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Semester Study Placement

The semester study placement at the VEC has been in existence since the 1970's. It was established to provide scholarships for 2 ordinands in training to study alongside English Roman Catholic seminarians for a semester in order to foster good working relationships between future Anglican and Catholic priests in Britain.

Candidates are selected through an application and interview process at Ministry Division and the successful applicants are granted a full scholarship for the academic, maintenance, and travel costs of the placement.

Shape and Content of the Placement

1. Candidates are registered for modules at the Angelicum (teaching mostly in English) or Gregorian (teaching mostly in Italian) Universities in Rome, alongside the English seminarians from the VEC. Modules can be done for credit (through ECTS) or audited depending on the individual candidate's needs.
2. Candidates join the new intake of seminarians at the VEC and take a full part in the residential life and worship of the college.
3. Tutorial support and supervision are provided by staff at the VEC.
4. Anglican ordinands are also supported by the Director at the Anglican Centre in Rome and are able to attend the weekly Eucharist and lunch there.
5. Tuition in Italian is available for candidates prior to the placement or by joining the new intake of seminarians for an intensive language course in August prior to the start of the new term in September.

Assessment

1. Modules taken for credit will be assessed by the relevant university.
2. On their return, all candidates are asked to write a 2,000 word report on their placement with reflection on their academic, spiritual, and personal formation.