



Luther Academy

Regulations of the Open Academy

I. General

- 1.1. The Open Academy of the Luther Academy (hereinafter referred to as the Open Academy) is a subsidiary of the Luther Academy (hereinafter referred to as LA) for providing accessibility, supply and management of life-long learning. The Open Academy is not a legal entity.
- 1.2. The name of the Open Academy in other languages:
in Latvian – “LA Atvērtā akadēmija”;
in German – “LA Offene Akademie”.
- 1.3. The Open Academy was established in accordance with Decision p. 7 of the LA Senate Meeting No. 5 on 11.05.2021.
- 1.4. The Open Academy shall base its activity on the laws and regulations of the Republic of Latvia, the LA Regulations on the Audience Participant Status, other internal regulations of LA, and the present Regulations.
- 1.5. The Open Academy is a direct subordinate of the LA Vice Rector for Studies.
- 1.6. The assets of the Open Academy are included in the LA budget as an independent part. The property of the Open Academy is the possession of LA.
- 1.7. The Open Academy may have its own seal with a name, symbols, and a letterhead.
- 1.8. Decisions on reorganizing and liquidation of the Open Academy shall be made by the LA Senate in compliance with the procedure set out in the LA Constitution.

II. Purpose and Objectives of the Open Academy

- 2.1. The purpose of the Open Academy is to promote the availability, supply and development of life-long learning LA by providing high standards of further education and professional development to people studying, working, seeking employment, or planning further education and a career, in order to promote personal growth according to the values of Christian faith, requirements of the labor market, as well as their own needs and interests.
- 2.2. Objectives of the Open Academy:
 - 2.2.1. to coordinate LA open studies in the adult non-formal education program “Theology and Service”, offering the opportunity to apply for any LA study

course as an audience participant or external student to anyone who has previously obtained at least secondary education.

2.2.1.1. open studies may be organized in Latvian or English, as full-time onsite studies, full-time remote studies, and distance learning studies.

2.2.1.2. audience participants are given an opportunity to fully obtain the contents of the course, pass examinations and receive grades in their chosen study course as any LA student, as well as engage in student activities, receive support, use the LA infrastructure, and receive an LA diploma upon the successful completion of the course. The issued LA diploma shall certify that credit points have been obtained corresponding to the course, which, in compliance with Cabinet Regulations “Regulations Regarding Recognition of the Study Results Achieved in Previous Education or Professional Experience”, allows applicants to require any Latvian university or college to recognize the obtained knowledge, skills, and competencies regarding the contents of the completed study course. If an audience participant wishes to study in the LA bachelor’s study program “Theology”, the credit points obtained in the program “Theology and Service” shall be comparable and recognized in full amount.

2.2.2.1.3. external students shall be given an opportunity to obtain the contents of the selected course, engage in student activities, receive support, use the LA infrastructure. Upon the completion of the course, external students shall not pass examination and shall not receive a certificate on having obtained the course.

2.3. To administer and coordinate the supply of LA further education and professional development:

2.3.1. To organize the development of professional competencies of LA teachers.

2.3.2. To create a database of further education and professional development programs and courses and facilitate the public circulation of such information.

2.3.3. In collaboration with the LA Founder, representatives of management and academic staff, to develop further education and professional development programs.

2.3.4. To organize further education courses, seminars, conferences.

2.3.5. To create expert groups, work groups, as well as to develop and implement projects for the achievement of the objectives under the Open Academy’s competencies.

2.3.6. To administer and coordinate the registration and record-keeping of study course audience participants and external students.

- 2.3.7. To organize lectures, seminars, camps for students of secondary education institutions or vocational education institutions with promotion of Christian values.
- 2.3.8. To engage in work groups of various education-related organizations, thus representing the opinions of LA within their competencies or delegation.
- 2.3.9. To collaborate with Latvian and foreign higher education institutions, further education centers, and other organizations in achieving the objectives of the Open Academy.
- 2.3.10. To organize or participate in Latvian and international conferences, seminars, and other educational events related to life-long learning.
- 2.3.11. To promote the involvement of people with special needs in LA.
- 2.3.12. To provide chargeable services in the field of education in compliance with the internal regulations of LA.

III. Management of the Open Academy

- 3.1. The lawfulness of Open Academy activities shall be ensured by its Head or a person delegated by the LA Vice Rector for Studies. The Head of the Open Academy shall be appointed and dismissed by an order of the Rector of LA.
- 3.2. The Head of the Open Academy shall report on their activities to the LA Vice Rector for Studies.
- 3.3. The duties of the Head of the Open Academy shall include:
 - 3.3.1. Developing the strategy and annual action plan of the Open Academy.
 - 3.3.2. Preparing projects to raise funding for the provision of sustainability of the Open Academy.
 - 3.3.3. Coordinating collaboration between further education centers and departments of Latvian and foreign institutions of higher education and other organizations for the achievement of the objectives of the Open Academy.

IV. Funding Sources of the Open Academy and Their Usage

- 4.1. The operation of the Open Academy shall be ensured by LA. Funding of the Open Academy shall be included in the LA budget and administered in accordance with LA procedures. The Open Academy may acquire funding from the following sources:
 - 4.1.1. Payments from individuals and legal entities.
 - 4.1.2. State funding for adult education, teachers' further education, other target groups.
 - 4.1.3. Funding from Latvian and international projects and activities.
 - 4.1.4. Other sources of funding provided for by the laws and regulations of the Republic of Latvia.
- 4.2. Funds of the Open Academy shall be used in accordance with a budget approved in compliance with the internal regulations of LA.