

The *Wittenberg Center for Reformation Studies* offers programs which immerse participants in the message of the Reformation and show its relevance for church and society today. The Center offers an unique access to this story that changed the course of history by:

- visiting the original sites,
- exploring and discussing historically important sources,
- getting to know the practice of German Reformation research,
- meeting distinguished Reformation scholars personally.

To make all the academic courses offered by the WCRS more accessible, those chosen to participate will have all the expenses involved covered: course fees, airfare, single room accommodation, all meals, and excursions. For the academic year 2023–2024, the *Wittenberg Center for Reformation Studies* will present two non-credit courses:

**Winter Course, January 2–14, 2024, Tunis (Tunisia)
Augustine's *De ciuitate Dei* and the
Reformation**



Augustine's 'City of God' is one of the most important patristic texts for the Reformation. The ideas about the course of history and the relationship between church and world that the North African church father formulated here for his contemporaries in the fifth century remained no less relevant more than a thousand years later in the sixteenth century.

In early January 2024, 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 German, Swiss and Genevan Reformation. Special attention will be given to working in the original Latin, especially to Latin grammar and translation training.

We welcome interest in participating from anyone who wants to learn more about the story of the Reformation and its message, in particular, but not exclusively, PhD students, theological educators, and early career scholars. The course is particularly suitable for those who wish to consolidate and gain confidence in their Latin skills.

The course will take place in Tunis, Tunisia, which was built on the site of ancient Carthage. 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 and around Carthage.

**Summer Course, July
15–August 11,
2024, Wittenberg
(Germany)**

**The German back-
ground of the Eng-
lish Reformation**

The principal program of the Wittenberg Center is a four-week course on the German and English Sisters Reformations in July and August 2024. Through a mixture of lectures, source studies, student presentations, guest lectures, and excursions the course explores the story of the ecclesiastical renewal that began in Wittenberg and spread throughout Europe. Distinguished Reformation scholars will come to Wittenberg to present a topic of their choice and



discuss it with the participants. The final week will be a field trip to England.

Ten Student Fellows from across the globe will be chosen from current or future PhD students who would benefit from in-depth learning about the message of the Reformation in its context. In addition, one Research Fellow will be appointed to pursue his or her own research projects in the libraries and archives in and around Wittenberg. Each Fellow will be asked to present and discuss a research project.

The Wittenberg Center also offers online Latin courses, organizes guided tours of Wittenberg, and assists researchers in Germany. If there is interest, a two-week course on Reformation manuscripts may be offered again in the summer of 2024.

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CONNECT WITH US AT THE SCSC MEETING IN BALTIMORE

The *Wittenberg Center* is sponsoring a panel on the 'Sister Reformations' research concept and two roundtables on the edition of the Augsburg Confession and the discussion about 'Long Reformation' and 'Multiple Reformations'.

