



COPTIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

Application Announcement

Course:

INTRODUCTION TO SAHIDIC COPTIC

Program Dates

Online Sessions: May 29 – June 26, 2024

In presence in Italy (Rome): July 22–26, 2024

Application Deadlines

Early bird deadline: March 30, 2024

Ultimate application deadline: May 8, 2024

Location

Virtual sessions are held via Zoom.

On-Site sessions take place at the headquarters of the Waldensian Faculty of Theology, located in Central Rome, Via Pietro Cossa 42

Language of the Lectures

English

Teaching Staff

Director: Lothar Vogel, Dean of the Waldensian Faculty of Theology and Professor of History of Christianity

Instructor: Vittorio Secco, Research Assistant at the Waldensian Faculty of Theology

Study Programme

The Coptic Summer School 2024 offers an immersive experience tailored for beginners and advanced learners, catering to students, scholars, and enthusiasts of ancient religious history. Emphasizing the Sahidic variety, the course **Introduction to Sahidic Coptic** ensures a solid foundation in Coptic grammar and morphology, fostering proficiency in reading and translating simple Coptic texts.

There are **no entry requirements**; the course is intended for beginners with a good command of the English language. The reference textbook is T. O. Lambdin, *Introduction to Sahidic Coptic*, Mercer University Press, Macon (GA) 1983, but not required. Materials provided digitally during class. Additional references: B. Layton, *A Coptic Grammar*, Harrassowitz Verlag, Wiesbaden 2011; B. Layton, *Coptic in 20 Lessons*, Peeters, Leuven-Paris-Dudley 2007.

In-Class / Online Attendance

The Coptic Language Summer School 2024 provides a dynamic learning experience with a combination of **online sessions** and an **in-person residency in Rome**.

The virtual component will encompass five sessions every Wednesday, commencing on May 29, 2024, as per the following schedule:

- Wed, May 29, 2024, 3-5 PM CEST via Zoom
- Wed, Jun 5, 2024, 3-5 PM CEST via Zoom
- Wed, Jun 12, 2024, 3-5 PM CEST via Zoom
- Wed, Jun 19, 2024, 3-5 PM CEST via Zoom
- Wed, Jun 26, 2024, 3-5 PM CEST via Zoom

The in-person residency will be held in Rome from July 22 to July 26, 2024. This immersive residency aims to enhance participants' proficiency through interactive sessions and practical exercises. The general schedule of the courses is as follows:

- Mon, July 22, 2024, 9-11 AM CEST
- Mon, July 22, 2024, 5-7 PM CEST
- Tue, July 23, 2024, 9-11 AM CEST
- Tue, July 23, 2024, 5-7 PM CEST
- Wed, July 24, 2024, 9-11 AM CEST
- Wed, July 24, 2024, 5-7 PM CEST
- Thu, July 25, 2024, 9-11 AM CEST
- Thu, July 25, 2024, 5-7 PM CEST
- Fri, July 26, 2024, 9-11 AM CEST
- Fri, July 26, 2024, 5-7 PM CEST

Due to the complexity of sessions in Rome, in-person residency cannot be substituted by online attendance. Classes in Rome will not be transmitted via Zoom.

Participants may choose to attend the following three **conferences**, featuring internationally renowned specialists in Coptic Language, who will explore themes related to the historical aspects of Coptic literature:

- Fri, May 3, 2024, 3-5 PM CEST via Zoom: **Alberto Camplani** (Sapienza University of Rome), *"In the Image of God he Created Him; Male and Female he Created Them". The Debate on the Human Being in Some Coptic Texts from the Fourth to the Seventh Centuries;*
- Fri, May 10, 2024, 3-5 PM CEST via Zoom: **Tito Orlandi** (Sapienza University of Rome), *Prayer in Coptic Literature;*
- Fri, June 7, 2024, 3-5 PM CEST via Zoom: **Francesco Berno** (Sapienza University of Rome), *For a Periodization of Coptic Literature.*

Attendance at the conferences is optional and does not factor into the final assessment or certification for the Coptic Summer School 2024.

During free time, participants can utilize the facilities of the Waldensian Faculty of Theology for individual or group study sessions, with support from tutors. This includes full access to the library and Wi-Fi services. Additionally, students are provided the opportunity to access recordings of classes and conferences until August 31, 2024.

Instructor

Vittorio Secco (1992) received a bachelor's degree in History (2014), a master's degree in Classical Philology (2016) and a master's degree in Theoretical Philosophy (2018) at the University of Genoa; after a period of study at the Humboldt Universität in Berlin, he received a bachelor's degree in Protestant Theology (2021) at the Waldensian Faculty of Theology in Rome. In 2023, after a year of study at the Protestant theology faculties in Leipzig and Jena, he received his master's degree in Theology from the Waldensian Faculty of Theology in Rome. He is currently a doctoral student at the Humboldt Universität in Berlin (advisors: Prof. Dr. Jens Schröter, Prof. Dr. Tonio Sebastian Richter), and Research Assistant with the charge of teaching Coptic at the Waldensian Faculty of Theology. Since 2019 he has been a member of the Coptic Studies Group at the same faculty.

Certificate

A final certificate will be issued to students who have demonstrated a qualified and successful participation to class activities. It will be delivered during the last day of course to in-class students or sent by ordinary mail to online participants. The certificate grants **6 ECTS** credits (European Credit Transfer System).

Students are required to total a **minimum 80% attendance** to receive the certificate and credits. In case of insufficient attendance or arguable behaviour, the course director may decide not to issue an attendance certificate. In this last case, registration fees may not be refunded.

Admission

The Coptic Summer School has an online application process. Candidates must fill out the [admission application form](https://forms.gle/JgsmEcU2PTDiMgTY7) available at the following address: <https://forms.gle/JgsmEcU2PTDiMgTY7>.

Additional required attachments are:

- a copy of a personal **identity document**

- a **university enrollment certification** (only in case the candidate is a student and they are eligible for a reduction of the tuition fee).

They must be directly sent to the Summer School Admission and Administration Office via email: copticsummerschool@facoltavaldese.org. It may be helpful to indicate as subject of the e-mail: “*registration NAME SURNAME Coptic Summer School | Introduction*”.

The email address provided by the candidate will be the main communication channel during all the admission process.

The Admission and Administration Office will verify the fulfilment of all the requirements and inform admitted students. Payment instructions will be sent to admitted students: please note that it is not possible to pay in instalments.

The admission procedure works on a daily first-come, first-served basis, which means that candidates can apply for any course up until the point it is filled. Therefore, in order to avoid disappointment, it is strongly recommended that candidates apply as early as possible. Candidates exceeding the maximum number of participants will automatically be put on a reserve list and will be admitted only in case of withdrawal of other candidates.

A minimum of **10 participants** is required for the activation of each course of the Coptic Summers School.

Tuition fee

The regular tuition fee for the Coptic Summer School in 2024 is **300 EUR**.

Applicants who submit their application by **30 March** (early bird deadline) at the latest and are subsequently admitted to the programme, are eligible for a 50 EUR discount on the tuition fee (overall amount: **250 EUR**).

For all the students regularly enrolled in an academic year of a recognized University, there is an extra reduction of the tuition fee: it amounts to **200 EUR** for applications submitted by **30 March** and to **250 EUR** for applications submitted by **8 May**. To be entitled to such a reduction, they must enclose a University Proof of Enrollment. In case the original certification is not written in one of the major European Languages, it is necessary to have it translated and legalized in English.

	by 30 March	by 8 May
Student	200 EUR	250 EUR
Non Student	250 EUR	300 EUR

Payment instructions will be provided upon confirmation of program participation. Tuition fees will be refunded if a course is not activated. To obtain a refund, students should write to the Director of the Summer School.

Cancellation Policy: More than 45 days before beginning of the course: no cancellation charges | Between 45 and 30 days before: 50% cancellation charges | Between 30 and 15 days before: 75% cancellation charges | Less than 15 days before: 100% cancellation charges

No scholarships are available.

The fee includes tuition, access to Faculty facilities and online participation. The fee does not include airfare, accommodation and meal costs, personal expenses, any travel not directly related to the program of the Coptic Summer School.

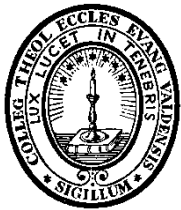
Accommodation

No official accommodation service is provided by the Coptic Summer School: each participant is invited to personally and autonomously arrange their stay in Rome during the study period.

Two lodging solutions are suggested to participants:

- 1) Boarding House (Convitto) disposes of guest rooms in the building of the Waldensian Faculty of Theology (write to: convitto@diaconiavaldese.org)
- 2) Hotel Casa Valdese, situated 500 m. from the Waldensian Faculty (contact: www.casavaldeseroma.it)

Organization



The Coptic Summer School is promoted by the **Waldensian Faculty of Theology** in Rome, the oldest institute in Italy for university studies in evangelical theology (since 1855).

The Faculty is a place for meeting and dialogue, thanks to the coexistence of two elements: the awareness of its Protestant and reformed origins and the ecumenical sensibility.



A **Coptic Studies Working Group** is active at the Waldensian Faculty since 2019, aimed at spreading the knowledge of Coptic language and the study of Coptic literary sources.



Partner of the initiative is the **Institut Protestant de Théologie** of Paris, founded in 1972, made up of two protestant theology faculties, Paris and Montpellier.

Its main role is to prepare for the ministry in the Église Protestante Unie de France, but it is also a well-equipped research centre and an institution which provides continuous education.

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