

## PROGRAMME PROFILE

Educational Programme	<b>Socio-Spiritual Counselling of the Vulnerable Populations</b>
Degree Awarded	Master in Socio-Spiritual Counselling of Vulnerable Populations
Standard Length of Studies (Number of ECTS Credits)	2 years, 4 semesters, 130 ECTS
Type of Study	Full-time
Higher Education Institution	“Babeş-Bolyai” University Cluj-Napoca, Romania
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Profile of the Degree Programme	Socio-Spiritual Counselling of the Vulnerable Populations degree programme, Social Theology, Theology
Target Group / Addressees	Higher education graduates in Theology - Social Assistance, Social Theology, Pastoral Theology, Didactic Theology, Social Assistance, Sociology, Psychology, Medicine, Educational Sciences and any graduate with a Bachelor’s degree who works or looks for a position/job in the profile of this master’s programme.
Entrance Conditions	Selection criteria: - graduation exam average (50% from the final grade); - the overall undergraduate average grade (50 % from the final grade);
Further Education Possibilities	The master’s programme aims at providing students with the appropriate tools for further doctoral studies. Graduates can choose to follow doctoral studies in the field of theology or sociology, etc.
Description of Study	<b>Compulsory Disciplines:</b> Christianity, a Constitutive Element of the European Civilisation; Historical – Philosophical Perspectives; Human Dignity; Elements of Theological and Biblical Anthropology; The Social – Theological Relevance of the Human Rights. European Standards and Romanian Realities; Social Work Methods and Techniques centred on families with elderly members; Deus Caritas Est. Principles and Charismas in the Social – Charitable Activity of the Church; Social Barriers, Marginalization and Communion in the Holy Scriptures; Methods and Techniques in Counselling the Vulnerable Populations; Reflective Practice in Charity Organizations; Spiritual Counselling of the Social Marginalized Groups; Social Issues in the Christian Ethics; The Design and Management of Social Programmes; Communication Processes and Decision

	<p>Making Strategies in Groups; Computerised Models in the Analysis of the Qualitative Data; Professional Practice in Organisations, Institutions and Communities; Evaluation of Professional Practice;</p> <p><i>Elective Disciplines:</i></p> <p>The New Testament Cultural Background; Addictive Behaviour and Crime; Methodology of Social Research; The Legal and Organisational Context of Social Services; Scripture Reference in the Christian Moral Action; Conflicts Management and Negotiation; Spiritual Theology. Topics and Models; Development of Rural Communities and Rural Social Services; Life Perspective and Events Analysis in Population Studies; Community Psychiatry and Ergo-therapy; Strategic Management of Communication.</p>
Purposes of the Programme	<p>The aims of the Master's Programme in Social Spiritual Counselling of the Vulnerable Populations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to train competent specialists in the fields of theology and social assistance, able to work in national institutions or organizations, in international civil or ecclesiastic organisations which provide social and socio-spiritual programs for populations at risk situations;</li> <li>- to develop the personality of the students by their active involvement in the social sector;</li> <li>- to help students assimilate or consolidate values like: justice and truth; peace and charity; religious freedom; family; dignity and uniqueness of the human being; equality of chances and anti-discriminatory practices; trusting in the ability of development of every person; real human values and important Christian values;</li> <li>- to sustain students in understanding the mechanisms and social structures that endanger the human dignity;</li> <li>- to train specialists in Social Theology and Social Assistance whom will become the staff working in ecclesial communities, governmental and nongovernmental organizations,</li> <li>- to promote the values and the interests of the vulnerable individuals, families, groups and communities;</li> <li>- to make students able to have initiatives, to elaborate projects, to create organisations able to solve the urgent social problems of the Romanian society by developing communitarian actions;</li> </ul> <p>The basic objective of this master's programme is to train highly educated people in the theoretical, methodological and practical areas whom can either follow a career in the direct practice or to start doctoral studies for future research. The two possible directions are well received in the labour market for highly qualified individuals, because services and research in the counselling domain are on ascension.</p>
Specialization / Area of Expertise	Theology, Social Theology, Socio-Spiritual Counselling of the Vulnerable Populations

Extra Peculiarities	Not applicable
Practical Training	The program of studies involves professional practice in various charity organizations and social work institutions (in the first and second years of studies, in the second and fourth semesters).
Final Examinations	Masters Dissertation/Thesis (written and oral presentation)
Gained Abilities and Skills	<p>The master's programme in socio - spiritual counselling of the vulnerable populations offers in-depth training in social theology or a specializations in the field of social theology and social assistance, according to the previous training of the candidates. From the methodological point of view, the studies intend to offer specialists in advanced quantitative and qualitative methodologies of research, specific to the socio-human sciences, and methods of social action and medical-social intervention in the favour of the vulnerable populations at risk situations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- adequate counselling skills in order to help different disadvantaged groups: children, adults, elderly people, chronically ill, people with disabilities, alcohol and drugs addicted persons, etc.;</li> <li>- use research skills, process and data analysis techniques;</li> <li>- skills in designing social projects and programs, implementing strategies and public policies, in conflict management and negotiation, etc.</li> </ul>
Job Placement, Potential Field of Professional Activity	Counsellor, specialized reviewer, specialized inspector, expert in the social and socio - spiritual services offered by the public and private sectors.

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