

# Lutheran Confessions (LC)

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## Academic credits

4 KP (6 ECTS)

## Prerequisites

Church History  
Dogmatics

## Approved by

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## Content

The LC course is composed of two parts. Part I, a video option with an on-site introduction, a 2-workshop and an examination part. In Part II, on-site lectures, 3 workshops with presentations and their defence, interim examination.

LC looks at three ecumenical (Apostolic, Nicean and Athanasian) creeds and Lutheran Confessions (excluding Luther's catechisms) in a concentrated but complex way, from a Biblical, systematic and historical point of view. In addition to Ecumenical Creeds, particular attention is paid to the presentation and analysis of the Augsburg Confession (1530) and its Apology, as well as the Treatise and Formula of Concord as the theological comment of the Augsburg Confession and further development, pointing to their content in modern relationships, interactions, interdisciplinary links, as well as to the use of the Book of Concord in faith practice, in serving in congregation and in society.

## Aims:

- To introduce students to LC;
- to deepen their understanding of the content of Lutheran confessional faith;
- promote their ability to present this content rationally and justify it.

## Learning Outcomes

### **Knowledge**

*The students will know:*

- The meaning, origin and meaning of Confessions
- Structure and relationship of *Book of Concord*
- Basic messages for key articles in *Book of Concord*

### **Assessment**

Individual work I –  
V  
Examination

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### **Skills**

*The students will be able to:*

- To identify the content of the Confessions Individual work I –
- Provide an overview of the structure of *Book of Concord* III  
Examination

### **Competencies**

*The students will be able to:*

- Explain the basic content of Confessions contained in *The Book of Concord* Individual work IV – V
- To refer to the use of Confessions in faith practice and in their own ministry, contained in *The Book of Concord* Examination
- To be able to make a point of view

## FULL-TIME STUDIES

### Lesson Plan:

#### LC Part I

Subject	Number of contact hours
Introduction to the course. The origin and meaning of creeds and Confessions. Structure and relationships of <i>Book of Concord</i> . Structure of the Augsburg Confession, its main article, About justification by Faith.	3
Augsburg Confession and Apology Articles 1-4	3
Augsburg Confession and Apology Articles 5-8	3
Augsburg Confession and Apology Articles 9-12	3
Augsburg Confession and Apology Articles 13-16	3
Augsburg Confession and Apology Articles 17-19	3
Augsburg Confession and Apology Articles 20-23	3
Augsburg Confession and Apology Articles 24-28	3
Summary. Basic principles of Lutheran theology derived from the LC	3
Workshop I, presentations	3
Workshop II, presentations	2
	interim examination

Total 32 hours

#### LC Part II

Subject	Contact hour Number of
Introduction LC II, Schmalkaldic Articles, history, analysis	2

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<i>Schmalkaldic Articles</i> , analysis continued	2
Treatise: <i>Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope</i> ; history, outline	2
<i>Formula of Concord</i> , history of making; <i>Formula of Concord</i> , 1. About congenital sin	2
<i>Formula of Concord</i> , 2. Of the free will	2
<i>Formula of Concord</i> , 3. The Righteousness of Faith	2
<i>Formula of Concord</i> , 4. On the good works	2
Workshop III, presentations	3
<i>Formula of Concord</i> , 5. Law and Gospel	1
<i>Formula of Concord</i> , 6. On the third use of Law	1
<i>Formula of Concord</i> , 7. The Holy Supper	1
<i>Formula of Concord</i> , 8. The Person of Christ	2
Workshop IV, presentations	3
<i>Formula of Concord</i> , 9. Christ's Descent into Hell	1
<i>Formula of Concord</i> , 10. Church Rites, Commonly Called Adiaphora	1
<i>Formula of Concord</i> , 11. Election	1
<i>Formula of Concord</i> , 12. Other Sects	1
Workshop V, presentations	3
Final exam	
<b>Total contact hours</b>	<b>32</b>

### Organisation and tasks of the work of students in full-time studies:

No. p. k.	Individual	Number of hours to run
1.	Research and development of two articles from Confessions for presentation	50
2.	Preparing two presentation handouts	20
3.	Create two handout pages	20
4.	Presentation and defence of two articles (with a ppt presentation) in seminars III, IV, V	2
5.	Discussing 2 presentations of another member of the course, evaluating the progress of discussion for 2 presentations, workshops III, IV, V	4
	<b>Total working hours of Individual work:</b>	<b>96</b>

### Assessment:

Individual task No.	Learning Outcomes			% of final test rating
	Knowledge	Skills	Competence	
1.	+	+		10%
2.	+	+		10%
3.	+	+		10%
4.	+		+	10%
5.	+		+	10%
examination	+	+	+	50%
<b>Total</b>				<b>100%</b>

## Readings for LC I

### *Mandatory Readings*

*Vienprātības grāmata. Luteriskās ticības apliecības.* Rīga: LMF, 2012:

- a) Trīs galvenie simboli,
- b) Augsburgas ticības apliecība,
- c) Augsburgas ticības apliecības Apoloģija

Vanags, J. “Priekšvārds otrajam izdevumam latviešu valodā” *Vienprātības grāmata. Luteriskās ticības apliecības.* Rīga: LMF, 2012, ix-xxiv.lpp.

Māsmans, D. *Augsburgas ticības apliecība šodien.* Rīga: LMF, 2001.

Kinnamens, S. red. *Luterisms jautājumos un atbildēs.* Rīga: LMF, 2014:

- a) 31. nodaļa *Mēs apliecinām* 222-227.lpp.
- b) Ticības apliecības 10-11.lpp.
- c) Ticības apliecināšana 170-173.lpp.
- d) 22. nodaļa *Luters: negaidītais reformators* 158-164.lpp.
- e) 23. nodaļa *Reformācijas laika pasaule* 165-169.lpp. (ieteicami)
- f) *Visa centrā ir Jēzus*, 2. sadaļa 35-42.lpp.

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Sanness, K. *Luteriskā ticība. Augsburgas apliecības skaidrojums draudžu cilvēkiem.* Rīga: LMF, 1995.

Brātens, K. *Luteriskās teoloģijas principi.* Rīga: LU TF izdevniecība „Ceļš”, 1997.

Plāte, N. *Confessio Augustana* tulkojums un iztirzājums. Komentārijs. Rīga: Teoloģijas Seminārs, 1981.

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*Dzīvības vārds.* Apustuļu ticības apliecība.

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<https://gudribassakums.wordpress.com/2014/03/04/attaisnosana-vai-tas-ir-tas-ko-tu-doma-1/>

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## Readings for LC II

### *Mandatory Readings*

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2. Kinemans, S. red. *Luterisms jautājumos un atbildēs.* Rīga: LMF, 2014.
3. 22. nodaļa. *Luters: negaidītais reformators.*
4. 23. nodaļa. 158.-164.lpp. *Reformācijas laika pasaule.* 165.-173.lpp.
5. 24.nodaļa. *Luterisms pēc Lutera.* 174.-176.lpp.
6. Teigens, Bjorns. “Es ticu: Šmalkaldes artikulu pētījums.” *Mantojums*, 1995.g. Nr. 1., 2., 3.
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8. 26. nodaļa: *Reformācijas teoloģija luteriskajos apgabalos līdz Konkordijas formulai (1577.g.),* 273.-282.lpp;
9. 27. nodaļa: *Konkordijas formula.* 282.-288.lpp.
10. 30. nodaļa: *Luteriskā ortodoksija.* 303-325.lpp.

11. Frīdemans Hebarts, *Vienoti evaņģēlijā*. Rīga: LMF, 1995.

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3. Kolbs, R. "Konkordijas formulas vēsture," *Mantojums*, 1997. Nr. 2.
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