

Title and Code of Course: Introduction to Christianity / Church studies ERPB BAN 9107

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Credit Point Value: 6	Number of Lessons per Week: 2	Type of Course: Seminar <input type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Method of Evaluation: Oral Examination <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Class Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
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Course Description:

What is Christianity – what is its main message and relevance for us in the 21st century? In this course we learn about and try to understand the foundations of the Christian faith and practice, with a focus on its most important teachings in the context of a pluralist society. We also learn something about Christianity in Hungary and its role in Hungarian society.

Alongside introductory talks we read texts, watch videos and, most importantly, discuss questions together.

Evaluation is based on an oral examination (which consists of further research on a chosen topic and discussion about the material covered in class; class participation is a plus!)

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