

WITTENBERG SUMMER COURSE 2025

The continental Reformation and the English church under Edward VI and Elizabeth I (1547–71)

July 14 – August 9, 2025



The continental Reformation was the model for the renewal of the church in mid-sixteenth century England. After the beginnings in the wake of the Wittenberg Reformation, first the Strasbourg and Zurich and then the Geneva influences shaped English Protestantism. The 2025 Summer Course of the *Wittenberg Center for Reformation Studies* explores the impact of the continental Reformation on England in the reign of Edward VI and the first decade of the reign of Elizabeth I. Through a mixture of lectures, source studies, student presentations, and excursions the course, running from **July 14 to August 9, 2025**, traces this story. Participants will be introduced to the latest Reformation research, both in Germany and England. Distinguished scholars will come to Wittenberg to present a topic related to their research for seminar discussion. Visits to the Reformation sites in Wittenberg and excursions to Northern Germany as well as to Nuremberg and Strasbourg will be included in the course.

Ten student fellows from across the globe will be chosen from current or future PhD students who would benefit from in-depth discussions about the message of the Reformation in context. In addition, Research Fellows will be able to pursue their own academic projects in the libraries and archives in and around Wittenberg. Each Student Fellow will make a presentation on a research project of his/her choice. They will also have the opportunity to discuss their research project not only with the whole group but in face-to-face meetings with the Directors of the Wittenberg Center for Reformation Studies and the Research and Teaching Fellows. The Summer Course seminars will be held in the classrooms of the old Wittenberg University (Leucorea).

The course program includes study days and a free weekend. While in Wittenberg, student participants will live in the Johanniterhaus in single rooms and will have the exclusive use of the building and its facilities at their disposal. Those chosen to participate will have their program expenses covered: course fee, airfare, visa application, single room accommodation with breakfast, excursions, and a per-diem for lunch and dinner.

If you are interested in participating in the Wittenberg Summer Course 2025 please contact us: Wittenberg Center for Reformation Studies, Dr. Andreas Stegmann, Dunckerstrasse 34, 10439 Berlin, Germany, stegmann@wittenbergcenter.de

If you would like to have more information about who are we and what do we do, please visit our website at www.wittenbergcenter.net.

Schedule

July 14	Martin Luther and the Wittenberg Reformation
July 15	Martin Luther and Ulrich Zwingli: The debate about sacraments and liturgy in the 1520s
July 16	Study Day
July 17	Martin Luther and Martin Bucer: The Wittenberg Concord 1536
July 18	Heinrich Bullinger and the Zurich Reformation in the 1530s and 40s
July 19–20	Weekend excursion: Emden as a center of Reformed Protestantism in 16 th century Germany (including a visit to the Johannes a Lasco Library and meeting Reformation scholars)
July 21	The ‘Consensus Tigurinus’ and the Protestant churches around 1550
July 22	Continental influence on the English church around 1550
July 23	Study day
July 24	Martin Bucer and Peter Martyr Vermigli in Edwardian England
July 25	The Marian exiles
July 26–27	Free weekend
July 28	Continental influence on the Elizabethan Settlement and the English church in the 1560s
July 29	Continental Protestantism as a model for the Elizabethan church: John Foxe’s ‘Acts and Monuments’
July 30	Study Day
July 31	Reformed confessions of the mid-16 th century: The two ‘Helvetic Confessions’ and the ‘Heidelberg Catechism’
Aug. 1–3	Excursion to Nuremberg and Strasbourg
Aug. 4	Lutheran and Reformed debates about justification and the third use of the law in the 16 th century
Aug. 5	Continental Protestantism as a model for the Elizabethan church: John Jewel’s ‘Apology’
Aug. 6	Study Day
Aug. 7	Lutheran and Reformed debates about predestination and election in the 16 th century
Aug. 8	The growing influence of the Genevan Reformation on the English Church and the Puritan movement
Aug. 9	Wrap-up of the Summer Course: The ‘Reformed’ heritage of English Protestantism from the 16 th to 21 st centuries