



Statutes of the Institute of Anthropology.

Interdisciplinary Studies on Human Dignity and Care

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Art. 1 - Aims of the Institute

The Institute of Anthropology at the Pontifical Gregorian University (PUG) is committed to raising awareness about human dignity, and promoting education and interdisciplinary research on this topic. Its purpose is also to train people who specialize in applying measures that aim to promote and protect human dignity and work to create healthy relationships and environments. The Institute intends to contribute to the formation of women and men who serve others – especially those whose dignity has been wounded and those whose dignity needs to be looked after in particular.

The Institute's objectives are:

- a. To promote greater sensitivity and willingness to act in a way that consistently promotes human dignity and care for vulnerable people, thus contributing to a practical commitment of the Catholic Church.
- b. To contribute to the formation of professionals working to protect vulnerable people, who know how to apply their knowledge and skills effectively in different social and cultural contexts and which intend to serve the mission of the Church and society as a whole.

Art. 2 - Governance of the Institute

§ 1. The Director governs and represents the Institute in accordance with the *University General Statutes*¹ (“*Statuti Generali dell’Università*”).

§ 2. The Director’s Council shall consist of three of the Institute’s professors, in accordance with the *University General Statutes*.²

¹ Cfr. *University General Statutes*, art. 30.

² Cfr. *University General Statutes*, art. 34.

§ 3. The Institute Council shall consist of all professors and associate adjunct lecturers, a representative elected by the other faculty members, and an appropriate number of student body representatives, as determined by the *Rules of the Institute* (“*Regolamento dell’Istituto*”), elected in accordance with the *University General Statutes* and the *Rules of the Institute*.

§ 4. The Council of Ordinary Professors and the Council of Professors shall perform their duties in accordance with the *University General Statutes*.³

§ 5. The Institute will also use an Advisory Committee, which is tasked with accompanying the Institute’s academic and scientific development and ensuring the effectiveness of the Institute’s work by offering suggestions on which topics should be emphasized in regard to research and engagement. The Academic Vice Rector of the PUG presides over this body, and its members include – in addition to the Director of the Institute – an appropriate number of people appointed by the Rector from among the Institute’s benefactors, members of the academic world, and representatives of people whose dignity has been wounded.

Art. 3 - Teachers and Other Collaborators

§ 1. There shall be at least six professors at the Institute, of whom at least three shall be stable.

§ 2. The Institute relies on the collaboration of specialized personnel, who contribute to the carrying out of activities in the various fields (scientific, administrative, and technical). This collaboration is regulated according to the norms of the Pontifical Gregorian University.

Art. 4 - Admission of Students

§ 1. In order to decide on students’ admission, a commission of professors and lecturers appointed by the Director will evaluate each candidate based on criteria such as previous studies, personal suitability, and the prospect of future work in the field. The Director of the Institute will communicate the results of this evaluation to each candidate.

§ 2. For admission to the diploma and the licentiate cycles, candidates must have obtained at least a bachelor’s degree (first cycle university degree) which qualifies them to begin second cycle studies.

§ 3. For admission to the doctoral program, candidates are evaluated according to the provisions of the *University Norms* (the *Norme dell’Università*).

Art. 5 - Curriculum of Studies

§ 1. The curriculum of studies at the Institute of Anthropology includes a diploma program, a licentiate program, and a doctoral program.

§ 2. The diploma program takes place within one semester (30 European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System, ECTS) and results in a Diploma in Safeguarding. It aims to offer a thorough basic training on the various issues involved in the field of safeguarding which also explores the interrelatedness of these issues, providing students with fundamental skills for professional employment or for the continuation of their studies.

³ Cfr. *University General Statutes*, art. 36 e 37.

§ 3. The licentiate program is comprised of 120 ECTS spanning the length of four semesters, which results in a Licentiate in Safeguarding. It provides students with a deeper knowledge and distinct understanding of the subjects taught; it also gives students the ability to use the knowledge acquired, both for their practical application and for scientific research.

§ 4. The doctoral program consists of a path of study and research, which intends to train specialists in the field of anthropological studies on human dignity and the care of vulnerable persons and results in being awarded a Doctorate in Anthropology.

§ 5. In addition to the curricula offered on-site, the Institute collaborates with international academic and educational partners by offering distance learning tools for the development of educational and training programs in safeguarding.

Art. 6 - Requirements for the Awarding of Degrees

§ 1. In order to earn the diploma, the student must pass the examinations of the individual courses and obtain a positive overall evaluation.

§ 2. In order to earn the licentiate, in addition to having received positive evaluations at the end of each semester, the student must take a final exam, consisting of both written and oral elements, and write and defend a licentiate thesis (the *Tesi di Licenza*).

§ 3. In order to earn the doctorate, the student, after having satisfied the requirements of the *Cursus ad Doctoratum*, must have written a dissertation with the guidance of a professor or lecturer, defended it, and published at least a part of it (see *Norms for the Third Cycle - "Norme per il Terzo Ciclo"*).

