

WINTER COURSE 2023

AUGUSTINE'S 'DE SPIRITU ET LITTERA'  
AND THE REFORMATION



Augustine's 'De spiritu et littera' (On the Spirit and the Letter) is one of the most important patristic texts for the Reformation. What the North African church father formulated here in the disputes about the doctrine of grace for the Fifth Century appeared no less current and relevant more than a thousand years later. For us, 500 years later, this writing can serve as an approach to the Reformation and its patristic background.

From **January 2 to 14, 2023**, the WCRS is offering a ten-day intensive course in reading Augustine in the original Latin, interpreting him against his patristic background, and examining his significance for the Reformation. Special attention will be given to working in the original Latin, especially to Latin grammar and translation training. The course is particularly suitable for students of Reformation history who wish to consolidate and gain confidence in their Latin skills. A basic knowledge of Latin is required, as well as the willingness to review basic Latin vocabulary and grammar in advance.

The course will take place in **Tunis** (Tunisia), which was built on the site of ancient Carthage. We will be hosted by St Cyprian's Anglican Theological College. Since the WCRS is committed to studying church history in its cultural context, the program also includes excursions on the traces of late antique church history in Carthage. In the first week Prof. David Wilhite (Baylor University, Waco), a leading expert on North African Christianity, will join the course as Guest Lecturer.

Those chosen to participate will have all the expenses covered (course, airfare, single room accommodation in a good hotel in the city center, all meals, excursions).

We invite anyone who wants to learn more about the Reformation message and its roots in the early church through strengthening their Latin skills, in particular, but not exclusively, PhD students, theological educators, and early career scholars.

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