



Master of Sacred Theology

Confessional Lutheran post-graduate studies

Lutheran School of Theology in Gothenburg (Församlingsfakulteten)
in collaboration with Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne, IN, USA



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The *Master of Sacred Theology* (S.T.M.) degree program provides the opportunity to acquire specialized knowledge in a chosen field of theological study and to gain and use the skills necessary for scholarly work and research in theology on an advanced level.

The S.T.M. degree program is suitable both for those who wish to advance their theological knowledge and understanding beyond a *Master of Divinity* degree (or similar; a *Bachelor of Theology* or a *Candidate of Theology* in the European education system) and for those who wish to equip themselves for theological leadership in the Church.

This extension site at *Lutheran School of Theology in Gothenburg* (LSTG) will offer the same ATS-accredited S.T.M. program as offered on the main campus of *Concordia Theological Seminary* (CTS) in Fort Wayne. Upon completing the program, the students will receive the S.T.M. degree from CTS.

At LSTG, the S.T.M. program is offered as intensive courses, taking place three times a year (approximately one third of full time work). Course fee for every course is 3,500 SEK/course. Students make arrangements for travels and lodging on their own. *A number of scholarships are available, especially for students attending the full S.T.M. program.* The prospective student finds further information and the S.T.M. application form on our website.



Study plan for S.T.M. students

Students who take the courses for credit and who apply to include the courses into a full S.T.M. degree follow a specially designed study plan, when taking the courses in Gothenburg. All students major in *Systematic Theology* (6 out of 9 courses á 3 credits). In short, the plan looks like this:

- **Year 1:** three intensive courses in Gothenburg. During this year students will pass a *Biblical Language Exam* in either Greek or Hebrew.
- **Year 2:** three intensive courses in Gothenburg. Students take the *Research Language Exam*.
- **Year 3:** three intensive courses in Gothenburg (the student may also visit CTS for a full quarter or for two shorter periods (4+3 weeks)). Students take the *Directed reading course* and the *Major Comprehensive Exam*.
- **Year 4:** A thesis proposal to be approved. Thesis to be written, finished and defended primarily within the fourth year.

Intensive courses:

November 17-22, 2014: GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTIFICATION IN ROMANS (3 credits), Dr. Timo Laato, *Senior Lecturer in New Testament Exegesis at LSTG*.

March 9-14, 2015: THE OFFICE OF THE HOLY MINISTRY (3 credits), Dr. Naomichi Masaki, *Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at CTS*.

September 7-12, 2015: BISHOP BO GIERTZ (3 credits), Dr. Rune Imberg, *Senior Lecturer in Church History at the LSTG*.

November 16-21, 2015: BAPTISM AND LUTHERAN CATECHESIS (3 credits), Rev. John T. Pless, *Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions at CTS*.

February 29-March 5, 2016: JUSTIFICATION (3 credits), Dr. Roland F. Ziegler, *Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at CTS*.



My experience of confessional Lutheran post-graduate studies at Concordia Theological Seminary was invaluable. It deepened and strengthened my identity in Christ's Church as well as my pastoral identity. But it also provided the necessary tools to proceed with higher academic studies, which I am contemplating.

Jakob Appell, S.T.M. 2007



STM studies at Concordia Theological Seminary was just right for me after having finished my studies at Lutheran School of Theology. I was given an opportunity to deepen my knowledge in my favorite theological disciplines under first-rate teachers, and I got an excellent preparation for my doctoral studies in the UK.

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