

# Theological English

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## Academic credits

8 KP (12 ECTS)

## Prerequisites

None

## Approved

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## Content (Course Annotation)

The purpose of the *Theological English* Course is to help students acquire the skills and abilities to use English, both as a source of information in fields related to their professional career and as a means of communication in practical work in the pastor capacity to manage services and activities, contacting people, cooperation with partner congregations and churches, participation in international seminars, conferences, retreats, fellowship.

## Aims

- introducing students to theological vocabulary, active use of it, and developing students' skills working with different professional texts
- improve students' ability to understand and analyze theological content in English and update their vocabulary and communicate on theological and spiritual topics
- prepare future pastors for communication with English-speaking colleagues, and develop their skills to write, preach and analyze homilies in English.
- supplement and update theologically important vocabulary, acquire the skills of summarizing and commenting texts, as well as the basic principles of business correspondence in English, based on situations in the life of the congregation.

## Learning Outcomes

### ***Knowledge***

*The students will know:*

- basic terms of theology in English
- theologically current vocabulary

### ***Assessment***

Attendance  
Interim test (I-III)  
Final test

### ***Skills***

*The students will be able to:*

- create business correspondence on issues relevant to the life of the congregation
  - discuss theological topics
- Presentations  
Discussions  
Interim test (I-III)  
Final test

### ***Competencies***

*The students will be able to:*

- understand basic thoughts and key words of different theological texts
  - speak of theological topics discussed in the course in English
  - apply theological vocabulary and communicative skills in professional situations, e.g., by leading worship or by ministering at special occasions
  - discern a variety of biblical translations and commentaries in English
- Presentations  
Discussions  
Interim test (I-III)  
Final test

## **FULL-TIME STUDIES**

### **Lesson Plan**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Academic hours (45 min)</i>
1 Beginning: God, creation, sin, salvation in the OT, commandments	8
2 Faith, Trinity, creeds	8
3 Salvation in NT, life and ministry of Jesus	8
4 Church year	6
5 Interim test	2
6 Prayer, different ways	8
7 Bible structure, comparison of translations	8
8 LELB History	8
9 Church building, arrangements, liturgical clothes	4
10 Interim test II	4
11 Worship, special occasions	16
12 Evangelisation and mission	8
11 LELB mission history	4
13 Bible study methods	4
14 Interim test III	2
15 Structure of LELB and congregation, ministry	6
16 Principles of business correspondence	4
17 Diaconia and the social work of the church	4

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18	Christian denominations, ecumenism, postmodern society	4
19	Non-Christian religions, world beliefs	8
20	Final test	4
<i>TOTAL</i>		<i>128</i>

## Individual study plan

Individual studies		Number of hours
Reading on the course		64
2	Learning terminology	32
3	Preparation of presentations, homilies, addresses for special occasions, dialogues	96
<i>TOTAL</i>		<i>192</i>

## Assessment

	Learning Outcomes			% of the final score
	Knowledge	Skills	Competencies	
Attendance	+	+		20
Interim test (I-III)	+	+	+	60
Final test	+	+	+	20
<i>TOTAL</i>				<i>100</i>

## Readings

### ***Mandatory Readings***

1. *Lutheran Service Book*. St. Luis: Concordia Publishing, 2006.
2. *The Book of Concord*.
3. *ESV Bible*.
4. Aland, K. *A History of Christianity*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1985.
5. *Congregational Stewardship Workbook 2000*. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Department of Stewardship Ministry.
6. Giertz, Bo. *The Hammer of God*. Illinois: Augustana Book Concern, 1960.
7. Grenz, Stanley J., and Roger E. Olson. *20th Century Theology: God & the World in a Transitional Age*. Downers Grove, Ill: InterVarsity Press, 1992.
8. McGrath, Alister E. *The Future of Christianity*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002.
9. Miller, Ed. L., and Stanley J. Grenz. *Fortress Introduction to Contemporary Theologies*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1998.

### ***Additional Readings***

1. Cameron, Euan. *The European Reformation*. 2nd edition. Oxford University Press, 2012.
2. Ceipe, Gundars. *The Blessing of the Hidden Seed. Birth of One Nation*. Riga: Moravian Church Mission in Latvia, 2018.

3. Franzmann, Martin Hans. *The Word of the Lord Grows*. St. Luis: Concordia Publishing, 1961.
4. Goheen, Michael W. (ed.). *Reading the Bible Missionally*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 2016.
5. Randall, Ian M. *Communities of Conviction*. Schwarzenfeld: Neufeld Verlag, 2009.