



The Scalabrini International Migration Institute (SIMI) is an international study, research and training institute whose core mission is the academic and professional education in the field of human mobility. It offers a wide range of learning and training programs aimed at introducing students, graduates and professionals to the understanding of the phenomenon of human mobility, through a multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary approach. Our methodology favours the missionary perspective of the migration phenomenon by giving particular attention to intercultural dynamics as well as ecumenical and interreligious dialogue. Moreover, it encompasses a vision of “develop an integral human ecology” by promoting human dignity and social integration of the individual migrant and refugee, and his/her family. This task is part of the broader perspective of responding to the request for a global training program aimed at promoting an integral Christian vision of human mobility in every context.

Graduate Diploma in the Pastoral Care of Human Mobility (GDPCHM)

Among our learning and training programs is the online Graduate Diploma in the Pastoral Care of Human Mobility (GDPCHM) aiming at ensuring that students, pastoral workers and professionals, both religious and lay, in all regions of the world are provided with access to knowledge resources about the phenomenon of human mobility and the theological, biblical and pastoral aspects. The GDPCHM is organized by SIMI under the patronage of the Migrants & Refugees Section, and in cooperation with several Conferences of bishops. Since 2011 this program has provided more than 600 students and professionals from across the world with theological-pastoral scientific understanding of the complexity of the forms of human mobility and has enabled them to develop action plans to build communities capable of welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating. This network of alumni spans the globe making SIMI more than just an Institute, making it a community.

Structured into a first basic cycle (I year) and a second advanced cycle (II year), the GDPCHM is offered in Italian, Spanish, English. The GDPCHM comprises of five courses for each cycle that are distributed in one full academic year (November to June). The participation fee is \$350. All courses are “reading courses” where face-to-face lessons are substituted by the individual reading of reference materials prepared by the professor every fortnight. Students are required to show the completion of the assignment by summarising readings or by providing written answers to questions prepared by the professor. The successful completion is determined by the passing of exams of all the courses. Participants to the GDPCHM have automatic access to SIMI’s Digital Library in Migration Theology, where they can search a wide range of resources such as full text articles, books and other publications.

Basic Program

- The Phenomenon of Human Mobility
- The Teaching of the Church and the Pastoral Care of Human Mobility
- Old Testament and Pastoral Care of Human Mobility
- Elements of Pastoral Care of Human Mobility 1
- Protection and Promotion of Human Rights in the Migration Context

Advanced Program

- Theological Principles of the Pastoral Care of Human Mobility
- Elements of Pastoral Care of Human Mobility 2
- Spirituality of the Pastoral Care of Human Mobility
- Ethics and Pastoral Care of Human Mobility
- New Testament and Pastoral Care of Human Mobility

Special Education Programs

Particular attention is given to the trainings and education programs developed in cooperation with national or international church institutions for pastoral agents. These programs aimed to deep the biblical and theological foundations of the phenomenon of human mobility, in particular of migration, according to the teaching of the Church; to privilege the method of comparison and dialogue between human-social sciences and theological-pastoral disciplines, in the deepening of the processes of human mobility; to develop the missionary value of the migratory phenomenon, with particular attention to intercultural relations and ecumenical and interreligious dialogue.