

History of the Church of Latvia

Academic credits

2 KP (3 ECTS)

Prerequisites

General knowledge of Latvia's history

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Content (Course Annotation)

In this course, students get a deeper insight into the history of the Church in Latvia (HCL), which has been developed since the baptism of Livonia until the end of Soviet time. The path of Christianity has been relatively difficult and complicated in this area, and it is not easy to track it. However, this has clearly been important and has left a lasting trail in the formation of the Latvian nation. The course will look at the main events and personalities of this church's history, the successes and failures of the Christianization. Historical and theological analysis will describe and evaluate the main phases and milestones of this unpalatable history, providing both overview and essential details.

Aims

- To deepen students' awareness of the history of the Church of Latvia;
- promoting the ability of students to understand the development of HCL in the context of overall history;
- develop the ability of students to discern and justify the importance of HCL today.
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Learning Outcomes

Knowledge

The students will know:

- HCL main persons, events and milestones
- HCL on its major development lines
- HCL sources for further inquiry

Assessment

Individual paper (1 & 2)
Examination

Skills

The students will be able to:

- use acquired knowledge and available sources
- debate and discuss your views on HCL

2. Individual work
Examination

Competencies

The students will be able to:

- generally teach HCL to congregations at Sunday School
- independently prepare an overview of HCL developments for popular conversation

Examination

Individual work plan

	<i>Individual work</i>	<i>Number of hours to run</i>
1	Read: <i>Roberts Feldmanis, Latvijas Baznīcas vēsture</i> , Conspect	30
2	Local church study and its presentation	18
	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>48</i>

Assessment

	Learning Outcomes			% of the final score
	Knowledge	Skills	Competences	
1. Individual work	+			30%
2. Individual work	+	+		30%
Examination	+	+	+	40%
<i>TOTAL</i>				<i>100%</i>

FULL-TIME STUDIES

Lesson Plan

	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Hours (45 min)</i>
1	Introduction	2
2	Medieval Christian context	2
3	Cristianisation of Livonia	2
4	The 13-15th century of the Livonia Church State	2

5	Livonia Reformation	2
6	Church in the Duchy of Kurzeme	2
7	Church in Polish Latgale	2
8	Church in Vidzeme and Riga	2
9	Age of Orthodoxy	2
10	Georg Mancelius, Christoph Fürecker, Ernst G. Glück	2
11	Brethren congregations	2
12	Time of rationalism and enlightenment	2
13	Church in the Russian Empire in 19.gs.	2
14	Formation of LELB and interwar time	2
15	LELB in Soviet times	2
16	Presentation of the Individual study	2
	Total	32

Readings

Mandatory Readings

- Knopkens, Andreass. *Vēstules romiešiem skaidrojums*. Tulk. K. Bankovskis. Rīga: PRFF, 2017.
- Lauciņš, Voldemārs (red.). *Kārlis Irbe 1861 -1934: 150 gadu jubilejas konferences materiālu krājums*. Rīga, 2012.
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Additional Readings

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