

**CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (CATS)**  
**LUTHERAN STUDIES AT PLTS**

**Coursework:**

Students will complete 24 credits of courses. Courses regularly taken during these studies include:

- One course on Paul with an emphasis on Lutheran lenses of interpretation (3.0):  
NT-8275 Paul: Ancient Contexts, Present Consequences (*Asynchronous Spring course*)
- One course on Lutheran Confessions (3.0):  
HSST-8190 Lutheran Theology: Sources and Hermeneutics (*Synchronous Zoom Spring course*)
- One advanced Luther/Lutheran seminar (3.0):  
HSST-8450 Freedom Theology with Martin Luther (*In-person January intensive course*)
- One course in cross-cultural ministry praxis (3.0):  
RSFT-8250 Ministry Across Cultures (*Asynchronous Spring course*)
- One course in Lutheran theology in the public sphere (3.0):  
RSFT-1300 Faith-Rooted Social Transformation (*In-person January intensive course*)
- One course in preaching from Lutheran approaches (3.0):  
HM-8245 Biblical Preaching (*Asynchronous Fall course*)  
HMRS-8200 Preaching toward Social Transformation (*Asynchronous Spring course*)
- Two courses in preparing and leading worship within Lutheran approaches (4.0)  
LS-8225 Living Worship A (*Synchronous Zoom Fall course*)  
LS-8226 Living Worship B (*Asynchronous Spring course*)
- One elective focused on the Race-Class-Gender-Earth Nexus (3.0)  
Various options exist for this at PLTS and in Graduate Theological Union courses
- Two semesters of spiritual formation (non-credited)
- Professional Training (if already completed, provide evidence of participation)
  - Professional boundaries workshop/training
  - Anti-racism workshop/training
- Field experience coursework (if already completed, send evaluations to the Office of Context Ed)
  - Parish setting of 6 hours/week for 2-3 semesters
  - 1 unit of Clinical Pastoral Education
- FE-4450 Internship of 9-12 months (less than 12 months requires candidacy permission) coursework administered by PLTS

**Other Notes:**

- CATS students who start in the Fall semester will participate in the Life and Learning Together Week on the PLTS campus during the Fall Orientation period of their CATS year.
- CATS students who start in the Spring semester must come to campus in Berkeley for at least one of the following:
  - Life and Learning Together Week during the Fall Orientation period
  - January Intensive Course