

The Angelicum

PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY OF
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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1, 104

students for the
year 2016-2017

201

professors for the
year 2016-2017

93

nations
represented

Only pontifical
university in
Rome with
courses in
English

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About the University

The Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) is a Dominican institution in the heart of Rome. It contains Faculties of Theology, Philosophy, Canon Law, and Social Sciences. The roots of the Angelicum reach to the medieval Dominican house of studies in Rome, founded in the XIII century, in which Aquinas taught. It presently offers education in Italian and English for students of about 100 different nationalities. The Angelicum collaborates with academic institutions from all over the world. Among its illustrious students belongs Karol Wojtyła, Saint John Paul II.

Mission and Vision

The Angelicum offers university education where faith and reason work together. It forms students as virtuous leaders, capable of evangelization and promoting integral human development. Illuminating the present by the wisdom of St Thomas Aquinas, students, professors, and staff share in Dominican study, prayer, community, and preaching.

A Dominican University

The Angelicum is an ecclesiastical university belonging to the Dominican Order, attended by students both clerical and lay. In the footsteps of Thomas Aquinas, who knew how to harmonize faith and reason in his search for the Truth, the Angelicum offers its students a solid formation and a style of thought that favors dialogue with contemporary culture about the various problems in the fields of theology, law, philosophy, and social sciences. The university's solid tradition of research is enriched today by current themes such as ecumenism, religious pluralism, multiculturalism, and economic and financial ethics.

Unique English Language Programs

In all the Faculties there are courses in Italian, while the Faculties of Theology and Philosophy are unique among the Roman ecclesiastical faculties in that they also have complete courses of study exclusively in English. Besides the Faculties of Theology, Canon Law, Philosophy, and Social Sciences, there are also the Higher Institute of Religious Sciences Mater Ecclesiae, the Institute of Spirituality, and the Institute of St. Thomas. Through the Faculties, the University issues the canonical degrees of Baccalaureate, Licentiate, and Doctorate, to which are also added the Masters and other diplomas of specialization offered by the Faculties and Institutes.

A Strong International Character

The Angelicum is composed of 1,104 students from more than 90 countries. The countries that are most represented are the United States (237 students), Italy (221 students), and India (87 students). The teaching staff is also international, including 201 professors from 30 countries, clerics, religious brothers and sisters, laymen and laywomen. The student body is composed of 374 diocesan students, 296 male and female religious, and 270 laymen and laywomen in the four faculties with 163 students enrolled in the Institute of Religious Sciences Mater Ecclesiae. At the Angelicum, one truly experiences the catholicity of the Church.

The Person at the Centre of the Institution

A distinctive element of the Angelicum is the attention given to the students. The University is universally recognized as a welcoming place, where relations between the students, the teaching staff, and the non-teaching personnel are characterized by respect and cordiality. Contained in this attitude is the commitment of the Faculties to offer personalized plans of study alongside the institutional formation programmes. Furthermore, the Angelicum offers the student many supplementary services, such as Italian language courses, tutoring, honors courses, psychological counseling services, scholarships, financial aid, and computer access.

An Important History

The Angelicum is also noted for its rich history, as its roots are to be found in the medieval *Studium* of the Dominican Order in Rome, out of which grew the College of Saint Thomas, founded in 1580, the direct ancestor of the Angelicum. Among its most illustrious professors in recent history are Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P., Ludovico Cordovani, O.P., Jacques M. Vosté, O.P., and Dalmazio Mongillo, O.P. Among its alumni, certain names also stand out: Blessed Karol Wojtyła (Pope John Paul II), Dominique Chenu, O.P., Georges Pire, O.P. (Nobel Peace Prize, 1958), and Jean-Marie Tillard, O.P.

A Stunning Location

The Angelicum is located in Rome's Historic Centre, between the Coliseum and the Quirinale, in a complex of significant architectural value and outstanding beauty. The Angelicum has much to offer with its majestic Aula Magna, named after John Paul II; the Aula Minor, named after St. Raymond of Peñafort; the large library, common rooms for the students, and meeting rooms. It is set in an environment which is ornamented by a beautiful cloister and panoramic gardens overlooking the ancient city of Rome. It includes a "Convitto" which is a student residence. The Angelicum is located in impressive surroundings in the city that is the very center of Christianity, representing an additional benefit to the students, and a further enrichment of their own experience.

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