



Course Level

MQF Level 4 – EQF Level 4

Credits

3 ECTS

Course Description

This course provides students with knowledge regarding the main world religions and the importance of interreligious relations.

Target Group

The course is aimed primarily at individuals interested in gaining knowledge or strengthening their personal basic skills regarding the main world religions with a specific attention to the Interreligious aspect. These might be educators who teach religious knowledge to students from the primary, secondary and tertiary levels of education, catechists who deliver religious formation to all ages and activities in the various parishes.

Course Objectives

The learner will be able to:

- understand the basic principles of the main world religions
- facilitate relationships between people belonging to different religions
- guide and encourage common objectives in relational growth
- understand the differences between faith, religion and revelation
- assimilate the conciliar and post-conciliar Church's attitude towards the world main religions
- describe the efforts of the Catholic Church to promote inter-religious cooperation
- promote practical skills to achieve the common good

Final Award

Introductory Award in Interreligious Studies

Duration

10 lectures (20 hours in total)

The lectures will be held on Saturdays between 15:30 and 17:45

Lecture Dates

26th September 2026

3rd October 2026

10th October 2026

17th October 2026

31st October 2026

7th November 2026

14th November 2026

21st November 2026

28th November 2026

5th December 2026

Assessment

- a 10 minutes oral examination (carrying 20% of the final mark)
- a written examination (80% of the final mark)

Grading system

Grade A+: 90% - 100% : Excellent performance showing comprehensive and critical understanding and application of the course contents

Grade A: 80% - 89%: Very good performance showing comprehensive and critical understanding of the course contents

Grade B: 70% - 79% : Good performance showing above average understanding of the course contents

Grade C: 55% - 69% : Satisfactory performance showing an overall understanding of the course contents

Grade D: 45% - 54%: Sufficient performance showing basic understanding of the course contents.

Grade F: Under 45%: Unsatisfactory performance.

Pass mark: 45%

Certification

After the successful completion of the course, participants will receive an Award issued by the Institute of Pastoral Ministry authorized by the Malta Further & Higher Education Authority.

Venue

Manresa Retreat House, Victoria, Gozo

Applications and Course Fee

Online and manual applications are accepted until Monday 13th September 2026

Registration fee: €80

Entry Requirements

Every application will be considered on its own merits. Participants should have a good level in English and Maltese especially in reading, speaking and writing skills. The level should be comparable with MQF Level 3. A School Leaving Certificate, is also acceptable.

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