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# Course Information Form

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*Higher Education Award in  
Adolescent and Youth Ministry*

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**First Offered:** 2022  
**This course:** October 2022  
**Contact Person:** Mr Karl Vella/Mr Benjamin Flores Martin  
**Reference:** (any documentation related to the course)

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1. Details needed for Website

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| <b>Course Code:</b>  | IFP/AYM5    |
| <b>Level:</b>  | MQF Level 5 |
| <b>Credits:</b>  | 16 ECTS     |
| <b>Accreditation:</b>  | MFHEA       |
| <b>Course Type:</b>  | Long Course |
| <b>Target Students/ Intended For:</b>  |             |
| All those who are currently involved (or who desire to be involved) in youth formation initiatives within a Church-related context.  |             |
| <b>Target Audience Age/s:</b>  |             |
| 18+  |             |
| <b>Course Description &amp; Learning Outcomes:</b>   |             |
| <p>The course aims to provide participants with holistic formation and training in preparation for partaking in youth formation programmes. Participants will be presented with an overview of theoretical frameworks underlying contemporary adolescent and youth ministry. Theological, sociological, psychological, and spiritual perspectives will provide the basis for reflection and elaboration of practical skills necessary for leading youth formation programmes. Spiritual Companionship will be the cornerstone for the course, aiming at helping prospective youth ministers discover their mission and facilitate in young people an authentic developmental journey.</p> <p>By the end of this course the student will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Articulate the message of the Gospel to adolescents and youth</li> <li>-Propose the teachings of the Church on moral, bioethical and doctrinal issues to adolescents and youth</li> <li>- Integrate contemporary means of communication to meet diverse youth’s needs</li> </ul> |             |
| <b>Curriculum:</b>   |             |

**Module 1 – THD5015: Introduction to Dogmatic Theological Perspectives on Youth Ministry**

**Module 2 – THD5017: Theological Perspectives on Youth Ministry**

**Module 3 – THD5015: Adolescent and Youth Culture**

**Module 4 – THD5015: Biblical and Spiritual Perspectives on Adolescents and Youth**

**Module 5 - Professional Ethical Practice and Practicum**

**Module 6 - Deepening of a Youth Ministry Charism**

**Module 7 - Self-Awareness Group/ Sensitivity training**

**Course Dates:**

**October 2022 – June 2024**

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| Saturday | 29-<br>Oct | 9.30am -<br>12.30pm |  | Mod 1<br>Introduction<br>Theological<br>Perspectives | SDB and Edward Wright              | 3 |   |
| Saturday | 05-<br>Nov | 9.30am -<br>12.30pm |  | Mod 1<br>Introduction<br>Theological<br>Perspectives | SDB and Edward Wright              | 3 |   |
| Saturday | 12-<br>Nov | 9.30am -<br>12.30pm |  | Mod 1<br>Introduction<br>Theological<br>Perspectives | SDB and Edward Wright              | 3 |   |
|          |            |                     | Online<br>Sessions-<br>blended<br>learning | Mod 1<br>Introduction<br>Theological<br>Perspectives |                                    |   | 5 |
| Saturday | 04-<br>Feb | 8.30am -<br>12.30pm |  | Mod 2<br>Practical<br>Perspectives                   | Karl Vella and Jesmond<br>Schembri | 4 |   |
| Saturday | 11-<br>Feb | 8.30am -<br>12.30pm |  | Mod 2<br>Practical<br>Perspectives                   | Karl Vella and Jesmond<br>Schembri | 4 |   |
|          |            |                     | Online<br>Sessions-<br>blended<br>learning | Mod 2<br>Practical<br>Perspectives                   |                                    |   | 6 |

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| Saturday        | 06-May    | 9.30am - 12.30pm |                                  | Mod 3 Youth culture                     | Fr. Louis Grech SDB and Dr. Marlene Cauchi   | 3  |    |
| Saturday        | 13-May    | 9.30am - 12.30pm |                                  | Mod 3 Youth culture                     | Fr. Louis Grech SDB and Dr. Marlene Cauchi   | 3  |    |
| Saturday        | 20-May    | 9.30am - 12.30pm |                                  | Mod 3 Youth culture                     | Fr. Louis Grech SDB and Dr. Marlene Cauchi   | 3  |    |
|                 |           |                  | Online Sessions-blended learning | Mod 3 Youth culture                     |  |    | 5  |
| Non Residential | 7 - 9 Jul | 17.00- 20.00pm   |                                  | Mod 4 Spiritual & Biblical Perspectives | Christine Rossi and Fr. Stefan Attard (Willing to deliver the module but has another commitment on this weekend) | 14 |    |
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|                 |           |                  |                                  |   | Total hours  | 40 | 16 |

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| <b>Start Date:</b>   | July 2022  |
| <b>Course Fee:</b>   | € 600.00 for whole two year course   |
| <b>Mode of Delivery:</b>   | Blended learning   |
| <b>Mode of Attendance:</b>   | Face to face, online, Moodle and practice hours  |
| <b>Hours of Total Learning:</b>  | 112 plus 3 hours per student as supervised placement and practice hours all paid to tutors |
| <b>Programme Duration:</b>   | Two years  |
| <b>Language:</b>   | Maltese/ English   |
| <b>Venue:</b>  | various  |
| <b>Mode of Assessment/s:</b>   |  |
| <b>A mix of assessment methods will be employed to allow for different learning styles. They include:</b>  |  |
| <b>Assessment:</b>   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Modules 1 – 4:</b> Research Paper 100% (at the end of <i>each</i> module)</li> <li>• <b>Module 5:</b> Journaling 50%, Mentor evaluation 25%, End of Placement evaluation 25%</li> <li>• <b>Module 6 &amp; 7:</b> Reflective paper 100% (at the end of <i>each</i> module)</li> </ul> |  |

**Final Award:**

1. Introduction to Adolescent and Youth Ministry
  - This will be awarded upon completion of Year 1, which includes Modules 1-4 only.
  - MQF Level: Level 5 (8 ECTS)
1. Award in Adolescent and Youth Ministry
  - This will be awarded upon completion of both Year 1 and Year 2, which includes Modules 1-7.
  - MQF Level: Level 5 (16 ECTS)

**Duration:** 2 years part-time including:

- Contact hours – 112 hours
- Supervised Placement and Practice Hours – 62 hours
- Self-Study Hours – 156 hours
- Assessment Hours – 70 hours

**Certification:** A sealed Certificate together with a Certificate supplement after successful\* completion of the course

*\* To obtain a Certificate of Achievement a student must; Attend a minimum of 80% of each module and Pass successfully the assignment*

**Award Institution:** Pastoral Formation Institute

**Teaching Institution:** Pastoral Formation Institute, in collaboration with the [Salesian Family](#), and the [MCYN](#)(Malta Catholic Youth Network)

**Certificate/s:**

Certificate of Attendance – attendance only no assessment

Certificate of Achievement – attendance plus pass mark of assessment

A sealed Certificate together with a Certificate supplement after successful\* completion of the course

**Entry requirements:**

Applicants must be in possession of:

1. a Matriculation Certificate or equivalent
2. demonstrate level B1 Spoken and Written competence of English (Language levels of the Common European Framework of Reference)
3. submit one referral letter from Parish Priest or the respective Provincial Superior (in the case of members of Consecrated Religious Life), or Movement/ Association Leader (in the case of members of a Youth Group), or equivalent.

**Lecturer/s:**

Edward Wright  
Karl Vella  
Jesmond Schembri  
Fr Louis Grech SDB  
Dr Marlene Cauchi  
Ms Christine Rossi

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| <b>Coordinator:</b> Mr Karl Vella |
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## 2. Course` Timeframe

These are all the dates we need to set up and communicate with all those who are involved in offering the course.

i. **Lecture Dates**

ii. **Assessment dates:**

- **Deadline of Submission**
- **Deadline for Corrections**

iii. **Grading processing time**

iv. **Certificate issue date**

v. **Mode of certificate presentation.**

