2020 (English edition)



The **Science and Faith Institute of the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum**, in collaboration with **Othonia**, the **International Center of Study on the Shroud** in Turin and the **Giulio Ricci Diocesan Center of Sindonology** of Rome is offering for the eighth consecutive year a **Postgraduate Certificate in Shroud Studies**.

**This program**, which covers a wide range of topics, is **for clergy, laity, professors, researchers, journalists**, and anyone else who may want to gain a deeper understanding of Shroud studies, using an interdisciplinary approach. The duration of the program is two semesters long.

**Director** of the project is father **Rafael Pascual, LC**. The **Scientific Committee** is formed by **Nello Balossino, Bruno Barberis, Gianfranco Berbenni, Antonio Cassanelli, Andrew Dalton, Rafael Pascual, Gian Maria Zaccone**.

**Teachers and Lecturers** in the different courses are **Nello Balossino, Bruno Barberis, Andrew Dalton, Paolo Di Lazzaro, Roberto Falcinelli, Giuseppe Ghiberti, Ada Grossi, Kelly Kearse, Flavia Manservigi, Alfonso Muñoz-Cobo, Rafael Pascual, Alfonso Sánchez Herмосilla, Marco Riani, Luigi Rodella, Alfonso Sánchez Herмосilla, Barrie Schwartz, Enrico Simonato, Joseph Spence**.

## An eloquent message of love

This program offers a **systematic approach to the intellectual challenges** posed by the **Shroud of Turin**, as well as the opportunity to go deeper into the message that it proposes to the faith and to the heart of believers. As **Pope Francis** told in the video message for the **extraordinary exposition of the Shroud of Turin on March 30, 2013**: **“We do not simply observe; we venerate. Ours is a prayerful gaze. I would say more: it is letting yourself to be gazed upon. This face has closed eyes; it is the face of one who is deceased. Yet, mysteriously, he looks at us, and, in the silence, he speaks to us.** How is it possible? Why do people of faith, like you, want to pause before this icon of a man scourged and crucified? Because **the Man of the Shroud invites us to contemplate Jesus of Nazareth. This image—impressed on the cloth—speaks to our heart and urges us to climb the Mount of Calvary, to look at the wood of the Cross, to immerse ourselves in the eloquent silence of love.”**

## Requirements

The registration term is October 11, 2019, but following subscriptions are accepted as well, as there is no limit to the number of students who may audit the program.

For the admission to the program is required a **bachelor’s degree or at least a three-year degree. Alternatively, students may audit the program.** To do so, they are only required to complete the courses and conferences, after which they will receive a certificate of attendance. They will not take part in any of the exams.

To obtain the **Postgraduate Certificate in Shroud Studies students** must fulfill the following criteria: **complete the online courses and pass the relevant examinations;** follow conferences by guest speakers; **write a 25 to 30-page paper on a topic approved by the Scientific Committee** and directed by one of the professors of the program. Therefore, 22 ECTS credits are required: 13 from the courses, 3 from the conferences, and 6 from the paper.

## Costs

The **Postgraduate Certificate** costs **€ 530.00**, payable in two installments: € 265.00 at the registration and € 265.00 by February 18, 2020. To the **auditors** is asked a one-time payment of **€ 320.00**.

## 2019-2020 Calendar

This **program is available on the internet**. 1st semester is from October 16, 2019, to January 15, 2020.

Exams deadline is February 15, 2020

The 2nd semester is from February 20 to May 29, 2020. Exams deadline is June 15, 2020

## 2019-2020 Academic Program

### First semester

**Introduction to Shroud Studies** (2 ECTS) lead by **Bruno Barberis** (International Center of Study on the Shroud, Turin) and collaborators

**History of the Shroud** (3 ECTS), lead by **Flavia Manservigi** (International Center of of Study on the Shroud, Turin)

**Pastoral and Biblical Approach to the Shroud** (3 ECTS), lead by **Andrew Dalton, L.C.** (Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum), and collaborators

### Second semester

**Scientific Research on the Shroud; STURP: History and Results** (3 ECTS), lead by **Barrie Schwartz** (STERA, Inc.)

**The Shroud and Archeological Studies** (2 ECTS), lead by **Ada Grossi** (Associazione Italiana dei Paleografi e Diplomatisti)

The **Shroud and Science** (3 ECTS), a series of conferences coordinated by **Bruno Barberis**, with the contribution of **Nello Balossino (CISS)**, **Paolo Di Lazzaro (CISS)**, **Marco Riani**, **Luigi Rodella (CISS)**, **Kelly Kearse**, **Enrico Simonato (CISS)**

### Exams

The program consists of **six courses, three in each semester**. The professor of each course is responsible for communicating the format of the final evaluation of the student's performance. **The most frequent form of evaluation is a written paper to be handed in** at the end of the course. If for any reason the student cannot complete the exam during the exam period, he or she may request to be enrolled in the following semester's exam period. **From the time of enrollment, each student has one year to finish all the exams.**

### For further information

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