

Mission and evangelisation

Academic credits

2 KP (3 ECTS)

Prerequisites

None

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Content

The course examines the justification of the Christian mission in the Bible, Church History and Lutheran Confessions. Students will learn the essential issues of the mission, their context and their importance today. Students will be encouraged to reflect on the public and cultural environment of evangelism in order to preach the gospel and practice Scripture-based need for mission and evangelization. The course helps shape the understanding of the great commission given by Jesus Christ in a biblical, confessional, theological and historical perspective.

Aims

Provide students with basic biblical knowledge, tools and motivation for mission and evangelization according to Lutheran Confessions.

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge

The students will know:

- the grounds for mission and evangelism in the scriptures, Church History and Lutheran Confessions of faith.

Assessment

Exegesis

Skills

The students will be able to:

- explain the central importance of mission and evangelism in the apostolic Christian faith.
- identify different cultural elements that help and/or hinder the proclamation of the truth of the Bible.
- to apply their theological knowledge and understanding to the basic level in the context of the mission.

Exegesis

Essay

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- share your personal testimony carefully and succinctly in Scripture-based content and style. Personal testimony

Competencies

The students will be able to:

- maintain motivation with zeal and conviction to preach the Gospel to all people; Personal testimony
- respect the integrity of the person they witness to Essay
- respect other Christian denominations within the framework of evangelisation. Essay

Assessment

	Learning Outcomes			% of the final score
	Knowledge	Skills	Competencies	
Attendance	+			25
Exegesis	+	+		25
Essay	+	+	+	25
Personal testimony	+	+	+	25
				100

FULL-TIME STUDIES

Lesson Plan

	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Hours (45 min)</i>
1	Introduction and definitions	1
2	Mission/evangelization and Bible	3
3	Mission/evangelization in Church History	2
4	Mission/evangelization and Reformation	2
5	Mission as <i>Missio Trinitatis Dei</i>	2
6	<i>Missio Dei</i> and <i>Missio Ecclesiae</i>	2
7	Use of natural mind and revelation in evangelization	2
8	The person of Christ and the resulting consequences in the evangelization	2
9	The work of Christ and the resulting consequences in evangelization	2
10	Role of justification by faith in mission and evangelical religion	2
11	Means of grace and their use in mission and evangelization	2
12	<i>Verbum Domini</i> in mission and evangelisation	2
13	Apologetics in mission and evangelization	2
14	Mission and evangelization in the context of the secular society, the “Woke” cultural and inter-religious dialogue	2

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15	Tips for evangelizing	2
16	Presentation of personal testimony	2
	Total	32

Individual study plan

	Individual studies	Number of hours
1	<p>An exegesis where student must demonstrate understanding of mission and evangelism based on Scripture, Church History and Lutheran Confessions, and explain the central place of mission and evangelism in the apostolic Christian faith.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Explore Isaiah's 42: 6-9, focusing on how <i>missio Dei</i> targets those who already belong to God.- Explore Chapter 8 of Acts, focusing on how <i>missio Dei</i> includes all nations.	16
2	<p>Students submit a 1,000-word essay consisting of two parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 500 words: a reflection of personal evangelization, which looks at the evangelization activities, analyzing how the cultural context in question contributed to and/or hindered the preaching of the Gospel.- 500 words – analyze the direct and indirect cultural context in a student's chosen news article and formulate a strategy from a confessional position to declare the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this context. The selected news article must be available via a hyperlink or must be added to an attachment (the article does not include word count).	16
3	<p>Students must prepare a Personal testimony for 3 minutes, strictly adhering to the time limit. It can be created in the video format of TikTok or other platforms, but it is optional.</p>	16
	<i>TOTAL</i>	48

Readings

Mandatory Readings

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