

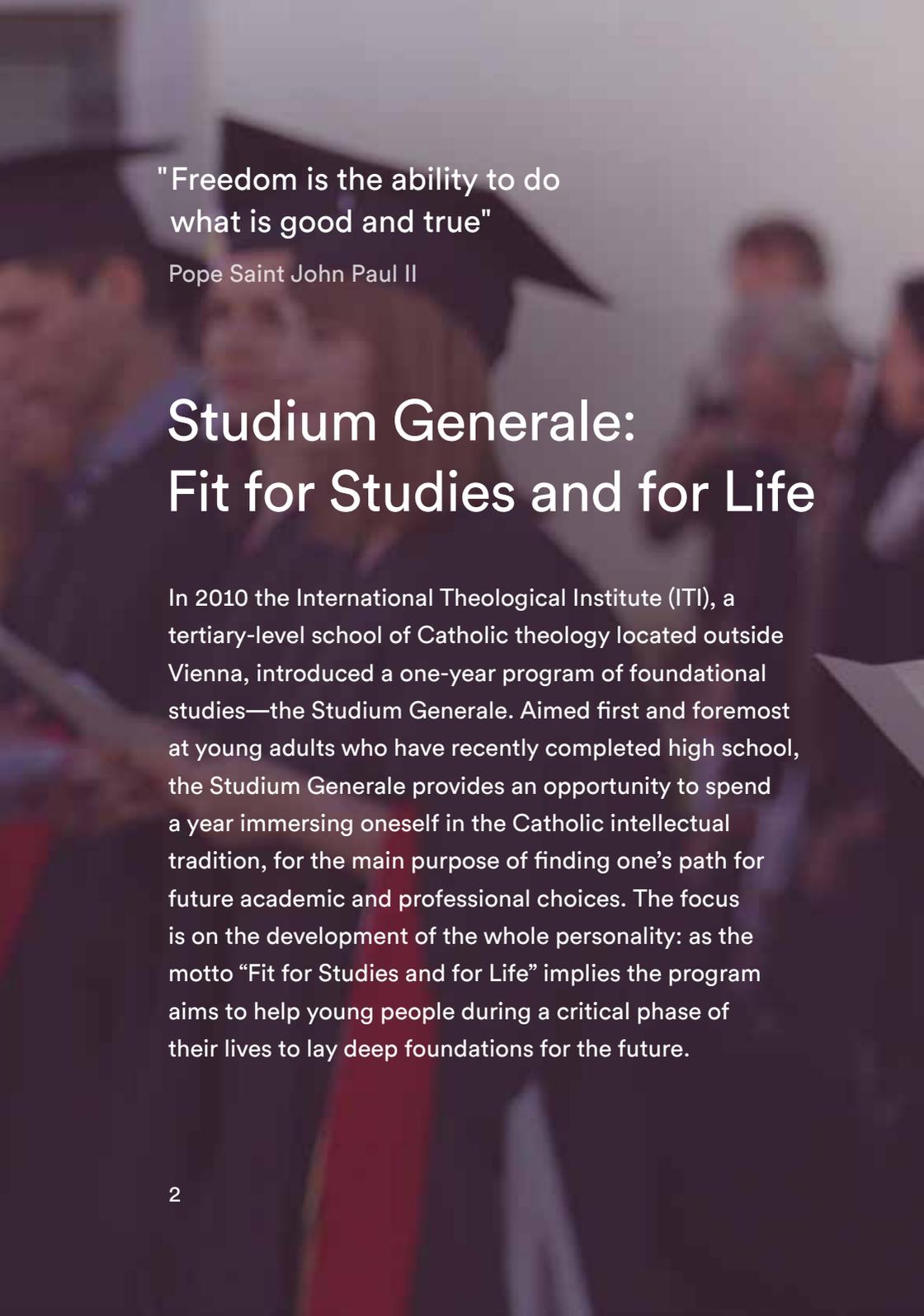


# Studium Generale

Fit for Studies and for Life



**INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

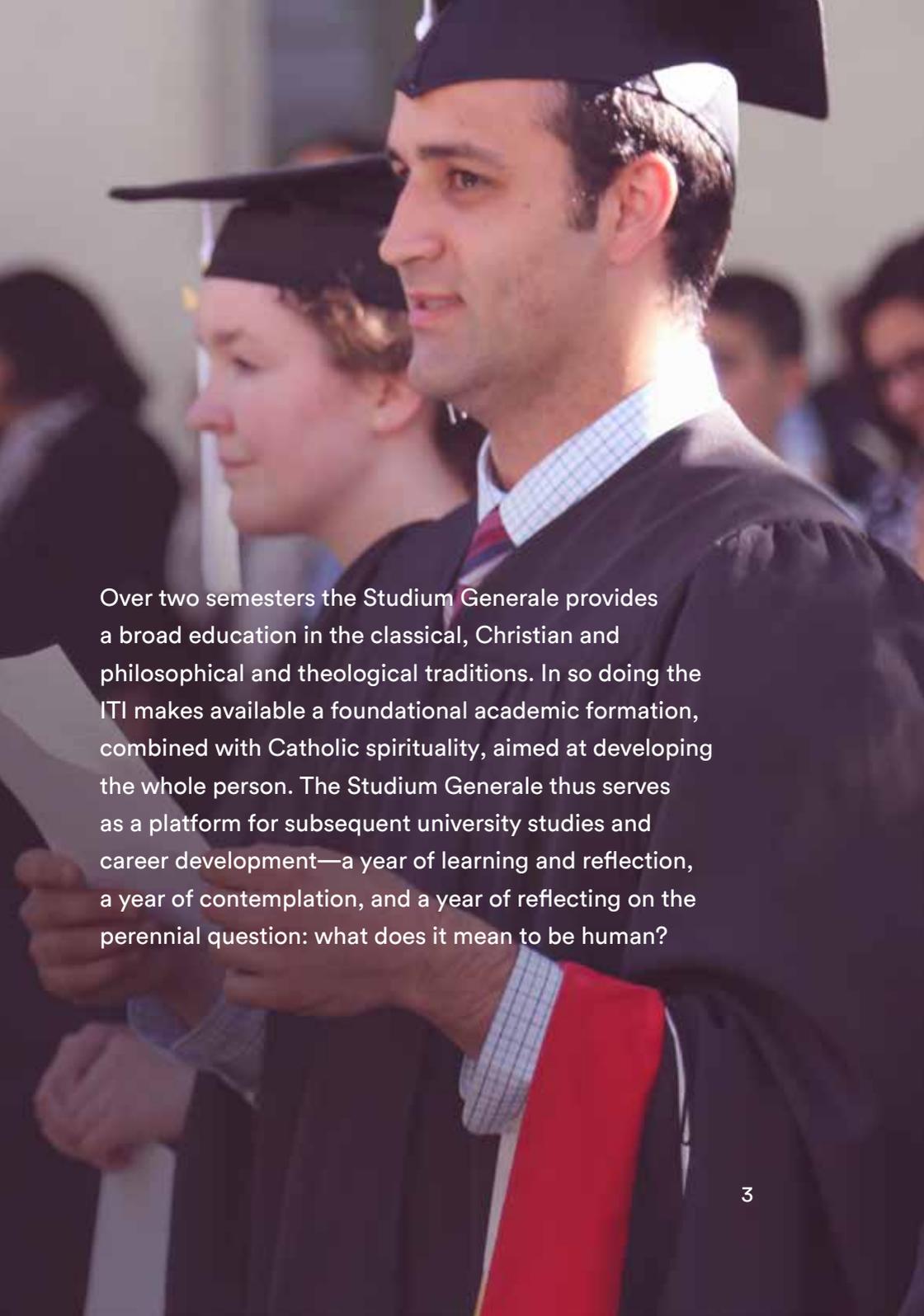


"Freedom is the ability to do  
what is good and true"

Pope Saint John Paul II

## Studium Generale: Fit for Studies and for Life

In 2010 the International Theological Institute (ITI), a tertiary-level school of Catholic theology located outside Vienna, introduced a one-year program of foundational studies—the Studium Generale. Aimed first and foremost at young adults who have recently completed high school, the Studium Generale provides an opportunity to spend a year immersing oneself in the Catholic intellectual tradition, for the main purpose of finding one's path for future academic and professional choices. The focus is on the development of the whole personality: as the motto "Fit for Studies and for Life" implies the program aims to help young people during a critical phase of their lives to lay deep foundations for the future.



Over two semesters the Studium Generale provides a broad education in the classical, Christian and philosophical and theological traditions. In so doing the ITI makes available a foundational academic formation, combined with Catholic spirituality, aimed at developing the whole person. The Studium Generale thus serves as a platform for subsequent university studies and career development—a year of learning and reflection, a year of contemplation, and a year of reflecting on the perennial question: what does it mean to be human?



The academic modules are divided as follows

- **Historia**  
The history of ideas and art
- **Religio**  
Sacred Scripture, Christian literature and spirituality
- **Conditio Humana**  
The human person and the individual personality
- **Actio**  
Law, economics and ethics
- **Ars Vivendi**  
What does it mean to be a human person in everyday life?

The Studium Generale offers 60 ECTS credits, which can be applied internationally to a subsequent course of studies.

Students live and study at the ITI in Trumau, outside Vienna, on a campus created in 2009 and centred around a twelfth-century castle which includes a beautiful inner courtyard, two chapels, a library, as well as lecture and seminar rooms. All courses are taught in English.

In addition to the academic curriculum, which touches upon the fields of theology, philosophy, anthropology, ethics, philosophy of law, history, literature, economics and art, the program includes a broad extracurricular offering. Further, students in the Studium Generale are offered the possibility of taking elective courses.

# Program of Studies

## Winter Semester

Introduction to Sacred  
Scripture I  
Old Testament (6 ECTS)

Catechism of the Catholic  
Church and Apologetics I  
(6 ECTS)

Introduction to  
Philosophy (6 ECTS)

Anthropology (6 ECTS)

European History (3 ECTS)

Art and Music (3 ECTS)

30 ECTS TOTAL

## Summer Semester

Introduction to Sacred  
Scripture II  
New Testament (6 ECTS)

Catechism of the Catholic  
Church and Apologetics II  
(6 ECTS)

Ethics (6 ECTS)

Law and Justice (3 ECTS)

Christian Literature (6 ECTS)

Introduction to Economic  
Theory and the Social Teaching  
of the Church (3 ECTS)

30 ECTS TOTAL

# Extracurricular Program

## Winter Semester

Introductory Week in the Mountains

Art Excursions to Vienna

Media Training: Media Centre, Abbey of Heiligenkreuz

Participation in Liturgical Life at Trumau Castle and the Abbey of Heiligenkreuz

Elective Courses (to be agreed with program director)

## Summer Semester

Weekend Lenten Retreat

Music Excursions to Vienna

Walking Pilgrimage to Mariazell: Start from Abbey of Heiligenkreuz

Participation in Liturgical Life at Trumau Castle and the Abbey of Heiligenkreuz

Elective Courses (to be agreed with program director)

The program aims to bring young people closer to their ultimate foundation, so that they can experience deeply what it is that makes a life lived with Christ so fulfilling. Both the academic curriculum and the diverse range of extracurricular activities are oriented towards this profound truth of human life.





# About the Institute

The International Theological Institute (ITI) was founded in 1995 as a direct initiative of Pope St. John Paul II with the goal of establishing an international theological centre for future leaders in Church and society, especially laity, with a special focus on the theme of marriage and the family. Cardinal Christoph Schönborn, Archbishop of Vienna, is the institute's Grand Chancellor. The institute offers studies in theology, as well as additional courses rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition. The language of instruction is English. Students, faculty and administrative staff hail from all around the world.

**"The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled"**

Plutarch, 45-125 AD



The ITI has a unique campus culture. With students from so many different countries, cultures and rites, it is truly our Faith that gives us our unity.



# Studium Generale

## Academic Fees

€ 6.500

## Accommodation

€ 2.000

## ECTS Points

60 points over 2 semesters  
(30 per semester)

## Language of Instruction

Lectures and seminars  
are held in English

## Meals

The campus in Trumau  
offers students private and  
shared kitchens in which to  
prepare their own food.

## Sport

The institute has its own soccer  
team, and Trumau offers a  
range of sporting activities



## Enquires and Registration

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