

“The Methodist e-Academy offers a unique opportunity to connect students from all parts of Europe, engaged in learning and interaction.”

Bishop Patrick Streiff, Chairperson of the Board



Why study with the Methodist e-Academy?

We offer European-wide Methodist insights into Church history, theology and ecclesiology. We focus on equipping students who are preparing for ministry or are already engaged

in ministry in a Church of the Methodist tradition. We are learner-centred, interactive, and praxis-oriented.

This is a unique opportunity to learn together and from each other: our students come from different countries with diverging cultural and historical contexts; the political, economic and ecumenical challenges they face are diverse. Our faculty, selected from Methodist-related theological schools and experienced pastors from all over Europe, weaves together theological expertise and practical experience in ministry. With each course, you can gain accredited ECTS-points.

Our main programme of blended learning combines online courses with on-site block seminars. Implementing the connective nature of Methodist churches, it values the development of communal relationships. Each of its six modules are offered in English and German. You will take one module each semester. Each module runs over 11 weeks of online learning with three components: readings, online exercises, and weekly webinars. At the end of the online period, students and faculty gather for an intensive two or three-day face-to-face block seminar. Students conclude each module by submitting a major essay on a topic related to the course and their own ministry setting.

How do you study with the Methodist e-Academy?

Our programme consists of six modules:

Methodist History 1: The Early Years

Methodist Theology 1: Methodist Doctrine

Methodist History 2: European Methodism

Methodist Theology 2: Methodist Ethics

Methodist Ecclesiology 1 & 2: The nature, worship and mission of the Church



How you can join the Methodist e-Academy?

Basic requirements are:

- You have at least completed a Bachelor degree in Theology
- You want to train for ministry (pastoral or diaconal) in the church
- You are interested to dig deeper into the Methodist/Wesleyan tradition
- You are willing to invest 5-8 hours per week during online course weeks

The cost per module is € 950. This includes the costs of transport and accommodation for the on-site block seminar.

Substantial scholarships are available for students training for ordained ministry in Methodist churches across Europe with a recommendation of their superintendent or Board of Ordained Ministry. The main programme with six modules covers the requirement in Methodist Studies for ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church. It brings added value through reflection on the specific ministry setting of each student.

Depending on availability of free places, it is possible to take an individual module as continuing education without committing to the full programme of six modules.

**The next 3-year cycle of the main programme begins in autumn 2023.
Closing date for applications is the end of May 2023.**

Please check our website at <https://www.methodist-e-academy.org/> or email us at the methodist-e-academy@outlook.com