

Qualification and Core Competencies

The programme aims at the formation of persons who will become:

- Child protection officers for dioceses, religious congregations, etc.
- Advisors and trainers in the field of safeguarding (e.g. in seminaries, formation houses, schools, etc.)

Core competencies:

The skills and abilities

- to recognise possible signs of abuse and to identify the appropriate means of intervention
- to assist Church leaders in dealing with allegations effectively and pastorally
- to assist and care for victims/survivors of abuse
- to address the spiritual and theological implications of abuse
- to develop and implement a prevention programme in the respective social, cultural and legal context

Seminars

The seminar method of teaching will allow students to actively participate and to discuss practical problems and case-studies with respect to sexual abuse and the safeguarding of minors. The seminars will be held in English. Other languages are also acceptable in conversations, discussions, and written papers.



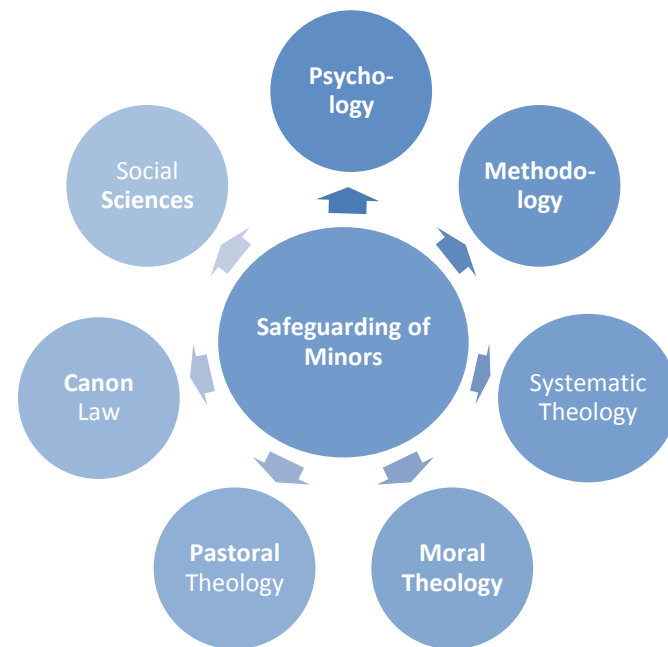
The six seminars, listed below, will be offered in succession over a twelve week period. Each seminar will run for two weeks with attendance from 8.30–12.30 am, Monday through Friday.

Seminar Schedule: February-June

1. Sexual abuse: What do you need to know?	•Terms, definitions, and methodology
2. Does a child have rights?	•Minors: development, safety, rights
3. Safe and sacred spaces	•Safeguarding and prevention
4. The abuse of faith	•Theology and spirituality
5. The truth will set us free	•Truth and justice
6. Growing after sexual abuse	•Various forms of care

Method: Interdisciplinary Approach

The interdisciplinary approach to be employed integrates methods and analytical frameworks from different disciplines:



Credits and Final Degree

The diploma curriculum comprises 30 ECTS. Each of the 6 seminars represents 4 ECTS (in total 24 ECTS). 4 ECTS are granted for a final paper, 1 ECTS for a mid-term exam and 1 ECTS for a personal reflection paper.

After completing the programme successfully a „Diploma in the Safeguarding of Minors“ will be awarded by the Institute of Psychology of the Pontifical Gregorian University.