Specific areas

- Lay and women's ministry
- Priestly and consecrated life vocations
- Preaching and catechesis (including preaching exercises)
- Liturgy and devotion
- Evangelisation, mission and dialogue
- Protection of minors and vulnerable adults
- Formation
- Social justice, social action, and health care
- Church doctrine and modern life



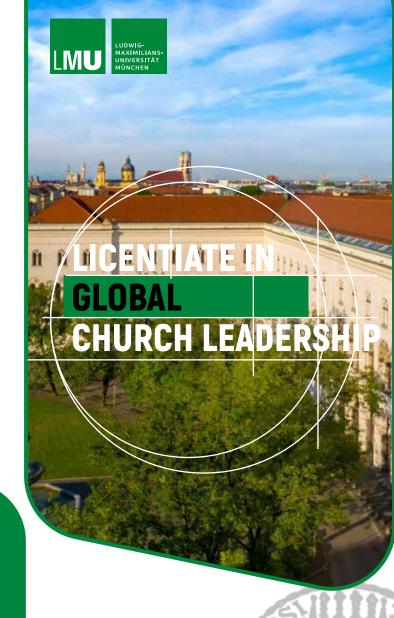
Annual Academy of Global Church Leadership

- The Annual Academy is an intensive seminar (2-3 days) on a particularly relevant theme.
- It may or may not be linked to a current event in the Church.
- The chosen theme is studied from different perspectives in an interdisciplinary way.
- To obtain a seminar certificate, students must submit a seminar paper.



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Nature and specifics of the Licentiate

- Lic. theol. with canonical status.
- Study of global Church life at an advanced level with international experts.
- Professors and experts from different parts of the world teach the courses.
- Cutting-edge international research with insights from canon law, pastoral theology, social sciences, and statistics.
- Digital academic program, with a short period of sponsored residency in Munich, if possible.
- Possibility of extending the licentiate to a doctorate.
- Advanced study at a renowned German university.
- No admission fees.

Aim

- ▶ To enable students to become acquainted with issues relevant to Church leadership.
- The provision of up-to-date knowledge and skills for better leadership at all levels of Church life.

Structure

- Approximately two years of study, depending on each student's progress and available time.
- ▶ Each year, a special online seminar is offered that focuses on a current issue in the Church, analyzing, discussing, and offering possible solutions.
- German-speaking students have the possibility to attend regular courses at the Faculty of Catholic Theology – LMU.
- Main requirements:
 - A research paper (approximately 100-150 pages).
 - A final examination on subjects chosen from the three specific subject areas.
 - Participation in at least three seminars (online or in person) and the Annual Academy, including a seminar paper.

Enrollment procedure and academic qualification

Prerequisites:

- Completion of a full course of study in Catholic theology.
- A similar certificate program is offered to those who do not hold a degree in theology.

Participants:

- Catholic theologians from all over the world (seminarians, clerics, religious, and lay people) interested in pursuing their studies in the "second cycle".
- Individual solutions are available for all interested applicants with non-theological degrees.

Language:

- English.
- After consultation with the examiners, the research paper and examinations can also be conducted in another "common language" (German, French, Italian, Spanish, or Portuguese).



Three subject areas for the final examination, with 8-10 subjects to choose from

Fundamental questions

- Leadership and Management
- Methodology, tools, and analysis of the Global Church from the perspectives of canon law, pastoral theology, social sciences, etc.
- The Church in a changing world: challenges facing Catholic institutions and plausible ways out
- The mediating role of the Church in social and political crises
- Pastoral approaches and strategies
- Practical introduction to statistical work with church data

Legislative processes and functioning of ecclesiastical structures

- Canonical requirements
- Financing of the Church
- Persons and institutions (the Vatican, local churches, groupings of local churches, religious orders, instances of participation, etc.).
- Social forms: dioceses, parishes, religious orders, base communities, and networks (prayer groups, associations, etc.).