

Author Guidelines

***Credimus* – Journal of the Luther Academy**

1. Scope of the Journal

Credimus is a peer-reviewed open access academic journal published by the **Luther Academy**. The journal promotes scholarly research in:

- Theology
- Biblical studies
- Philosophy of religion
- Church history
- Ethics
- Religious studies
- Interdisciplinary studies related to Christianity and society

The journal encourages contributions that engage with **Christian intellectual traditions, particularly the Lutheran theological heritage**, while fostering interdisciplinary dialogue with other academic fields.

2. Types of Contributions

The journal accepts the following categories of submissions:

Research Articles

- Original scholarly research.
- Length: 5,000–8,000 words.

Review Articles

- Critical engagement with recent scholarly debates.
- Length: 3,000–5,000 words.

Book Reviews

- Reviews of recent academic publications relevant to the journal's scope.
- Length: 800–1,500 words.

3. Originality and Publication Ethics

Submissions must:

- Be **original work** not previously published.
- Not be **under review by another journal**.
- Follow standard **academic integrity and ethical research practices**.
- Properly acknowledge all sources.

The journal follows internationally recognized principles of **publication ethics**, including policies against plagiarism and improper citation.

4. Language

Manuscripts may be submitted in:

- English
- Other languages approved by the Editorial Board.

All submissions must demonstrate **clear academic writing and grammatical accuracy**.

5. Manuscript Structure

Research articles should contain the following elements:

1. Title of the article
2. Author name(s)
3. Institutional affiliation(s)
4. ORCID (if available)
5. Abstract (150–250 words)
6. Keywords (4–6)
7. Introduction
8. Methodology or theoretical framework
9. Main analysis or argument
10. Discussion
11. Conclusion
12. References / bibliography

6. Formatting Requirements

Font: Times New Roman

Font Size: 12 pt

Line Spacing: 1.5

Margins: 2.5 cm

Footnotes should be used where appropriate.

7. Citation Style

The journal uses the **Chicago Manual of Style (Notes and Bibliography)** unless otherwise specified.

References must include:

- Author
- Title
- Publisher / Journal
- Year
- Page numbers

All sources cited in the text must appear in the reference list.

8. Figures and Tables

Figures, tables, and illustrations must:

- Be clearly labeled
- Include source information
- Be submitted in high resolution if applicable.

Authors are responsible for obtaining any necessary copyright permissions.

9. Submission Process

Authors should submit manuscripts electronically to the editorial office of *Credimus*.

Each submission should include:

- The manuscript file

- A separate title page with author information
- A short author biography (50–100 words)

Manuscripts must be anonymized for peer review.

10. Peer Review Process

All research articles undergo **double-blind peer review**.

The review process includes:

1. Initial editorial screening
2. Anonymous evaluation by at least two reviewers
3. Editorial decision based on reviewers' recommendations

Possible decisions include:

- Accept
- Accept with minor revisions
- Revise and resubmit
- Reject

11. Copyright

Authors retain copyright but grant the journal the right of first publication.

Further distribution must acknowledge *Credimus* as the original place of publication.

12. Contact Information

All submissions and inquiries should be directed to the editorial office of *Credimus* at the **Luther Academy**.