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A C A D E M Y

Christian values
realized in social life





WHO ARE WE?

Christian Open Academy (COA) is an educational project of evangelical communities from Ukraine and Belarus. It aims to spread a holistic biblical worldview in intellectual and social spheres while fostering humanistic knowledge. It utilizes networks of Christian leaders to implement practical projects that embody Christian values in different aspects of life.



GOAL OF THE PROJECT

The ultimate goal of the COA program is to create local networks for Christians across different denominations, who systematically execute projects of Christian influence in society.

The formation of these networks is underpinned by education and interaction between active Christians. A key factor in shaping such networks is the training of leaders able to combine a holistic Biblical worldview, professionalism, and a Christian character.

The purpose of COA can be highlighted in three points:



Raising the level of knowledge and formation of a holistic biblical worldview in the public sphere among the Christians, as well as encourage motivation to carry out Christian mission in society.



Formation of a new kind of Christian ministers who would consciously bring to life their calling to carry Evangelical truth into the various spheres of public life in their respective professional fields (education, media, politics, art, etc.).



Helping pastors and Christian leaders to work with intellectuals and people involved in public life. Providing educational paradigms of humanities for pastors and church ministers.





A key factor to the functioning of COA is cooperation and close partnership with Ostroh Academy – the oldest University in Eastern Europe – and Spring Arbor University (US) as well as other conservative universities interested in supporting external educational programs.





THE NEED OF THE PROJECT

The COA project is designed to provide answers to national and global challenges. It focuses on the formation of Christian intelligentsia capable to disseminate academic paradigms of humanities that influence culture and national processes. The project should help the young local Evangelical Church, which is just beginning to form its own institutions for dialogue with society and not to follow the left-liberal path, but to lay strong foundations on the biblical worldview and traditional Christian values.



FUNCTIONING OF CHRISTIAN OPEN ACADEMY

The purpose of the academy's educational programs is to form leaders capable of implementing projects aimed at making public life more Christian-like, the leaders who are thinkers and doers at the same time, capable of intellectual and ideological analysis, and able to implement their knowledge within practical projects. Most courses are multidisciplinary as lectures combine knowledge in philosophy, theology, history, political science, sociology, cultural studies, etc. and are taught from a Christian perspective.



TRAINING SYSTEM

We offer a 7-month program starting at the end of 2020. It is focused on the formation of the Christian worldview and the acquisition of basic knowledge in various academic disciplines, which are necessary for effective ministry in the public sphere.

The training system includes one webinar and two video lectures per week, reading (with a test or written assignment) one book per month, and studying other content such as articles and educational videos.

We will hold one-day Saturday seminars on various topics and in different regions of Ukraine. Also, there will be a 7-day leadership school in summer.

PLANNED LAUNCH
OF CHRISTIAN
OPEN ACADEMY

01.11

1st OF NOVEMBER

2020

PROGRAM. NOVEMBER 2020. MODULES:

CHRISTIAN MISSION IN SOCIETY / INTRODUCTION TO APOLOGETICS

The cultural commission
of the church mission

Three doctrines on the
relationship between
church and society

The main disputes
in apologetics

Apologetics
in the era
of postmodernism





PROGRAM. DECEMBER 2020. MODULES:

WORLDVIEW AND IDEOLOGY /
INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY

The role of worldview
in human life and society

Ideologies of modernity
(XVIII-XXI centuries)

The main processes
of world history
from the Christian
perspective

Selected topics
on the history of Ukraine
and Belarus

PROGRAM. JANUARY 2021. MODULES:

CHALLENGES OF THE MODERNITY /
INTRODUCTION TO FUTUROLOGY

Postmodernism

Analysis of cultural
transformations
in the 2nd half of the
XX – early XXI centuries

Introduction
to sociology

Selected questions
on futurology





PROGRAM. FEBRUARY 2021. MODULES:

THE BIBLICAL MODEL OF SOCIETY /
INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

Challenges
of society's formation
and state-building
in Ukraine and Belarus

Analysis
of the Western
experience of building
a civil society

Introduction
to political science

Introduction
to European studies

PROGRAM. MARCH 2021. MODULES:

REFORMATION AND CHRISTIAN CULTURAL AND SOCIAL IDENTITY / INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH HISTORY



Selected topics
on church history

Influence
of the Reformation
on the formation
of Western civilization

Reformation
in Ukraine and Belarus

Influence of historical
memory on the
development of identity





PROGRAM. APRIL 2021. MODULES:

THE CHRISTIAN MODEL OF LEADERSHIP /
INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS

The Christian model
of leadership

Personal
management

Selected topics
on the history
of philosophy

Introduction
to economics

PROGRAM. MAY 2021. MODULES:

MANAGEMENT OF CHRISTIAN PROJECTS / MEDIA

Strategy
and planning

Formation
and functioning
of the team

Fundraising
and financial
management

Project's
media dimension





TWO-DAY FORUM AT OSTROH ACADEMY
AT THE BEGINNING OF JUNE 2021

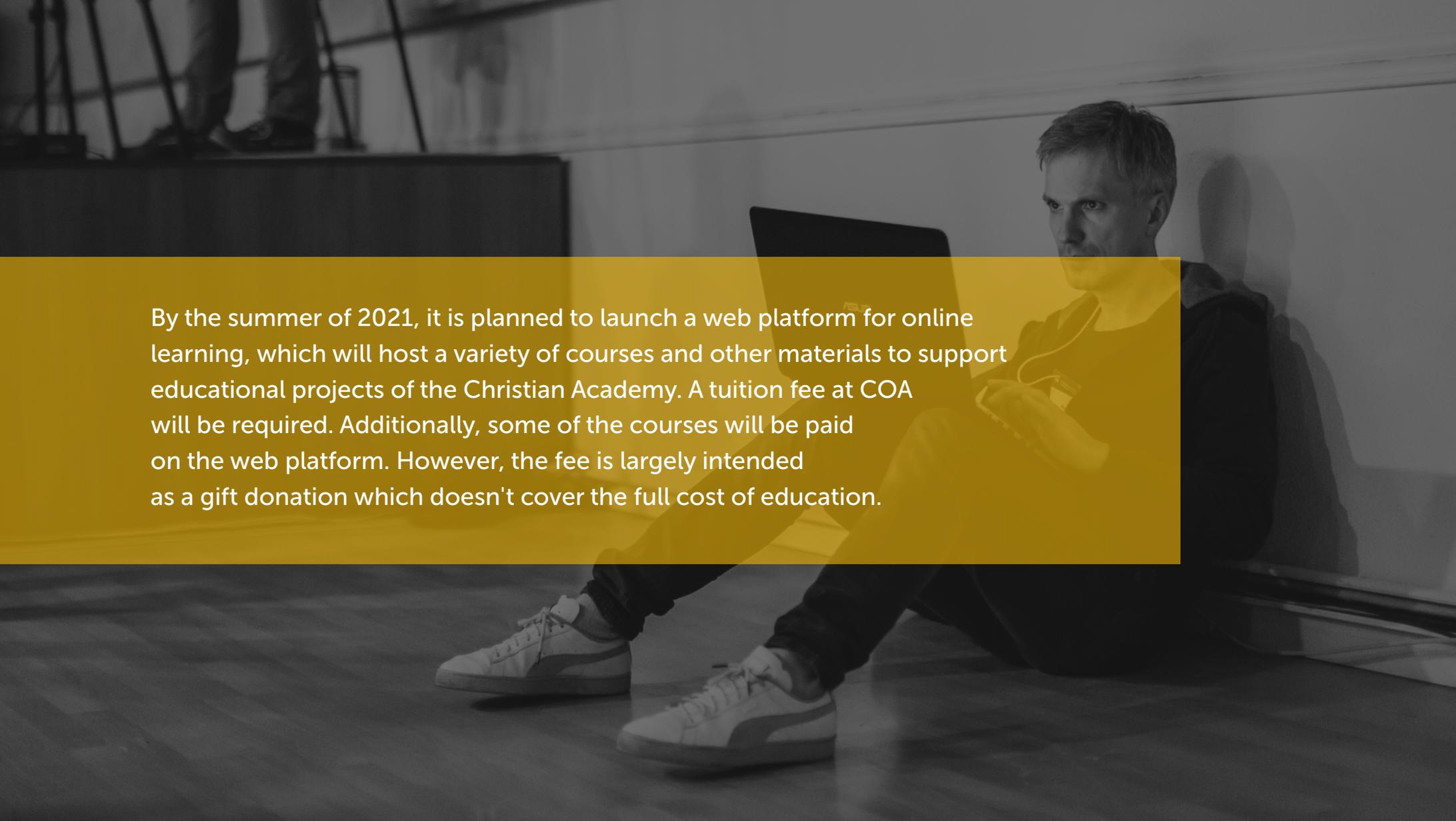


FINAL TESTING



PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT

At the end of the first year, it is planned to hold a two-day forum at Ostroh Academy in early June. Students who want to continue their studies next year (autumn 2021) choose one of the available networks and continue to acquire knowledge in the chosen field for the next 7 months. During the second year, the emphasis will be on practical project management skills. Networks do not disintegrate after the end of the semester but continue to be a natural dynamic environment for like-minded people. It will facilitate further partnerships and synergies in various systematic Christian projects.

A man with short grey hair is sitting on a wooden floor, leaning against a white wall. He is wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt, dark pants, and white sneakers with a dark stripe. He is looking at a laptop screen. The background is a modern interior with a white wall and a dark railing. A yellow semi-transparent box is overlaid on the image, containing text.

By the summer of 2021, it is planned to launch a web platform for online learning, which will host a variety of courses and other materials to support educational projects of the Christian Academy. A tuition fee at COA will be required. Additionally, some of the courses will be paid on the web platform. However, the fee is largely intended as a gift donation which doesn't cover the full cost of education.

ACADEMIC STAFF

One of the biggest benefits of the Open Academy is the **exclusive choice of the academic staff**. Out of 30 lecturers there are the best apologists and Christian thinkers of our time, authors of dozens of books. Among them there are John Lennox, Os Guinness, Waine Grudem, Bobb Biehl, Gabriele Kuby, Glenn Sunshine and other outstanding teachers of the West. And from Ukrainian side, we have public philosopher Andrii Baumeister, prorector of the Ukrainian Catholic University Myroslav Marynovych, professors of Ostroh Academy, and also experienced Christian leaders from Ukraine and Belarus.



After completing a 7-month course, students will receive **certificates from Ostroh Academy and Spring Arbor University.**



PRACTICAL DIMENSION OF LEARNING AT COA

COA seeks to assist Christian denominations, churches, and organizations in the methodical development of socially oriented projects and programs such as prayer breakfasts, worldview discussion clubs, media and art projects, historical and other educational initiatives.





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