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## Welcome

Dear Student,

Welcome to William Carey International University! On behalf of the faculty and staff of WCIU we wish to express to you how important each of our students are to our University community.

We feel honored by those who have chosen to study in one of our programs and are committed to their personal growth and development as professionals in development work.

The contents of this academic catalog are intended to inform you of course offerings and assist you in understanding how the University administers its programs. It informs you of services we provide to you, as well as policies and procedures that guide us all in maintaining an orderly and effective administration of the University. Following these guidelines is essential in making your experience with WCIU as satisfying and successful as possible. The academic catalog helps us all clarify the expectations and standards we have for life in our community.

We trust that as a part of our learning community, you will find that we are indeed committed to your success. Together we can address the significant challenges facing all of us committed to making a difference in the world.

**William Carey International University**

*For a verdant and flourishing world, ripe with wholeness and peace for all peoples.*

# ABOUT WCIU

## Mission

WCIU provides innovative distance education programs to enhance the effectiveness of scholar practitioners as they serve with others to develop transformational solutions to the roots of human problems around the world.

WCIU was founded in 1977 as a faith-based educational institution focusing on international development as understood and practiced by agencies, development organizations, and educational institutions around the world.

## Distinctives:

### **WCIU's programs are Faith-based but Non-sectarian:**

WCIU's underlying core value is a belief in a divine Creator who can be known through the physical universe and the sacred collection of writings commonly known as the Bible, portions or the whole of which are accepted as authoritative by Jews, Muslims and Christians alike, and widely respected by other religions. We are also followers of Jesus, whose teachings have been instrumental in inspiring and motivating social reformers, scientists, and development practitioners over the past 2,000 years. WCIU's reason for equipping students for development work is based on in two biblical commandments: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second most important commandment is this: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.' (Jesus, the Bible, Mark 12:31-32). We welcome persons of every socio-religious background to engage with us in understanding this biblical perspective and to pursue the sacred ideal of biblical "shalom," "salaam" or "peace" — the mutual pursuit of right relationship with God, with self, and with others that leads to peace, health, and well-being for all.

### **WCIU's Educational Programs are Holistic, Integrative-Interdisciplinary, and Integral:**

WCIU's educational programs are committed to reflection and critical thinking, utilize an interdisciplinary approach of integrating biblical, historical, cultural perspectives with personal faith-generated commitments and translating these into practical service. Core courses critique an understanding of history and the social sciences with the biblical narrative and worldview. This approach aims at generating the holistic growth and personal development of our students as they work with others to address the social challenges of their field contexts, employing their professional services with the goal of social transformation.

### **WCIU's Educational Programs are Supported by Mentors:**

Although WCIU offers field-based extension programs, we are committed to provide our students virtual contact with experienced scholar-practitioners who comprise our faculty. We also recognize the immense value to professional growth of peer mentoring. This lessens the sense of isolation that distance learning can produce. It also provides a stimulating learning experience in which students can share their insights related to their work, their community engagement, and their personal development with others involved in similar work around the world.

**WCIU's Educational Programs are Flexible:**

WCIU's programs are designed for working adults serving with development organizations in a variety of global contexts or preparing to do so. Our part-time, field-based approach allows students to work toward a degree while actively serving with their organization almost anywhere in the world. We seek to encourage a healthy balance of the student's time commitment by encouraging synergistic integration of study and research with their work.

**WCIU's Educational Programs are Collaborative:**

WCIU recognizes the value of working with organizations, both educational and service oriented, who share the same fundamental values and perspective. We work at creating viable partnerships with these organizations in order to generate the best environment and context for learning to take place for students, employees, and volunteers. We recognize that these relationships will not always be formal academic partnerships, but rather collaborative efforts aimed at strengthening the hand of those serving to address pervasive problems and challenges faced by the peoples of developing nations. This also means a commitment to providing courses and materials in various languages of instruction.

For the MATUL program, the additional and unique distinctives are in the following areas.

**Action-driven:**

MATUL utilizes action and project driven learning, apprenticeship **style, and learning from local leaders.** It also draws upon oral and academic wisdom that is embedded among the urban poor; learning from them and valuing oral culture wisdom yet engaging global academia and producing papers that actually help to solve development issues among the urban poor.

**Community-driven:**

MATUL students impact communities as they learn from and serve the marginalized. They participate in movements for change, organizing projects to catalyze local leadership such as small group multiplication, self-help savings groups, and teacher-training.

***Skills-Character-Theological-Cross-cultural-Entrepreneurial-driven:***

MATUL students learn skills that range from communicating the gospel and small group formation to the complexities of community and international development. They receive mentorship from NGO management and community leaders who supervise character-building fieldwork. They are afforded opportunities to join the ranks of top theological thinkers on poverty through theological reflection, studying global literature, and working with the urban poor. They learn crucial cross-cultural skills such as communication, cultural sensitivity, adaptability, and anthropology. Finally, they initiate projects and organizations in multiple contexts and disciplines.

## Institutional Objectives

WCIU strives to generate the following competencies in its students:

1. Apply insights gained from the understanding and integration of biblical, cultural, historical, and applied research in addressing the social challenges they face as part of an agency, organization, or institution working in a particular social context.
2. Generate collaborative grass-roots efforts in addressing pervasive problems facing societies in their specific field and context.
3. Apply research methods in the assessment of needs, and the formulation of programs that effectively address the needs and challenges of specific socio/cultural groups and contexts where they work.
4. Responsible for their own learning by organizing and administrating self-generated research and learning programs using primary and secondary resources available to them in the context where they serve.
5. Communicate the results of their research and programs in effective ways to a variety of audiences, including other scholars, supporting constituencies, and the people they work with which may include non-literate populations.

## Philosophy of International Development

*International Development means anything that is done or could be done to further develop the nation/region/local area for good.* Ralph D. Winter, WCIU Founder

WCIU holds the deep conviction that international development is a dynamic process of change and growth that is most effective when generated from within a socio-cultural system, and not by external forces. Thus, development that aims at seeing societies positively transformed must also aim at addressing moral, ethical, and religious dynamics which are often at the core of human suffering and need. Effective development must also capitalize on local initiative and resource development. Only through such development practices can lasting change be achieved and lives be transformed.

WCIU is named after William Carey, an enterprising 19th century Englishman who devoted nearly fifty years to the people of India with an exceptionally broad approach to community and national development. His achievements spanned the realms of scientific research, economic and ecological innovation, social reform, linguistic and literary works, and educational advancement. He brought innovation to Indian society by establishing the first printing press, the first English language newspaper, the first horticultural society, the first banking house, and the first school for girls. He also helped found one of India's oldest and most prestigious colleges.

Carey recognized that the major challenges facing the Indian peoples of his day lay deep within the historical, socio-cultural matrix of the nation—its ideology, its politics, socio-economic systems and religious worldviews. His examples and writings led the way for hundreds of faith-based agencies to be formed and tens of thousands of faith-based workers to be sent over the subsequent two centuries, to the “uttermost parts” of the earth. Where these workers have gone, they have established schools to dispel ignorance, small businesses to address poverty, defended the rights of women and children, established clinics and hospitals, addressed innumerable social ills, and formed communities of faith and hope, often in the face of opposition by colonial powers and other controlling political interests.

In the spirit of William Carey’s legacy, WCIU seeks to equip students to understand the malignant systems that contribute to poverty, disease, crime and injustice, and effectively address their causes. Only through sound development practices can lasting change be achieved. WCIU embraces and proactively promotes the Biblical concept of *shalom*, signifying a state of right relationship with God, with self, with others, and with creation leading to common peace, health and prosperity.

## WCIU DNA Statement

WCIU strives to address the roots of human problems both globally and locally.

“The integrated approach goes beyond the usual understanding of International Development.”<sup>1</sup> Our holistic approach is integrative, integral, and internal.

### Integrative

Seeking the purposes of God in this world, WCIU emphasizes the integration of biblical, historical, and cultural perspectives, using various academic disciplines, in their contribution and relevance to international development. To provide tailor-made field experiences, we partner and encourage students to partner with other organizations.

Committed to cultivating leaders with integrity, WCIU encourages the holistic growth of students, encouraging academic learning with their spiritual lives and the lives of those in their ministry.

### Integral<sup>2</sup>

Seeing the flourishing of relationships with God, with one another, and with creation is the ultimate goal of development. WCIU seeks to establish biblical *shalom*: wholeness, fulfillment, well-being, health, safety, reconciliation, economic integrity and peacemaking. Extending *shalom* means following the example of Jesus<sup>3</sup> in “words, deeds, and signs”<sup>4</sup> to redeem all of creation.<sup>5</sup> Instead of divorcing evangelism from social action, WCIU believes that “doing God’s will on earth” requires a unified front to fight evil in all its manifold expressions from the spiritual realm down to the molecular level.<sup>6</sup>

### Internal

Peacemaking is ending wars, but it is also bringing economic justice that engages the poor themselves. Development is a dynamic process of change and growth. The complex work of dis<sup>7</sup>covering and

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<sup>1</sup> James Butare-Kiyovu, *International Development from an Integrative Perspective*, 2.

<sup>2</sup> C. René Padilla and other members of the Latin American Theological Fellowship coined this phrase, and it was adopted in The International Congress on World Evangelization in Lausanne in 1974.

<sup>3</sup> Luke 4:18-19 (NIV) “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>4</sup> Kirk Franklin, “Holistic Help for the Peoples of This Earth: From Sudan to Switzerland” in James Butare-Kiyovu, *International Development from a Kingdom Perspective*, 67.

<sup>5</sup> In the case of Rwanda, the aftermath of genocide requires not only addressing poverty and illiteracy but the “damaged identities” of individuals, families, and communities. (See James Butare-Kiyovu, *International Development from a Kingdom Perspective*, 165.)

<sup>6</sup> Beth Snodderly, “*Shalom*: The Goal of the Kingdom and of International Development” in James Butare-Kiyovu, *International Development from a Kingdom Perspective*, 85.

addressing root problems must derive from within the community affected. While the change is internally led, the indigenous community works collaboratively and in partnership with others (including faith communities, NGOs, and governments).

## **WCIU Statement of Faith and Belief**

### **Introduction**

WCIU is a university centered on a faith in God who exists as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are followers of Jesus the Christ the Messiah, though we represent diversity in cultural background and religious heritage. This statement of faith is a declaration of our trust in God. We seek to build our lives and educational ministry around the central message of the Bible which we understand to be the good news of God's blessing the whole world through Jesus. We experience God's revelation as we probe, study, meditate upon and seek to obey and apply the Scriptures of both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament, interpreted as a unified story that is focused on Jesus.

The biblical mandate to disciple (teach, educate) the nations, when applied to WCIU, involves educating students in the fullness of Scripture and in the search for truth within all aspects of God's created order. "All nations" includes socio-cultural-religious groups and geo-political countries. We seek to discern truth in accordance with James 3:13-18 and so we seek to be open to reason, and to have a spirit of gentleness as we seek to broaden opportunities for such engagements that lead to transformative involvement in the public domain inclusive of diverse peoples, politics, religions, worldviews.

We endeavor, by God's grace, to obey Jesus and participate with God in seeking to bless all peoples of the earth. In keeping with this, we affirm our faith as follows:

We have faith ...

- In the Holy Scriptures – God's word to humanity.
- In the Triune God, revealed in Exodus 34 as "compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in loyal love and faithfulness, keeping loyal love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin...
- This God has existed eternally as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and is just and pure in all His ways.
- In the redeeming power of Jesus, the Christ, which He demonstrated by His life, teaching, death and resurrection whereby he took upon Himself the sins of all so that all might be saved through Him.

### **1. The Purposes of God**

We believe God governs and is sovereign over all things according to the purpose of his will. God has been calling forth a people for himself from all the peoples of the earth and sending them to be His servants and his witnesses, for the extension and fullness of him and his kingdom, the building up of the whole body of Jesus' followers, and the glory of his name.

See: Isa. 40:28; Matt. 28:19; Eph. 1:11; Acts 15:14; John 17:6,18; Eph. 4:12; Rom. 12:2; 1 Cor. 5:10; 2 Cor. 4:7.

### **2. The Person of Jesus**

We believe that in and through Jesus, and Him alone, God makes available to all people reconciliation with Him and in that reconciled relationship a wholeness and peace (shalom) that passes human

understanding. We believe there is one Savior Whose saving work ultimately encompasses every aspect of our humanness and all the created world, seen and unseen. The incarnation of Jesus – the Word made flesh – shapes our understanding of transformational development begins from within (a person, and a society).

See: Gal. 1:6-9; Rom. 1:18-32; 1 Tim 2:5,6; Acts 4:12; John 3:16-19; 2 Peter 3:9; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; John 4:42; Matt. 11:28; Eph. 1:20-21; Phil. 2:5-11; John 1:14.

### **3. God's Spirit**

We believe that the Spirit of God, fully divine and personal, has been at work in the created order since its beginning. We believe the Spirit empowers individuals in diverse ways to do God's work. The same divine Spirit is the Spirit of wisdom, understanding and knowledge who leads Jesus' disciples into all truth, the Spirit who brings forth the good fruit of godly character, and the Spirit of mysterious and miraculous gifts and works of power. The Holy Spirit of God who empowered particular people at particular times in the Old Covenant, is revealed in the New Covenant as the one who filled and rested upon Jesus and who came in a new way to God's people in Pentecost. The Spirit constantly indwells followers of Jesus and unites them as the Body of Christ. The Spirit of God is involved in the full scope of God's work of redemption as well as in sanctifying, guiding and empowering God's people in their witness to Jesus and his kingdom and in their works of wisdom, love, justice, and transformational development.

See: Gen. 1:2; Ex. 31:3; Ex. 35:31; Isa. 11:1-3; Isa. 42:1; Matt. 3:16; Matt. 12:28; John 14:17; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1ff; 1 Cor. 12:3-13; Gal 5:22-23; Eph. 4:3-4.

### **4. Humanity and the People of God (imago dei)**

We believe that all humans are made in the image of God. We believe that all humans are born with a capacity to do good. At the same time, all are born into sin and equally capable of causing harm. We believe that the greatest evils experienced in history were caused by the fallenness of humanity and not the will of God.

Scripture reveals that all humanity is broken, but also reveals that in Christ, God is reconciling all things to Himself. Through Christ, all are afforded the opportunity to become the "people of God" (Romans 1:16, 10:12; Galatians 3:28). The New Testament vision for the people of God is a people who live holy lives: living in Christ and living in and among their surrounding communities.

God provides the community of faith and the work of the Spirit to help us see our blind spots and call us to repent and submit to one another (Eph 5:21) and to God's loving discipline. The New Testament vision for the people of God is a people who live holy lives: living in Christ and living in and among their surrounding communities.

### **5. The Place of the Bible**

The message of the Old and New Testaments is addressed to all people. God's Spirit inspired the writers of the Scriptures, and thus God speaks with a unique authority through the Bible. The Spirit illumines the minds of God's people in every culture to perceive the truths of the scriptures in fresh ways within their various contexts and thus discloses to the whole world ever more the multi-faceted wisdom of God.

See: 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21; Isa. 55:10-11; Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 1:21; John 10:35; Matt 5:17-18; Jude 3; Eph. 1:17-18.

### **6. Social Responsibility**

We share God's concern for justice and reconciliation throughout human society and for the liberation of human beings from every kind of oppression. We are all made in the image of God. Every person, regardless of race, religion, color, culture, class, gender, or age, has an intrinsic dignity which should be

respected and served, not exploited. The message of salvation as the fullness of God's blessing also implies a message of judgment upon every form of alienation, oppression, and discrimination, and we denounce evil and injustice wherever they exist. When people follow Jesus, they become citizens of his kingdom and must seek not only to exhibit but also to experience and serve to further transformational development in the midst of an unrighteous world. The salvation we claim to experience should be transforming us in the totality of our personal and social responsibilities. Faith without works is dead. See: Acts 17:26,31; Gen. 18:25; Ps. 45:7; Isa. 1:17; Gen. 1:26-27; Lev. 19:18; Luke 6:27,35; James 3:9; John 3:3,5; Matt 5:20; Matt. 6:33; 2 Cor. 3:18; James 2:14-26.

## **7. Spiritual Conflict**

Creation is in constant spiritual struggle with the principalities and powers of evil. These powers can include spiritual beings which seek to bring devastation and destruction to frustrate human flourishing. Often these powers work through humans to use government, corporate, and/or cultural elements of society.

We encounter this struggle in many forms: a perfectly created and now broken world, sickness, broken relationships, injustice, demonic activity within people as individuals, and in some of the institutions and social structures they create, and also in false ideologies. These expressions of evil also exist among the followers of Jesus, in false representations of Jesus and his message which distort Scripture. We acknowledge that we ourselves are not immune to misunderstandings and misapplications of God's truth in our own thoughts and actions. In response, we believe that transformational development provides a holistic approach which is required to address evil in its many forms. We recognize that every response, as followers of Jesus, needs to be rooted in the empowerment of God's Spirit and the fruit and gifts of the Spirit.

See: Eph. 6:12; 2 Cor. 4:3-4, Eph. 6:11,13-18; 2 Cor. 10:3-5; 1 John 2:18-26; 4:1-3; Gal. 1:6-9; 2 Cor. 2:17; 4:2; John 17:15; 1 Corinthians 12; Galatians 5:22-23.

## **8. Culture**

Transformational development calls for imaginative and innovative methods in response to ever changing situations and needs. Under God, efforts will be deeply rooted in Jesus's life and character, and also closely related to the culture in which they are formed. The universe was made by God, who declared it to be good and filled it with blessing so that it might flourish. Human culture must always be tested and judged by scripture. This is true of every culture, including our own. Human beings are God's creatures, made in God's image. We recognize that everyone has some knowledge of God through God's revelation in nature, human conscience, and through the reality of humans being made in God's image. This means that human cultures, including religious aspects of human cultures, though marred by sin, still reflect his character. Because of this, every culture is rich in beauty and goodness, while at the same time every culture is also tainted with sin and susceptible to the influences of evil spiritual forces. The gospel does not presuppose the superiority of any culture to another but evaluates all cultures according to its own criteria of truth and righteousness and insists on moral absolutes in every culture. Jesus's servants must humbly seek to empty themselves of all but their personal authenticity in order to become the servants of others, and must seek to transform and enrich culture, all for the glory of God.

See: Mark 7:8-9,13; Gen. 1:26ff, and 4:21-22; 1 Cor. 9:19-23; Phil. 2:5-7; 2 Cor. 4:5.

## **Conclusion**

WCIU believes God's future for this world can be summarized as "a verdant and flourishing world, ripe with wholeness and peace."

WCIU is committed to pursuing our work as a university in allegiance to the statements above, and with excellence in the pursuit of our Mission:

*To provide innovative distance education programs to enhance the effectiveness of reflective scholar practitioners as they serve with others to develop transformational solutions to the roots of human problems around the world.*

## Distance Education

WCIU programs are delivered through distance education. Rather than traditional face-to-face classroom interaction, students interact with instructors and classmates through the Populi Online Classroom Management system. Students must have access to a computer and the internet in order to take courses from WCIU. Students who demonstrate initiative in communicating with fellow students, faculty and staff gain the most from distance education course delivery.

## Student Body

WCIU was founded to provide a means for those serving on the frontlines of development to continue their education and professional development while maintaining their commitments and influence in their context of practice. We welcome as well, those who would like to broaden their perspective on development, particularly from a cultural, historical, and biblical viewpoint.

WCIU's student body works or is preparing to work primarily in what are commonly referred to as developing countries, in the fields of education, micro enterprise, and community development. Many WCIU students have an undergraduate background in intercultural studies, education, or business, but the University considers a wide range of bachelor's degrees in evaluating students who apply to its programs.

As an online university, students can work remotely. To that end, WCIU does not offer student visas and cannot vouch for foreign students studying in the United States.

Students who thrive in WCIU's programs:

- are aligned with WCIU's missions and values;
- can effectively balance time between studies, work, and personal responsibilities;
- are able to develop cross-cultural skills;
- are hard-working and diligent in academics;
- are self-directed learners and can maintain communication with people remotely;
- desire to break new ground in the field of development.

# INSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION

## Approval to Operate

### ACCREDITATION

William Carey International University is accredited by The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC).

#### **Distance Education Accrediting Commission**

1101 17th Street NW, Suite 808

Washington, D.C. 20036

[www.deac.org](http://www.deac.org)

Tel: 202.234.5100

Email: [info@deac.org](mailto:info@deac.org)

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission is listed by the U.S. Department of Education as a recognized accrediting agency. The Distance Education Accrediting Commission is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

### CALIFORNIA BPPE APPROVAL TO OPERATE

William Carey International University was founded in 1977 and is a private not for profit institution, approved to operate by the California State Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education to offer MA degrees in Development Studies and Transformational Urban Leadership. WCIU operates in compliance with state standards as set forth in the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009.

Approved to operate means that an institution has received authorization to offer to the public and to provide postsecondary educational programs and that the institution meets the minimum operating standards; this approval does not imply an endorsement or recommendation by the Bureau. The Bureau's most recent inspection was performed March 2, 2023.

Any questions a student may have regarding the academic catalog that have not been satisfactorily answered by the institution may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education at Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education P.O. Box 980818 West Sacramento, CA 95798-0818, <http://www.bppe.ca.gov/>, or Phone: (916) 431-6959 and Main Fax: (916) 263-1897.

A student or any member of the public may file a complaint about this institution with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education by calling (888) 370-7589 toll-free or by completing a complaint form, which can be obtained on the bureau's internet web site [www.bppe.ca.gov](http://www.bppe.ca.gov).

## Financial Solvency

WCIU is financially solvent. It has no pending petition in bankruptcy, is not operating as a debtor in possession, has not filed a petition for bankruptcy in the last five years. WCIU has not had a petition in bankruptcy filed against it within the last five years that resulted in its reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United State Bankruptcy Code.

## Legal Identity

William Carey International University is incorporated in the state of California and is approved to operate and grant degrees by the State Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education. Approved to operate means that an institution has received authorization to offer to the public and to provide postsecondary educational programs and that the institution meets the minimum operating standards; this approval does not imply an endorsement or recommendation by the Bureau.

## Affiliations

- Accord Network
- Micah Network
- Missio Nexus
- Christian Community Development Association

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Hours of Operation

WCIU Faculty are available to their students through virtual conferences, on a case-by-case basis. Please contact individual faculty members for appointments through their email address located in the Populi directory. WCIU administrative staff are available Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time) and make it a goal to respond to emails and phone calls within two business days. The WCIU Administrative Offices are closed for the following holidays:

## Official Holidays

- Labor Day: September 4, 2023
- Thanksgiving: November 23-24, 2023
- Christmas: December 22-29, 2023
- New Year's Day - January 1, 2024
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day: January 15, 2024
- President's Day: February 19, 2024
- Good Friday: March 29, 2024
- Memorial Day – May 27, 2024
- Juneteenth – June 19, 2024
- Independence Day - July 4, 2024

# 2023-24 Academic Calendar

## September Term 2023

Important Dates	September 5 through December 16
Course Registration Opens	July 5, 2023
Admissions Deadline	August 15, 2023
Course Registration Closes	August 22, 2023
Coursework Begins	September 5, 2023
Last Day to Drop (100% refund)	September 19, 2023
Last Day to Withdraw from Courses	November 11, 2023
Thanksgiving Break	November 20 through 25, 2023
Coursework Ends	December 16, 2023
Grades Due	December 23, 2023

## January Term 2024

Important Dates	January 8 through April 20
Course Registration Opens	November 8, 2023
Admissions Deadline	December 10, 2023
Course Registration Closes	December 20, 2023
Coursework Begins	January 8, 2024
Last Day to Drop (100% refund)	January 22, 2024
Last Day to Withdraw from Courses	March 16, 2024
Easter Break	March 25 through Mar 30, 2024
Coursework Ends	April 20, 2024
Grades Due	April 27, 2024

## April Term 2024

Important Dates	April 22 through July 27
Course Registration Opens	February 22, 2024
Admissions Deadline	April 1, 2024
Course Registration Closes	April 8, 2024
Coursework Begins	April 22, 2024
Last Day to Drop (100% refund)	May 6, 2024
Last Day to Withdraw from Courses	June 29, 2024
Coursework Ends	July 27, 2024
Grades Due	August 3, 2024

## Contact Information

**WCIU Office:** (626) 398-2222

**Admissions:** [admissions@wciu.edu](mailto:admissions@wciu.edu)

*Admissions serves students and faculty with activities related to the application process.*

**Student Services:** [studentservices@wciu.edu](mailto:studentservices@wciu.edu)

*Student Services provides assistance to students related to transcript requests, course registration, academic calendar dates, graduation procedures, student inquiries, financial matters, scholarship applications, and Populi guidance.*

**Academic Affairs:** [academicaffairs@wciu.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@wciu.edu)

*Academic Affairs primarily serves faculty, but also serves and supports students with various administrative matters including graduation, proctored exams, etc.*

**Registrar's Office:** [registrar@wciu.edu](mailto:registrar@wciu.edu)

*The Registrar's Office serves both students and faculty with activities related to the application process, transcript requests, student records, financial aid, course registration and billing.*

**President's Office:**

*The President's Office serves students, faculty and our larger constituency with activities related to accreditation, strategic development, assessment, and routine reporting/communication.*

## Study Load

- WCIU's MA Programs are developed for study on a part-time or full-time basis. The University encourages students to pace themselves by enrolling in one or two 3-credit course each term so they are able to continue their commitments to work, service, family, and community.
- For full-time status, the minimum study load at the Master's level is 18 semester credits per year. Concurrent enrollment at other institutions is included in assessing a student's academic study load.

## Student Code of Conduct

WCIU students are expected to share faith-based values of integrity, respect, and a commitment to service. Additionally, WCIU students are expected to act with consideration for others, maintain a high standard of moral conduct and be sensitive in interpersonal relationships. Dishonest, immoral, abusive, and harmful practices including ethnic/gender discrimination, harassment, and sexual relationships outside of marriage are prohibited. All are also expected to support our community convictions by abstaining from the use of non-prescription narcotics and hallucinogenic drugs at all times, and the use of alcohol and tobacco while participating in University activities.

As an educational institution, William Carey International University has enacted policies to protect student rights and well-being in compliance with state and federal regulations. In turn, the University expects that students enrolled at WCIU will comply with local, state, and federal laws governing dangerous and potentially hurtful behaviors and substances.

## Code of Ethics

### Academic Freedom

Freedom to teach and freedom to learn are inseparable facets of academic freedom. The freedom to learn depends upon appropriate opportunities and conditions in the learning context. Students should be free to take reasoned exceptions to the data or views offered in any course of study and to reserve judgment about matters of opinion, but they are responsible for learning the content of any course or program in which they are enrolled. Students should exercise their freedom with moral responsibility.

### Academic Integrity

Dishonesty in academic work includes plagiarism, unauthorized collaboration on assignments, violation of the conditions under which the work is to be done, fabrication of data, unauthorized use of computer data, and excessive revision by someone other than the student. Academic dishonesty is subject to strict disciplinary action, which may include loss of credit for the assignment or course, expulsion from the program of study, and/or expulsion from WCIU.

Students are expected to do their own thinking and academic work, drawing upon the ideas of others and then synthesizing them into the student's own words. The following are definitions of specific violations of WCIU's Code of Ethics.

**Plagiarism.** Plagiarism is the act of representing the work of others as one's own, such as copying the work of others without citing the source accurately and truthfully, on exams, papers, and other writings. Excessive copying from in lieu of original articulation of thoughts and concepts, even when the original source is acknowledged, is unacceptable and may necessitate rewriting of the paper.

**Unauthorized Collaboration.** Working with others without the specific permission of the instructor or unauthorized delegation of work to others (with or without pay), on assignments that will be submitted for a grade by the student. This rule applies to all research, writing or other academic assignments.

**Fabrication of Data.** Reporting false information in any academic paper or publication.

**Unauthorized Use of Computer Data.** The use of data that the student hasn't been given explicit permission to utilize, such as questionnaire data, charts, graphs or other forms of data reporting.

**Excessive Revision by Someone Else.** The employment of a person to revise and/or edit work that exceeds the function of "copy editing." Copy editing is the practice of having a skilled reader edit spelling, grammatical, formatting errors. This does not exclude the work of an expert "reader" who checks the work for integrity, validity, organization and other matters related to the content.

**Adhering to Copyright Law.** WCIU adheres to the copyright law of the United States. Acts of copyright infringement include, but are not limited to, misusing copyrighted material in one's coursework and misusing material for which an institution owns the copyright (web site materials, publications, etc.) WCIU adheres to the copyright law of the United States. Acts of copyright infringement include, but are not limited to, misusing copyrighted material in one's coursework and misusing material for which an institution owns the copyright (web site materials, publications, etc.)

***The process of disciplinary action for violating WCIU's Code of Ethics is as follows:***

**First offense** - The student's assignment will be returned for him/her to rewrite and the student will receive reduction of 1 letter-grade on the revised assignment. The course instructor will report this to the Registrar's Office, and a note will be made on the student's record.

**Second offense** - The student will receive a zero on the assignment with no chance of resubmission. His/her instructor will report this to the Registrar's Office, and a note will be made on the student's record.

**Third offense** - The student will receive an "F" for the course. His/her instructor will report this to the Registrar's Office, and a note will be made on the student's record.

**Fourth offense** - The student will be reviewed by the Academic Team and may be asked to leave the program.

Students are encouraged to review the following resource links on plagiarism:

- Plagiarism Tutorial
- Avoiding Plagiarism
- Understanding Plagiarism
- 10 Types of Plagiarism

## Intellectual Property Rights

Credit is always given to the originator of the intellectual property in question, no matter how it is used or who owns the rights. This includes work that is done by or in collaboration with or between students, faculty and/or others.

Written or other creative work by a student is their intellectual property and always should be credited to them when being quoted. If the work is to be published or commercialized in any way, the university and any other person involved (such as a faculty member who may feel they share the intellectual rights), need to clarify the matter with the Vice Provost of Academic Affairs. An agreement should be made that includes all parties who feel they have a vested interest in the product. Signed copies of the agreement need to be made and filed at the university. If any of the parties do not wish to sign the agreement, the proposed publication or commercialization of the product should be postponed until such agreement is reached.

## Nondiscrimination Policy

WCIU does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, gender, marital status, or physical disability in accordance with Federal, State, and local laws. The University's expectation is that its faculty, staff, and students will not discriminate against one another.

## Reasonable Accommodation for Disabilities

William Carey International University is committed to ensuring that students with disabilities receive appropriate accommodations in their instructional activities, as mandated by Federal and State law and by WCIU policy.

The following is the WCIU Plan for Accommodating the Academic Needs of Students with Disabilities which describes the roles of individuals at William Carey International University in ensuring that

students with disabilities receive appropriate accommodations in their instructional activities, as mandated by Federal and State law and by WCIU policy.

The fundamental principles of nondiscrimination and accommodation in academic programs were set forth in Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Title II; and their implementing regulations at 34 C.F.R. Part 104 and 28 C.F.R. Part 35 respectively. These laws establish that students with disabilities may not, on the basis of their disabilities, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any WCIU program or activity. WCIU must make sure that its academic requirements do not discriminate or have the effect of discriminating against persons with disabilities. Academic requirements that are justifiably essential to a student's program of instruction are not considered discriminatory. Academic accommodations to which a student may be entitled include changes in the length of time allowed to complete degree requirements, substitution of specific courses required for the completion of degree requirements, and adaptation of the manner in which specific courses or examinations are conducted. WCIU's policies are presented in the academic catalog.

### **Procedures for Requesting Reasonable Accommodation**

A student who wishes to request reasonable accommodation should submit the WCIU Reasonable Accommodation Request Form (available at [WCIU Forms](#)) to WCIU Student Services at: 1010 E Union St., Suite 110, Pasadena, CA 91106 or send by email to [studentservices@wciu.edu](mailto:studentservices@wciu.edu).

The request should include the following:

- The nature of the disability and need for accommodation.
- The specific accommodation being requested.
- Documentation regarding the disability.

The request will be forwarded to the Academic Team for review and resolution.

### **The Academic Team**

The Academic Team is responsible for reviewing the request for accommodation, reviewing the documentation concerning the student's disability, and assessing the disability's impact on the student's participation in academic activities. The Academic Team will consider accommodations in instruction and testing that will be required for the student. In doing so, they will consult the student's instructor. They will ensure that the nature of the accommodations is consistent with WCIU policies. The Academic Team will make a decision regarding the student's request for accommodation and submit the decision to the Vice President Academic Affairs for approval. The Academic Team will provide the decision regarding the request for accommodation to the student and the student's instructor. When possible, this is done at the beginning of each term so that the accommodations can be implemented in a timely manner. The Academic Team will advise the President when they anticipate issues or problems in determining appropriate accommodations or difficulty coming to agreement with the instructor.

### **Faculty**

Faculty should be mindful, in developing tests or other procedures for evaluating students' academic achievement, that both Federal regulations and institution policy require that methods should be provided for evaluating the achievement of students who have a disability that impairs sensory, manual, or speaking skills as will best ensure that the results of the evaluation represents the student's achievement in the course, rather than reflecting the student's impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills (except where such skills are the factors that the test purports to measure). [34 C.F.R. § 104.44 (c)]

If an instructor has concerns or questions about an accommodation that the Academic Team has determined to be appropriate for a particular student, the instructor should contact the Academic Team promptly. The Academic Team will attempt to resolve the issue informally. If, after adequately thorough and good faith discussion with the Academic Team, the instructor disagrees with the accommodation, the instructor should seek its review by contacting the President within five institution working days of being notified by the Academic Team. The President will review the matter and advise the Academic Team and instructor of their decision. The President's decision will be final. The instructor must provide the accommodation until it is either set aside or modified by the Academic Team or President.

The Academic Team primary functions include:

- (a) advising WCIU about policies and procedures related to the provision of academic accommodations for students with disabilities,
- (b) recommending steps to be taken by WCIU related to the provision of accommodations for instructors with disabilities,
- (c) developing mechanisms for increasing the understanding of the faculty with respect to disabilities and their accommodation in an academic setting,
- (d) assisting in resolving any issues with faculty that might arise concerning particular accommodations in an academic setting.
- (e) ensuring that these policies are both educationally sound and responsive to the needs of students with disabilities.

In the rare instance when an instructor refuses to comply with the decision, the Academic Team is responsible for ensuring that the accommodation is provided in a timely manner and that appropriate administrative sanctions are pursued in accordance with established policy and procedures. WCIU's Faculty Code of Conduct, defines as unacceptable conduct "knowing violation of the institution policy, including the pertinent guidelines, applying to nondiscrimination against students on the basis of disability."

### **Filing a Complaint**

In general, the complainant must be able to establish that he or she appropriately requested, in a timely manner, the desired accommodation. The institution has established a process for filing student complaints regarding disability accommodations. See the WCIU Complaint and Grievance Policy below for more information.

Key personnel for implementing the university's Policy for Accommodating the Academic Needs of Students with Disabilities:

The Academic Team can be reached at:

William Carey International University  
1010 E Union St., Suite 110,  
Pasadena, CA 91106  
626-398-2222  
Email: [studentservices@wciu.edu](mailto:studentservices@wciu.edu).

The request will be forwarded to the Academic Team for review and resolution.

## Student Housing

WCIU is a distance only school. Its unique programs allow for students to remain in their context while completing their education, which removes the need to relocate. WCIU does not provide dormitory space for students and does not arrange for or assist students in finding housing. Students are responsible for locating and arranging their own housing. Housing prices near the campus range from \$900.00 to \$3,500.00 per month.

## ADMISSIONS

For admissions-related questions, email [admissions@wciu.edu](mailto:admissions@wciu.edu).

### Admissions Calendar

WCIU receives student applications and processes them in as timely a manner as possible. Formal announcements regarding acceptance for admission into the University programs takes place throughout the year. The chart below lists the primary steps needed to complete to application process, including the key dates.

#### Important Admissions Dates

	September Term	January Term	April Term
Application Deadline	Aug. 15, 2023	Dec. 10, 2023	Apr. 1, 2024

### Admission Requirements

To be admitted to study at WCIU the following requirements must be met in full:

1. Complete the online application form.
2. Provide evidence of a bachelor's degree earned from an appropriately accredited institution with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 by submitting an official transcript.
3. Identify a professional reference on the application who will need to fill out an online reference form.
4. Meet the WCIU English requirement:  
Prospective students whose native language is not English and who have not earned a degree from an appropriately accredited institution where English is the principal language of instruction must demonstrate college-level proficiency in English through one of the following for admission:
  - a. Duolingo English Test score of at least 105
  - b. TOEFL score of at least 80 (for the internet-based test)
  - c. TOEFL score of at least 65 (for the paper-based test PBT). PBT scores will no longer be accepted after April 2023.
  - d. IELTS score of at least 6.5
  - e. A transcript indicating completion of at least 30 semester credit hours with an average grade of "B" or higher at an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education and/or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), or accepted foreign equivalent that is listed in the International Handbook of Universities where the language of instruction was English.
5. Provide a copy of a current government-issued photo identification (upload to application).

6. Meet the Technology & Computer Requirements (see below).

Notes:

- If an applicant does not meet the minimum 3.0 GPA requirement he/she may be:
  - a. provisionally accepted and required to complete a course (stipulated by the Academic Team) in the first semester with a grade B or higher.
  - b. denied admission with an option to enroll as a visiting student.
- An interview may be required for admission.

Official transcripts should be mailed to the following address:

**William Carey International University**  
**Registrar's Office**  
**1010 E Union St., Suite 110,**  
**Pasadena, CA 91106**  
**USA**

WCIU will consider the following degrees as earned from an appropriately accredited institution:

- U.S. Department of Education (Office of Postsecondary Education) database of accredited postsecondary institutions and programs <https://ope.ed.gov/dapip/#/home>
- Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) database of institutions and programs accredited by recognized U.S. accrediting organizations <https://www.chea.org/search-institutions>
- World Higher Education Database <https://www.whed.net/home.php>
- Degrees earned from institutions that are approved by well recognized faith-based accreditors such the International Council for Evangelical Theological Education (ICETE) and the Association for Christian Theological Education in Africa (ACTEA).

WCIU requires applicants to provide official transcripts in English, or with notarized translation. Students that are unable to provide official transcripts in English are required to provide a transcript evaluation by a member agency of National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). The University reserves the right to determine the acceptability and relevance of degrees and credits earned at other institutions.

Once all the application materials have been submitted, WCIU will review the application, request any additional information, and schedule any needed interviews. A determination will be made about accepting the applicant into the program. The applicant will then be notified whether their application has been accepted or denied.

If the application is accepted, the applicant may then pursue final acceptance and enrollment which requires the applicant to complete, sign, and submit the required acceptance forms which includes the School Performance Fact Sheet and Enrollment Agreement. Once the signed acceptance forms are reviewed and approved, the applicant will be officially admitted as a student will receive access to enroll in courses in Populi. The signed Enrollment Agreement will be posted in Populi within 10 days of acceptance.

If the application is denied, the applicant will be told why. They have the right to appeal the denial by providing additional evidence of meeting the requirements.

## State Authorization

Please see the link below for the list of states where WCIU is currently authorized to accept and serve students. <https://www.wciu.edu/state-authorization>

It is the student's responsibility to notify the institution of a change in physical location.

## Visiting Student Policy

### The WCIU Visiting Student Policy applies to the following:

- Students who wish to take a limited number of courses at WCIU without applying for admission as a degree-seeking student. This includes students who desire to explore whether WCIU programs are right for them.
- Students who are currently attending another university and wish to take a limited number of classes at WCIU for academic or personal development purposes.

### Visiting Student Admissions Requirements and Process:

- To be a Visiting Student at WCIU the following requirements must be met:
  - Complete the Visiting Student online application.
  - Sign the Visiting Student enrollment agreement.
  - Have a bachelor's degree earned from an institution of higher learning as evidenced by submitting a transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable). If the institution is an unaccredited institution, WCIU requires a portfolio from applicant that constitutes the following documents:
    - a. Current Resume.
    - b. Two letters from Supervisors/Employers (1 current and 1 previous) who are able to document work experience, work responsibilities, and work performance.
  - Provide a copy of a government-issued photo identification.
  - Meet the WCIU English requirements:

Prospective students whose native language is not English and who have not earned a degree from an appropriately accredited institution where English is the principal language of instruction must demonstrate college-level proficiency in English through one of the following for admission:

    - Duolingo English Test score of at least 105
    - TOEFL score of at least 80 (for the internet-based test)
    - TOEFL score of at least 65 (for the paper-based test PBT). PBT scores will no longer be accepted after April 2023.
    - IELTS score of at least 6.5
    - A transcript indicating completion of at least 30 semester credit hours with an average grade of "B" or higher at an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education and/or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), or accepted foreign equivalent that is listed in the International Handbook of Universities where the language of instruction was English.

- Satisfactory completion of the Immerse Intensive English Language Program at the Advanced Level per the Immerse-WCIU Articulation Agreement dated 8/29/2022 with an overall average grade of 3 or higher (on a 4-point scale). The Advanced level Certificate of Achievement is equivalent to WCIU's graduate level English proficiency admissions requirements.

Note: An interview may be required for admission.

- Upon approval, a Visiting Student may enroll in courses in accordance with the WCIU academic calendar. WCIU standard policies and procedures regarding tuition, refunds, and withdrawals apply to Visiting Students.
- A student permitted to enroll as a Visiting Student at WCIU is not considered to be enrolled in a degree program and is limited to a maximum of 9 total credit hours in this status.
- Courses completed as a Visiting Student do not lead to admission to WCIU degree programs. If a Visiting Student intends to apply for Full Admission Student Status, he/she must follow the standard application procedures and submit the required full admission application package (including an official transcript). A key requirement to apply to an MA program is an undergraduate degree obtained from an accredited university. If a student is admitted to an MA program appropriate credits earned as Visiting Student will apply to the program.

## General English Requirements

Please see the English Requirements explained above under Admissions Requirements. Students enrolled in English language programs may take courses in a language other than English with the approval and supervision of WCIU faculty. All such courses must be taught by an academically qualified instructor. If written work is submitted by the student in a foreign language, in compliance with such courses, they must be graded by a qualified instructor who is fluent in the language and has been approved by the WCIU. Any grade assigned must be recorded with the four-point system used by WCIU. Generally, students and instructors must be a native speaker in the foreign language. Students must provide an official transcript demonstrating successful postsecondary study in the appropriate language. Instructors also must provide a transcript from a postsecondary institution where the instruction was in the language in which they must demonstrate proficiency. Students and instructors who did prior study in English must provide documentation of proficiency in the foreign language (such as test results from a standard language proficiency exam) or successfully passing a WCIU online oral interview and writing test.

WCIU does not always expect the student to generate major academic work in English, recognizing that work may be of much greater value in their own language. At faculty discretion, work may be submitted in another language. In such cases, the work will be assessed and evaluated by a WCIU approved qualified faculty the is fluent in the language. Any grade assigned must be recorded with the four-point system used by WCIU. Courses for learning English (such as ESL courses) are not offered by WCIU.

## Technology Requirements

The majority of WCIU coursework requires access to the internet for the use of the online library and Populi, our online course management system where students post assignments, interact in discussions, and correspond with faculty. Students register and pay for their courses online. Therefore, students must have regular access to a computer and reliable internet to achieve successful academic progress.

## Computer Requirements

Student Computer Requirements:

- Windows 10/11 or comparable Macintosh/Linux operating system
- High speed Internet connection; cable, DSL, etc. (Dialup connections are not recommended.)
- Word Processor, MS Word recommended. (OpenOffice, a free equivalent to Microsoft Office, is available at [www.openoffice.org](http://www.openoffice.org)).
- Internet Web Browser (Brave or Firefox recommended)
- Personal E-mail Address (Gmail or other free account with web access)
- Adobe Acrobat Reader (free download, [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com))

## Electronic Signature Policy

The use of electronic signatures is permitted for signing required forms and documents to adhere to WCIU terms and conditions. Electronic signature by the student is accepted by WCIU on all forms and documents. Students experiencing technological issues may manually sign required forms and documents, scan, and send them to the Registrar's Office. Students will have access to the fully executed agreement in Populi within 10 days of acceptance by the Registrar's Office.

## Transfer Credits

### **NOTICE CONCERNING TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDITS AND CREDENTIALS EARNED AT OUR INSTITUTION**

The transferability of credits you earn at WCIU is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the degree you earn in Development Studies is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. If the credits or degree that you earn at this institution are not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all of your coursework at that institution. For this reason, you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending WCIU to determine if your credits or degree will transfer.

Transfer credits are awarded based on a standard administrative review process in accordance with the WCIU Transfer Credit Policy. Transfer credits are only awarded if they were earned from institutions of higher learning accredited by a body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or the Council of Higher Education Accreditation. Non-U.S. institutions must have an accepted foreign equivalent at an institution listed in the International Handbook of Universities or other appropriately accredited institution. No more than 6 graduate semester units or the equivalent in other units awarded by another institution may be transferred for credit toward a MA degree. An official transcript evaluation will be performed to determine the number of transfer credits that will be granted for previous academic work. Transfer credits accepted from other institutions are assigned grade points according to WCIU's grading

system. The University reserves the right to determine the acceptability and relevance of degrees and credits earned at other institutions. Note: WCIU does not award credit for experiential learning.

Students who wish to transfer credits:

- Must have earned a grade of B or higher for the course to be considered for credit transfer.
- Must have completed the course within the last ten years.
- Must have an official transcript from the transfer institution mailed directly to the WCIU Office.
- Must provide any additional information or materials required by the review committee, including the course syllabi or course descriptions in the academic catalog.
- Must email a completed Transfer Credit Request Form to WCIU at: *registrar@wciu.edu*.

Instructions for Requesting Transfer Credit:

- Review the WCIU Transfer Credit Policy above.
- Complete the Transfer Credit Request Form. The form can be obtained by contacting *studentservices@wciu.edu* or from the WCIU website.
- Submit the completed form to *registrar@wciu.edu*.
- Have an official transcript from the transfer institution mailed directly to WCIU Office at:  
William Carey International University  
Registrar's Office  
1010 E Union St., Suite 110,  
Pasadena, CA 91106  
USA

Students are able to appeal transfer credit decisions by submitting a request for appeal to the Vice Provost of Academic Affairs. Requests for appeal may be mailed to the WCIU Office at the address above or sent by email to *registrar@wciu.edu*. The Vice Provost of Academic Affairs will review the transfer credit request and issue a final decision.

Transfer Agreements

WCIU has not entered into an articulation or transfer agreement with any other college or university regarding acceptance of transfer credits.

## Student Identity Verification

WCIU uses multiple means to verify student identity during admissions and throughout enrollment. Applicants are required to provide a government issued photo identification during the admissions process. Students are required to upload a current photo to their Populi profile. Student access to the college management system requires a secure login and passcode. Student identification is confirmed during the bi-monthly Zoom sessions with faculty. In addition, student identity is verified during the proctored exam process in which the student must display their official government identification which is compared to the web camera view of the test taker throughout the exam.

# REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

For registrar-related questions not answered in this academic catalog, please email: [studentservices@wciu.edu](mailto:studentservices@wciu.edu).

## Registration for Courses

For course registration information please contact the Student Services Office at [studentservices@wciu.edu](mailto:studentservices@wciu.edu). Student will receive a notification when the registration period opens and will receive reminders prior to the conclusion of the registration period.

## Concurrent Enrollment

Within the transfer credit guidelines above, studies relevant to a student's program may be taken for credit through institutions recognized by WCIU upon approval by the program director. Such studies are considered concurrent enrollment if taken during a term when students are also registered for courses in a WCIU degree program. Transferring credit for these approved studies taken through other WCIU-recognized institutions requires that an official transcript (academic record) be sent to the Registrar's Office upon completion of the work. See the Transfer Credit section of the academic catalog for information on receiving transfer credit.

## Course Completion and Extensions

Instructors manage assignment schedules as specified by the course schedule in the syllabi. Students are expected to comply with that schedule and complete all assignments by due dates. No credit will be given for an incomplete course, unless the student is granted an extension by the instructor, as described below, and the deadline for the extension is met.

To request a course extension, the student should email their course instructor and the Registrar's Office ([registrar@wciu.edu](mailto:registrar@wciu.edu)) specifying the length of the extension being requested and the reason why it is needed. Instructors have discretion in the granting of extensions for coursework for MA courses and can grant students an extension of up to 6 weeks beyond the course end date. The student will be charged a \$50 extension fee for extensions exceeding one week. Students will receive an "Incomplete" as a course grade until the instructor submits their final grade. Failure to submit coursework by the extension deadline will translate automatically into a "0" on the student's unsubmitted assignment.

## Withdrawal Policies

- Students may drop their course within the first 2-weeks of the term and receive a full refund. The dropped course will not be reported on their transcript.
- Students may withdraw from their course within the first 10-weeks and receive a partial refund. The course withdrawal will be reported on their transcript as a "W".

Students who drop a course within the first 2-weeks will not be charged for the course. However, students who are enrolled in a course for more than two weeks will be charged a prorated amount based on the number of days they were enrolled in the course prior to their withdrawal.

## **Course Withdrawal**

A course withdrawal may be effectuated by a student's written notice or by the student's conduct, including, but not necessarily limited to, the student's lack of attendance.

### **Procedure to Withdraw from Courses**

Students who desire to withdraw from a course should notify the Registrar's Office at [registrar@wciu.edu](mailto:registrar@wciu.edu). Students have until the end of the 10th week to withdraw from a course.

### **Lack of Attendance**

A student will be administratively withdrawn from a course if no assignments have been submitted and the student has not participated in any graded activities or communicated with the instructor for three consecutive weeks.

### **Course Withdrawal Effective Date**

The effective date of the withdrawal will be the date the student submitted the course withdrawal request form. If a student is administratively withdrawn due to lack of attendance the effective date of the withdrawal will be the later of the last submitted assignment, graded activity, or communication from the student to the faculty. If no assignments have been submitted and the student has not participated in any graded activities or communicated with the instructor, the effective date will be the first day of the course. A student who withdraws from a course will receive a "W" and be eligible for a prorated refund (see Refund Policy).

## **Institutional Withdrawal**

An institutional withdrawal may be effectuated by a student's written notice or by the student's conduct, including, but not necessarily limited to, the student's lack of attendance.

### **Procedure to Withdraw from WCIU**

Students who desire to withdraw from WCIU should notify the Registrar's Office at: [registrar@wciu.edu](mailto:registrar@wciu.edu).

### **Lack of Attendance**

If a student has not enrolled in any courses or participated in course activities for two consecutive terms, he/she may be deemed to have withdrawn from the university. Active participation in courses includes submission of assignments, posting to class forums, and participation in Zoom sessions. The institution will consider the student's program progress to date and their communication with the institution.

### **Institutional Withdrawal Effective Date**

The effective date of the withdrawal will be the date the student submitted the institutional withdrawal request form. If a student is administratively withdrawn due to lack of attendance the effective date of the withdrawal will be the later of the last submitted assignment, graded activity, or communication from the student to the institution. If no assignments have been submitted and the student has not participated in any graded activities or communicated with institution for two consecutive terms, the effective date of the institutional withdrawal will be the first day of the second term. A student who withdraws from the institution will be eligible for a prorated refund (see Refund Policy).

## **Administrative Withdrawal (Non-Academic Dismissal Policy)**

The University Registrar may initiate a withdrawal for violation of institutional policy. The Registrar may enter an administrative withdrawal if a student:

- Fails to return from a standard period of non-enrollment.

- Fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress.
- Fails to maintain passing grades.
- Fails to pay tuition and fees on time.
- Fails to comply with University academic policies.
- Fails to comply with the University's rules and regulations as published in the academic catalog.
- Engages in improper or unlawful conduct.

Any refund due to students or other agencies are calculated and refunded according to the Refund Policy.

## Course Cancellation

Should WCIU cancel a course before the starting date, students will be given due notice by email and be entitled to a full refund of all fees and tuition paid for the course.

## Leave of Absence

A leave of absence may be granted for up to twelve months and may be renewed annually for a maximum total of four years. A student's absence due to an approved leave will not be included in the computation of their time toward degree. Students may request a leave of absence by emailing the Registrar's Office at [registrar@wciu.edu](mailto:registrar@wciu.edu). The request should include the length of leave being requested and the reason for the request. The request will be submitted to the Program Director for review. The decision will be communicated to the student by the Registrar's Office. Students on an approved leave of absence may submit a petition for an earlier return if so desired.

## Graduation Requirements

*Note: all requirements must be completed for a degree to be conferred.*

- Complete all required coursework for their degree with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (B) or higher.
- Submit an "Application to Graduate" form at least two months prior to the end of the final term. Students may reference the Academic Calendar for exact dates. Failure to submit this form by the deadline may result in a delay in the student's official graduation date until the next processing cycle.
- Pay the \$50 Graduation Fee.
- Pay all fees and tuition and have a \$0.00 balance in Populi.

## Diplomas

Once students are approved for graduation, they will be billed a \$50 graduation fee. Degrees are conferred and diplomas are printed at the end of each term for students who have met the graduation requirements. Students will be mailed a diploma and an official transcript.

## Transcript Requests

Unofficial transcripts can be accessed by current and recent students by signing into their Populi account, clicking on the "My Profile" tab, and then clicking on the "Student" tab. To request an official transcript, current and former students can fill out the online Transcript Request form found on the website or sending a request to [studentservices@wciu.edu](mailto:studentservices@wciu.edu).

## **California students are not subject to withholding of transcripts.**

On the transcript request form, students may authorize a representative to pick up the transcript on their behalf by completing the release statement and identifying the representative. The representative will be required to show proof of identification prior to the release of the transcript at the time of pick up. Transcripts not picked up within two weeks of the transcript request will be mailed to the address listed on the transcript request form.

## **Transcript Fees**

Note: Fees for transcripts by mail or expedited carrier are the same for official and unofficial transcripts.

- Standard Transcript Request (US/Canada): \$15 (mailed within 10 business days of date of payment).
- Expedited Transcript Request (US/Canada): \$35 (mailed within 3 business days of date of payment). An additional \$25 for postage will be charged if you request express mailing.
- Standard Transcript Request (International): \$25 (mailed within 10 business days of date of payment).
- Expedited Transcript Request (International): \$40 (mailed within 3 business days of date of payment). An additional \$35 for postage will be charge if you request priority mailing (6-10 business days). An additional \$65 for postage will be charged if you request express shipping (3-5 business days).

For further information contact [studentservices@wciu.edu](mailto:studentservices@wciu.edu).

## **Transcript Payments in Populi**

Once the charges have been made to the student's account, students who have used the Populi system may pay the transcript charges through Populi. To do so, sign into the student account at [www.wciu.populiweb.com](http://www.wciu.populiweb.com), click on the "My Profile" tab, and then click on the "Financial" tab. Populi will show the outstanding balance on the right side of the screen, with two options: a button that can be clicked to immediately "Make a Payment," as well as a link stating "someone else paying?" that will direct students to a link that can be sent to another individual who will be paying the fee. The credit card used will be charged immediately if the "Make a Payment" option is selected.

Former students who did not use the Populi online management system may pay by bank transfer or check. For bank transfer instructions please contact [studentservices@wciu.edu](mailto:studentservices@wciu.edu). To pay by check, please make checks out to William Carey International University and mail to the following address:

William Carey International University  
Financial Services  
1010 E Union St., Suite 110,  
Pasadena, CA 91106  
USA

## WCIU Record Retention Standards

Per DEAC's recommendation, WCIU policies for maintaining all student and alumni records are developed from AACRAO's data maintenance standards. AACRAO is the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. However, when the California BPPE standards exceed AACRAO standards, WCIU adheres to the California standards. California generally requires that files be maintained for a minimum of 5 years from the date of the student's completion or withdrawal.

The following is a summary of the AACRAO record retention times:

- Admission documents (applicants who do not enroll): 1 year
- Admission documents (applicants who enroll): 3 years
- Course registration/enrollment records: until administrative need is satisfied
- Academic records:
  - Faculty grade book: 5 years after course completion
  - Student correspondence: 3 years after graduation or last term of attendance
  - Exams/graded coursework: 1 year after course completion
  - Other academic records: until administrative need is satisfied
- Electronic Data:
  - Data change logs: 10 years
  - Enrollment data: 10 years
  - Grade data: permanent
  - Student demographic information: 50 years
- FERPA related records: permanent
  - Requests for formal hearings
  - Requests for personally identifiable information
  - Requests for nondisclosure of directory information
  - Statements on content of records regarding hearing panel decisions
  - Written consent for records disclosure
  - Waivers for rights of access
  - Written decisions of hearing panels
- Specific records to be maintained permanently:
  - Notice of academic dismissal
  - Notice of violation of academic integrity policy
  - Academic evaluations (that are part of the academic transcript)
  - Thesis/Dissertations
  - Transcripts
  - Graduation lists
  - Grade submissions sheets
  - Student demographic information
  - Catalogs
  - Commencement programs
  - Records of degrees granted
  - Enrollment statistics
  - Grade statistics
  - Race/ethnicity reporting

Student transcripts are permanently maintained in digital format. Digital copies of diplomas are attached to the student's activity feed on Populi and maintained permanently. Older WCIU records from

previous systems prior to the implementation of Populi are maintained permanently in digital format. Files are maintained in digital format on Populi, SharePoint, and OneDrive. The records are located at the university headquarters in Pasadena. WCIU is in the process of digitizing the paper archive records from the early years of WCIU. Records that are not required to be permanently maintained will be properly shredded.

## WCIU Privacy Policy

William Carey International University (WCIU) is committed to the responsible use of information collected from and about our students. We respect your right to keep your personal information confidential and understand your desire to avoid unwanted solicitations. We hope that by taking a few minutes to read this privacy policy, you will have a better understanding of what we do with the information that is collected and the steps we take to keep it private and secure.

### A. Types of Information We Collect

**1. Non-Personal Information Collected Automatically.** WCIU collects limited, non-personal information that your browser makes available when visiting websites. This information may include your IP address, your browser type, access times, cookie information (described below), referring or exit website address, internet service provider, date/time stamp, operating system, device, geographic locale, language preferences and system configuration information.

We use non-personally identifiable information while you are browsing the WCIU site to improve your individual experience and provide you with a more personalized experience in subsequent visits. We also aggregate non-personally identifiable information from many users into statistical reports on website traffic to better administer our website and improve its effectiveness, diagnose server issues, and improve the user experience.

- **Social Media.** We may use services provided by social media providers, including, but not limited to Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, to display content. In these cases, the social media site may provide us with certain information about you, which may include your postings and account activity. Please see the privacy policy for the applicable social media site to learn more about how these sites share your personal information.

- **Cookies.** Cookies are small files that a site or its service provider transfers to your computer's hard drive through your web browser that enables the sites or service providers systems to recognize your browser and capture and remember certain information. We may assign your computer one or more cookies for the purpose of facilitating access to our website and to personalize your online experience. Through the use of a cookie, we also may automatically collect information about your use of our site, such as the web pages you visit, the links you click, and the searches you conduct on our site. If you desire to remove such technologies you may do so by disabling these features in your browser program, but this may render our websites unusable to you. Consult your browser's Help Menu for assistance in changing cookie settings or removing cookie files.

**2. Personal Information You Voluntarily Provide.** In addition to the web analytical information collected when you visit the WCIU website, WCIU also collects and uses personal information that you

voluntarily provide to us when you fill out a form on our website, respond to an advertisement, sign-up for an event or mailing list, request information, submit an admissions application, register for classes, apply for products or services, etc. By completing any of these forms, you are agreeing that we can use the information for the purposes of the form and for follow up communication. If you do not wish to provide your contact information or other private information online, you may call WCIU and request that information be sent through the mail.

## **B. Parties to Whom We Disclose Information**

We will not sell, trade or transfer your personally-identifiable information to third parties, except in accordance with this policy. However, WCIU may use or disclose personal information for the following purposes:

- If required by law. For example, to comply with a validly issued and enforceable subpoena or summons.
- When necessary for any legitimate interests of WCIU, except where your interests or fundamental rights override those legitimate interests.
- When necessary to protect your vital interests or the vital interests of another individual.
- To provide information to affiliates of WCIU and nonaffiliated third parties who perform services or functions for us in conjunction with our services to you, but only if we have an agreement with the other party which prohibits them from disclosing or using the information other than for the purposes for which it was disclosed.
- To employees of WCIU and other parties who must use that information to provide services to you. Their right to further disclose and use the information is limited by this policy, applicable law, and nondisclosure agreements where appropriate.
- To communicate information that WCIU thinks may be of interest to you.
- Any other purpose when you provide consent to the processing of your personal data.

Non-personally identifiable visitor information may be provided to other parties for marketing, advertising and other uses.

## **C. Confidentiality and Security of Nonpublic Personal Information**

We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards in material compliance with applicable laws and regulations to guard your personal information from unauthorized access, alteration, or premature destruction. However, as effective as any security measures implemented by WCIU may be, no security system is impenetrable. WCIU cannot guarantee the security of its database environment, nor can it guarantee that the information you provide will not be intercepted while being transmitted over the internet.

## **D. GDPR Privacy Rights**

This notice provides certain information to persons located in the European Union (EU) or the European Economic Area (EAA) and is intended to satisfy requirements in Regulation 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation or GDPR). WCIU may be a data “controller” or “processor” with regard to certain activities as defined under the GDPR. If you are an individual located in the EU, you may have additional rights available to you, including:

- You have the right to request access to your personal information, and the rectification of inaccurate personal information concerning you.
- You have the right to obtain the deletion or the restriction of processing of your personal information in certain circumstances, including when the information is no longer necessary in relation to the purposes for which it was collected or otherwise processed, except when we are required by law to maintain or otherwise process your personal information, for the establishment, exercise, or defense of legal claims, or for the protection of the rights or another person.
- In certain circumstances, you may have the right to be provided with your personal information in a structured, machine readable and commonly used format and to request that we transfer the personal information to another data controller without hindrance.
- Where our processing of your personal information is based on your consent, you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. This does not affect the lawfulness of the processing based on consent before its withdrawal.

You may exercise these rights by contacting us using the contact information provided below. To protect your privacy and security, we may take steps to verify your identity before taking action on your request.

You also have the rights and remedies set forth in GDPR Articles 77-82, which includes the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority.

The GDPR requires that your personal data be kept no longer than necessary. The applicable time period will depend on the nature of such personal data and will also be determined by legal requirements imposed under applicable laws and regulations

### **E. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99), also known as the Buckley Amendment, is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA strictly limits parental access to the educational records of enrolled students above the age of 18 (“eligible students”) and provides certain rights of access to parents of underage students. WCIU intends to comply fully with FERPA. FERPA guidelines do allow eligible students to voluntarily surrender some of their privacy rights. Accordingly, while WCIU recognizes the legitimate interests of parents to consult with staff about the academic well-being of their student, WCIU cannot do so without a written release from the eligible student. Release forms are available by contacting WCIU.

The following information is available from the U.S. Department of Education at:

<https://www2.ed.gov/print/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html#>

### **F. Third Party Links**

Occasionally, at our discretion, WCIU website may offer third party products or services, including links to other websites outside the wciu.edu domain. Such sites have separate and independent privacy policies and are not governed by this privacy statement. Users should become familiar with the privacy practices of those other sites.

### **G. Changes to Policy.**

WCIU reserves the right to amend or otherwise modify its privacy policy at any time. We expect any such changes to be minor, and notification of any changes will be made on this page. You should check back at this site periodically to obtain a current copy of this privacy policy. We urge you to review this privacy policy frequently to obtain the current version. Your continued provision of personal information or use of our services following any changes to this privacy policy constitutes your acceptance of such changes if we intend to use information that personally identifies you.

### **H. Contact Information**

Questions about this privacy policy should be directed to the WCIU Office at [registrar@wciu.edu](mailto:registrar@wciu.edu).  
1010 E Union St., Suite 110, Pasadena, CA 91106 (626) 398-2222

# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

For Academic Affairs related questions not answered in this academic catalog, please email [academicaffairs@wciu.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@wciu.edu).

## Grading Policies and Procedures

The goal of WCIU faculty is to evaluate and respond to most submitted assignment within one week. Each course has a defined grade type (A-F scale, credit/no credit or pass/fail). Course grades are based on online discussion participation, quizzes, exams, papers and projects. Please refer to individual course syllabi for specific information regarding assignment grades. Course instructors are expected to post final course grades within one week after coursework ends.

## Grading Symbols

Scholarship is ranked by the following grading symbols:

- Exceptional: A+, A, A-
- Superior: B+, B, B-
- Average: C+, C, C-
- Poor: D
- Failure: F

Students who receive a course grade of D or F will receive zero credits for the course. The course will not fulfill degree or program requirements. If the course is a required/core course, the student will need to repeat the course.

The above scale applies to all courses except those designated as credit/no credit or pass/fail.

**I: Incomplete** – An “I” is granted when students have completed most required coursework but are unable to complete the course **due to extenuating circumstances**. An “I” remains on the student’s record until the final grades are recorded in Populi. Failure to submit coursework by the extension deadline will translate automatically into a “0” on the student’s un-submitted assignment(s).

**IP: In Progress** – An “IP” appears as the course grade when a student is still enrolled in a term or has applied for and has been granted the extension. If the course is not completed by the stipulated date, the “IP” will translate automatically into a “0” on the student’s un-submitted assignment(s).

**NC: No Credit** – NC courses do not add credits or fulfill degree or program requirements. An “NC” on a transcript is assigned a value of 0.0 per credit hour when calculating GPA. Courses marked as NC are included in GPA calculations and in determining Academic Standing, Academic Probation, and Academic Disqualification.

**RD: Report Delayed** – An “RD” is recorded when a delay in reporting the grade is due to administrative circumstances not caused by student actions. RD does not add earned credits and does not affect GPA. When it becomes available, the earned grade replaces RD.

**W: Withdrawal** – A “W” is assigned for a withdrawal prior to the end of the tenth week of the term. A “W” will appear on the transcript and does not add earned credits and does not affect GPA.

## Retaking Courses

A course that is failed or deemed not successfully completed for any reason may be reattempted only one time (unless the Program Director approves an exception). If completed successfully, the student may continue their course of study. If not, the student may be withdrawn from the program at the discretion of the program director. When a course is repeated, only the highest grade is calculated in the cumulative GPA. Courses that have been repeated are marked with an “R”. Note: the “R” appears on the first attempt of the course to indicate the course was retaken during a subsequent term.

## Policy for Faculty Interactions with Students

All interactions with students should be done through the Populi LMS, including grading, feedback on assignments, emails, and so forth. This allows for the interaction to be recorded.

Faculty are expected to give meaningful feedback on assignments, within a week of the assignment being turned in. There is a comments box, along with a place to put a grade in the assignments section of Populi. Also, within Populi, faculty can give annotations and feedback in the assignments that students turn in. In order to facilitate this, all assignments should be turned in via the Populi LMS.

## Academic Standing

### Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

WCIU requires students to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) throughout their program enrollment. Students must complete all coursework for their degree while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (B) or higher. Academic standards of performance are established to ensure satisfactory progress towards a degree.

### Quantitative Standards for Measuring Student Progress

The maximum time allowed for the completion of the MA Program for any students who start after the 2016-2017 school year is 6 years for the MA-DS program and 7 years for MATUL program (from the start date of the student’s first course).

### Qualitative Standards for Measuring Student Progress

There is a large degree of qualitative evaluation throughout the curriculum. This includes research papers, lesson reflection questions, annotated bibliographies, and course discussions. These evaluations are designed to assess if the student is meeting the goals and developing the skills and attitudes that will lead to success.

These performance standards form a basis for the following academic classifications:

- Good Standing
- Academic Probation
- Academic Dismissal

### Good Standing (Active)

A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (B) for graduates must be maintained to be in good standing.

### Academic Probation

If a student's GPA has fallen below the minimum requirement of 3.0 (B) cumulative GPA, he or she will receive an academic warning. If the student fails to earn at least a B (i.e., above a B-) in any of his/her remaining courses after receiving an academic warning, he/she will be placed on academic probation. Upon being placed on academic probation, the Program Director will inform the student of a specific remedial course of action (such as taking an academic writing course) and the assignment of a faculty member to supervise the student during the probationary period. The student will be accountable to the assigned faculty member and expected to follow through with the course of action and to achieve a B (i.e., above a B-) in her/his next 2 courses. Students who are placed on probation will be limited to taking one course in their next term. Exceptions to the course limit must be approved by the Program Director.

### Academic Dismissal

If the student fails to follow through with the course of action and/or does not achieve a B in her/his next 2 courses after being placed on probation, she/he will be dismissed from the program.

## Calculating GPA (Grade Point Average)

For each credit in which the student is enrolled, point values are awarded as follows:

Grade	Point Value
A+, A	4.0
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C-	1.7
D	1.0
F	0.0

To Determine Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Determine the grade points received for each course by multiplying the point value indicated above times the number of credits the course is worth.
- Add up the total number of grade points (GP) and the total number of credits (CR). Do not add credits for any course that received the grades of: I, W, or RD.
- Divide the total number of grade points by the total number of credits.  $GPA = GP/CR$

## Suspension and Probation for Misconduct

WCIU reserves the right to fail the student in a given course or ask a student to leave the program if they are found to be repeatedly dishonest in academic practice such as plagiarism (the use of uncited work as one's own work) and/or the fabrication of data to support arguments. If a student plagiarizes, the Registrar will be notified, it will be noted on the student's record, and the student's grade will

drop. Students who choose to plagiarize after being warned may be expelled or put on probation for the remainder of their studies at the sole discretion of the Academic Team. Students on probation will automatically be expelled from the program if they are found guilty of the same or similar practices while on probation. See [Plagiarism Training Resources](#) for more information regarding plagiarism.

WCIU also reserves the right to put the student on probation or ask a student to leave the program if they demonstrate lack of adequate progress towards a degree, and other justifiable causes.

## Academic Disqualification

Students who are put on probation and failed to meet expectations of remedial actions established with their supervising faculty member, will be dismissed from the program based on academic disqualification.

## Grade Appeals

Any student who has questions or concerns about a grade she/he has received should first send an email directly to the course faculty. The course faculty will respond to the student to answer the questions or concerns. If the student does not feel the issue has been satisfactorily resolved, she/he may email the Program Director within three weeks of the initial grade being given to file a request for review of the grade, giving clear, detailed reasons of why she/he believes the grading was inappropriate.

The Program Director will take the appropriate steps to investigate the appeal and respond to the student. The decision of the Program Director is final, and this decision and the student's appeal will be recorded in Populi.

If the Program Director is the course faculty, the student may email the Vice-Provost of Academic Affairs (VPAA) to file a review of the grade. The VPAA will then take the appropriate steps to investigate the appeal and respond to the student. The decision of the VPAA is final, and this decision and the student's appeal will be recorded in Populi.

## Proctored Exams

Beginning with the 2019-20 academic year, WCIU has implemented the following proctored exam policy. For information regarding proctored exams for the MATUL Program please see the MA in Transformational Urban Leadership (MATUL) section.

MA-DS students will be required to successfully pass two proctored exams:

- Mid-Program Exam
- End of Program Exam

### **Examination Schedule**

Students will be required to take the proctored exams based on the following schedule:

	Credits Prior to Mid-Program Exam	Credits Prior to End of Program Exam
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- The Mid-Program Exam will be taken after completion of three core courses (DS 510, DS 515, and DS 520) and two elective courses (i.e., after 15 hours of course work).
- The End of Program Exam will be taken prior to completion of the Capstone Course (i.e., after 33 hours of course work)

### **Examination Content**

The exams are designed to assess student progress in achieving the eight program outcomes (see the MA in Development Studies Program Outcomes section). The exams will require students to provide narrative answers. Students will be given two hours to complete the exams. The exams will be graded as Pass or Fail. Students are not allowed to use notes during the exams.

### **Proctored Exam Grading Criteria**

The exam will be graded as Pass or Fail. The following criteria will be used to grade the exam:

- Discussion of examples of how these ideas relate to your work, ministry, or research interests.
- Evaluation or critique of these ideas.
- Evidence of self-directed learning, critical thinking and research reporting (naming the source).

### **Examination Proctoring**

The exams will be proctored by an online proctoring service. In order to use the online proctoring service, students will need the following:

- High-speed internet connection
- Webcam (internal or external)

The proctoring service provider will verify the student's identity using an official government issued photo ID. The proctoring service provider will monitor the exam for any suspicious activities or abnormalities.

- Note: Students will take the exams using the Gauge/ProctorFree Online Portal. Students will be given login information and passwords. All students will take a sample exam which will give students basic familiarity with the software. For this exam, students must have a valid ID which will be held up to the computer's camera for verification.

### **Examination Preparation**

Faculty will provide students with a study guide and provide additional guidance to assist students in preparing for the exam.

### **Examination Retakes**

Students will be permitted to retake the exam one time. Students that fail the exam the second time will be put on probation.

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**Note: Fees are subject to change at the discretion of the University. These projected costs only include the costs charged by the WCIU for its services and does not include additional costs associated with the student's personal internet access, any travel occasioned by their studies or any other expense that may be incurred while in the pursuit of a degree from WCIU.**

## Master of Arts Tuition and Fees

Charges to MA students for WCIU courses are divided into the following categories:

1. **Tuition.** The tuition fee will be paid to WCIU when the student registers for a course. This represents the charge for instruction or instructional services. This excludes the cost of books and other materials and the one-time application fee of \$50. The tuition cost for each course is \$465 per credit hour. The tuition for a three-credit course will be \$1,395 (\$465 x 3 credits). This excludes the cost for books and other materials and the one-time application fee of \$50. Tuition and fees will remain fixed for a given academic year but may change from one academic year to the next. Students are notified in advance if the tuition or fee amount changes.

**Total tuition for MA-DS students:**

36 credits x \$465/credit= \$16,740

**Total tuition for MATUL students:**

42 credits x \$465/credit = \$19,530

(some MATUL students may only be required to complete 36 credits. See the MATUL Program section below for more information).

In an effort to recognize economic differences around the world in the ability to afford education, WCIU offers a tiered tuition discount (see table below). The tiers are based on the United Nations Human Development Scale which ranks each country's development on a scale of Very High, High, Medium and Low. The tuition discount is determined by where the student is living at the time of their application to attend WCIU. For more information, please visit the WCIU website at [www.wciu.edu/tiered-tuition/#country-index-list](http://www.wciu.edu/tiered-tuition/#country-index-list)

Tier	Human Development Scale	Tuition	Tuition Discount	Discount Percentage
1	Very High	\$ 465 per credit	\$00.00 per credit	0%
2	High	\$ 372 per credit	\$93.00 per credit	20%
3	Medium	\$ 279 per credit	\$186.00 per credit	40%
4	Low	\$ 186 per credit	\$279.00 per credit	60%

2. **Online Library Access Fee.** WCIU's online library, Latourette Library, allows students access to required reading and textbooks. The online library access fee for each term is \$50. The cost for access to the online library is subject to change. Students are notified in advance if the fee changes.

**Total online library access fees (example):**

12 terms x \$50/per term = \$600

3. **Books.** Most of the MA program course readings are accessible electronically in course lessons or through our online library. However, students may need to purchase additional books (either hard copy or Kindle e-book) for the completion of course requirements. **Approximate total book cost for the entire MA program: \$924 to \$960 plus shipping.** Many of these books will be used in multiple courses throughout the program.
4. **Graduation Fee**  
Students are required to pay a \$50 graduation fee. This fee covers the cost of issuing a diploma and an official transcript.

#### **EXAMPLE TOTAL COST PER TERM (FOR ONE 3-CREDIT COURSE).**

- \$ 1,395 Tuition (\$465 per semester credit x 3 credits)
- \$50 Online Library Access Fee (\$50 per term)
- **\$ 1,445 Total Cost Per Term** (due at the start of the term unless a payment plan is approved).

#### **ESTIMATED TOTAL COST FOR MA IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES PROGRAM**

- Tuition: \$16,740 (\$465 per semester credit x 36 credits)
- Online Library Access Fee: \$600 (\$50 per term)
- Estimated Total Textbook Costs: \$960 (plus shipping costs)
- Graduation Fee: \$50 (diploma and official transcript)
- **Estimated Total Program Costs: \$18,350**

For California residents:

- Standard Program Costs: \$18,350
- Student Tuition Recovery Fund (non-refundable) \$2.50 per \$1000.00: \$45.00  
(see the Student Tuition Recovery Fund Notice below)
- **Estimated Total Program Costs: \$18,395**

#### **ESTIMATED TOTAL COST FOR MA IN TRANSFORMATIONAL URBAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

- Tuition: \$19,530 (\$465 per semester credit x 42 credits)
- Online Library Fee: \$700 (\$50 per term)
- Graduation Fee: \$50 (diploma and official transcript)
- Estimated Textbook Costs: \$924
- **Estimated Total Program Costs: \$21,204**

For California residents:

- Estimated Standard Program Costs: \$21,204
- Student Tuition Recovery Fund (\$2.50 per \$1000.00, non-refundable): \$52.50  
(see the Student Tuition Recovery Fund Notice below)
- **Estimated Total Program Costs: \$21,257**

Non-WCIU costs for US MATUL students going overseas, depending on location (for travel, visas, language learning, mentors, accommodation, insurance) is approximately \$5,330-\$14,310.

## Visiting Students

WCIU standard policies regarding tuition and fees apply to Visiting Students.

Students who drop a course within the first 2-weeks will not be charged for the course. However, students who are enrolled in a course for more than two weeks will be charged a prorated amount based on the number of days they were enrolled in the course prior to their withdrawal. No course withdrawals are permitted after the 10th week of the term.

## Student Tuition Recovery Fund Notice

The State of California established the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) to relieve or mitigate economic loss suffered by a student in an educational program at a qualifying institution, who is or was a California resident while enrolled, or was enrolled in a residency program, if the student enrolled in the institution, prepaid tuition, and suffered an economic loss. Unless relieved of the obligation to do so, you must pay the state-imposed assessment for the STRF, or it must be paid on your behalf, if you are a student in an educational program, who is a California resident, or are enrolled in a residency program, and prepay all or part of your tuition.

You are not eligible for protection from the STRF and you are not required to pay the STRF assessment, if you are not a California resident, or are not enrolled in a residency program.

It is important that you keep copies of your enrollment agreement, financial aid documents, receipts, or any other information that documents the amount paid to the school. Questions regarding the STRF may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education at 1747 North Market, Suite 225, Sacramento, CA 95834 or P.O. Box 980818, West Sacramento, CA 95798-0818. Phone: (916) 574-8900. Fax: (916) 263-1897. [www.BPPE.ca.gov](http://www.BPPE.ca.gov)

To be eligible for STRF, you must be a California resident or are enrolled in a residency program, prepaid tuition, paid or deemed to have paid the STRF assessment, and suffered an economic loss as a result of any of the following:

1. The institution, a location of the institution, or an educational program offered by the institution was closed or discontinued, and you did not choose to participate in a teach-out plan approved by the Bureau or did not complete a chosen teach-out plan approved by the Bureau.
2. You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution within the 120 day period before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, or were enrolled in an educational program within the 120 day period before the program was discontinued.
3. You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution more than 120 days before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, in an educational program offered by the institution as to which the Bureau determined there was a significant decline in the quality or value of the program more than 120 days before closure.
4. The institution has been ordered to pay a refund by the Bureau but has failed to do so.
5. The institution has failed to pay or reimburse loan proceeds under a federal student loan program as required by law, or has failed to pay or reimburse proceeds received by the institution in excess of tuition and other costs.
6. You have been awarded restitution, a refund, or other monetary award by an arbitrator or court, based on a violation of this chapter by an institution or representative of an institution, but have been unable to collect the award from the institution.

7. You sought legal counsel that resulted in the cancellation of one or more of your student loans and have an invoice for services rendered and evidence of the cancellation of the student loan or loans.

To qualify for STRF reimbursement, the application must be received within four (4) years from the date of the action or event that made the student eligible for recovery from STRF.

A student whose loan is revived by a loan holder or debt collector after a period of noncollection may, at any time, file a written application for recovery from STRF for the debt that would have otherwise been eligible for recovery. If it has been more than four (4) years since the action or event that made the student eligible, the student must have filed a written application for recovery within the original four (4) year period, unless the period has been extended by another act of law.

However, no claim can be paid to any student without a social security number or a taxpayer identification number.”

Note: Authority cited: Sections 94803, 94877 and 94923, Education Code. Reference: Section 94923, 94924 and 94925, Education Code.

## Student's Right to Cancel

**Cancellation Policy:** Students have the right to cancel the enrollment agreement and obtain a refund of charges paid through attendance at the first class session, or the seventh day after enrollment, whichever is later. A notice of cancellation shall be in writing. A withdrawal may be effectuated by the student’s written notice or by the student’s conduct, including, but not necessarily limited to, a student’s lack of attendance. Cancellation is effective on the date the University is notified by students of their intent to cancel. Students may contact the Registrar’s Office by email at [registrar@wciu.edu](mailto:registrar@wciu.edu) or by telephone at 626.398.2222.

## Unpaid Balances

Students with an overdue unpaid balance are not able to register for additional courses. Students with an unpaid balance are sent payment reminders and requests for payment. Students are not referred to a collection agency.

## Financial Aid

### Federal and State Financial Aid

WCIU does not participate in Federal or State Financial Aid Programs.

### Scholarships

WCIU, at its own discretion, may award scholarships to qualified students. Prior to being considered for a scholarship a student must first be admitted to the MA Program. Visiting students are not eligible for scholarships. Please contact [studentservices@wciu.edu](mailto:studentservices@wciu.edu) for more information.

## **Discounts**

WCIU, at its own discretion, may offer discounts to qualified students. Discounts offered by WCIU include:

- Global Tiered Tuition Discount: based on the U.N. Development Scale (see the “Tuition and Fees” section for more information).
- Frontier Ventures Discount: 50% Tuition Discount for members of Frontier Ventures.
- WCIU Partnership Discount: 10% Tuition Discount for members of WCIU Partner Organizations.
- Perspectives Alumni Discount: 5% Tuition Discount for alumni of the Perspectives on the World Christian Movement course. Proof of completion of the Perspectives course is required.
- Group Discount: WCIU may offer discounts to well-defined groups (such as members of specific organizational partners).
- First Course Tuition Discount: WCIU may offer a Tuition Discount on the introductory course for development workers or members of development agencies.

Please contact [studentservices@wciu.edu](mailto:studentservices@wciu.edu) for more for more information. Refunds on discounted tuition will be made on the same basis as refunds on full tuition rates.

## **Loans**

The University does not offer lending to students who wish to finance the cost of their education with loans. WCIU does offer a payment plan each term to students who wish to pay the school directly. WCIU's payment plan and practices adhere to the FTC's Regulation Z (Truth in Lending") requirements.

If a student obtains a loan to pay for an educational program, the student will have to repay the full amount of the loan plus interest, less the amount of any refund, and that, if the student receives federal student financial aid funds, the student is entitled to a refund of the monies not paid from federal financial aid funds.

WCIU operates in a financially responsible and ethical financial manner in the collection of fees and tuition. Any complaint about collection procedures and practices should be made to the Registrar's Office who will respond within two business days.

## **Institutional (non-Title IV) Financial Assistance, Payment Programs**

The university will accept payments from non-Title IV assistance programs, unless they condition the function and/or policies of the university in restricting or inhibiting the university in the pursuit of its mission or violate its core values. The university retains the rights to evaluate financial assistance programs on a case-by-case basis and determine whether or not they can or will attempt to meet their criteria.

## **Payment by Guarantor**

Students may have their tuition and fees paid by another individual or organization (also known as a guarantor). A guarantor may request a student to sign a release of academic information if assisting in paying tuition and/or fees.

## **Payment Plans**

Students who are unable to pay their tuition and fees prior to the start of any term may request a payment plan. The payment plan allows you to pay 3 installments in one month increments during each term. Please email [studentservices@wciu.edu](mailto:studentservices@wciu.edu) to request a payment plan.

## Maintaining Eligibility for Academic Scholarships

To continue to receive a scholarship, students must demonstrate reasonable academic performance and progress. Students who do not complete courses or lapse into inactive status will not continue to receive financial aid.

## Refunds

**Cancellation and Withdrawal Policy:** Students have the right to cancel the enrollment agreement and obtain a refund of charges paid through attendance at the first class session, or the seventh day after enrollment, whichever is later. A notice of cancellation shall be in writing. A withdrawal may be effectuated by the student's written notice or by the student's conduct, including, but not necessarily limited to, a student's lack of attendance. Cancellation is effective on the date the University is notified by students of their intent to cancel. Students should contact the Registrar's Office by email at registrar@wciu.edu or by telephone at 626.398.2222.

WCIU will refund 100% of the amount paid for institutional charges, less the non-refundable application fee of \$50, if notice of cancellation is made through attendance at the first class session, or the seventh day after enrollment, whichever is later.

Students may drop a course within the first 2-weeks of the term and receive a full refund of 100% for the course. Students who have completed less than 60% of the course (10 weeks for 14-week courses) shall receive a pro rata refund based on number of days attended prior to their withdrawal.

**Example Refund Calculation:** If a student who is taking one course contacts the University (in any manner) and requests to withdraw on the 49th day of the term, the student will receive a 50% refund.

- The standard course length is 98 days (14 weeks x 7 days).
- Course Completion Percentage: 50% (49 days divided by 98 days).
- Refund Percentage: 50%.
- Tuition & Fees: \$1,445 (tuition \$1,395 plus online library fee \$50).
- Refund: \$722.50 (\$1,445 x 50%).

**Refund Payments:** WCIU processes all refund payments within 30 days following students' notice of cancellation or withdrawal. Any credit balance on the student's account after the student's completion of the program will be refunded within 45 days.

**Note:** *The prorated refund percentage is the same whether tuition has already been paid in full or the student has created a payment plan that has not yet been paid in full.*

# STUDENT SERVICES

## Who to Contact?

There are 7 primary sources of information & support for students:

- **Course Questions:** if you have questions related to a specific course that you are taking please contact your course instructor.
- **Library Questions:** if you have questions regarding how to access or use the WCIU Library you can submit a library help request using the following link: [Library Help Request](#).
- **Student Service Questions:** please see the information in the Student Services section below.
- **Academic Calendar & Catalog:** <https://www.wciu.edu/calendar-catalog>.
- **Student Tools & Resources:** <https://www.wciu.edu/resources>.
- **Student Skills Training:** please visit the Student Success Center on the WCIU website (currently being developed).
- **Populi Questions:**
  - Contact Student Services at: [studentservices@wciu.edu](mailto:studentservices@wciu.edu).
  - Contact Populi Support: [support@populiweb.com](mailto:support@populiweb.com).
  - Visit the Populi Knowledge Base: [Populi Knowledge Base for Students](#).
  - Watch Populi Video Tutorials: [Populi Video Training for Students](#).

### WCIU Student Services:

If you have any questions or need assistance please contact the Student Services Team at [studentservices@wciu.edu](mailto:studentservices@wciu.edu) or submit an online help request form: [Student Help Request Form](#). You can also call the WCIU Office at 626-398-2222. The Student Services Team is available to assist you with any questions or needs.

The list of services provided by the Students Services Team includes the following:

- Student Questions/Inquiries
- Student Records
- Academic Calendar
- Academic Catalog
- WCIU Policies
- Populi Questions
- Course Drop/Withdrawal
- Institutional Withdrawals
- Leave of Absence
- Transcript Requests
- Graduation Services
- Course Registration
- Course Extensions
- Scholarships and Financial Aid
- Billing
- Refunds
- Payment Plans
- Transfer Credit Requests

## Orientation

WCIU offers an orientation course to MA students. In addition, the “Foundations of Biblical Faith” course is designed to provide an orientation to program mechanics such as academic load, coursework, online library, and the Populi online learning system. It also provides a foundation to the worldview and philosophy of Development Studies at WCIU.

## Student Advisement

Student advisement information is available to students in the academic catalog and website ([wciu.edu](http://wciu.edu)). For additional information students may call the WCIU Office at (626) 398-2222 or email [studentservices@wciu.edu](mailto:studentservices@wciu.edu).

## Academic Counseling

The Student Services staff is available to provide students with academic counsel, or to connect them with faculty and staff who can provide assistance.

## Student Grievance Policy

### WCIU Grievance Policy

William Carey International University (WCIU) acknowledges that students have the right to seek a remedy for a dispute or disagreement through a comprehensive complaint and grievance procedure.

A complaint is defined as dissatisfaction when a decision or action has been made inconsistently with university policies and procedures, or improper, unfair, arbitrary, or discriminatory treatment has occurred.

A grievance is defined as a complaint for which a mutual resolution has not been achieved through informal mediation at Levels I and II. A grievance must be accompanied by supporting evidence that the decision made at Level II was unjustly rendered.

WCIU reserves the right to amend use of the Complaint and Grievance Policy in any circumstance that is deemed necessary by the university. Additionally, should a complaint be against a faculty member or administrator, an opportunity will be provided for the faculty member or administrator to respond to the received complaint in attempt to aid in its resolution.

### Complaint Procedure

#### Level I

Students may file a complaint by contacting the specific department or faculty member that the complaint is against or by Students may file a complaint by contacting the specific department or faculty member whom the complaint is against or by contacting the Registrar’s office at [registrar@wciu.edu](mailto:registrar@wciu.edu). Submission of a complaint should take place within ten business days of the occurrence. The student will be notified that the complaint has been received within 48 hours. A decision will be communicated to the student within ten business days after receiving the complaint.

## **Level II**

Students not satisfied with the decision rendered at Level I should contact the Student Services department within five business days of receiving the Level I decision and request that the decision be considered at a higher level. The student will be informed that the request has been received. The Student Services department will then take this Level II request to the Registrar who will provide a secondary review, consideration, and will communicate the decision to the student within ten business days following receipt.

## **Level III**

Students not satisfied with the decision rendered at Level II may file a formal, written grievance. This grievance must be a letter that is sent to the University President at 1010 E Union St., Suite 110, Pasadena, CA 91106 USA within ten business days of the Level II notification date. The grievant must include the following criteria, as appropriate in the letter:

- The specific university policy or procedure that has been allegedly violated,
- Factual information and/or evidence supporting the grievant's views on the alleged violation, and
- A description of the outcome the grievant seeks.

The grievant will be notified that the grievance has been received and the University President will then give independent consideration, adjudication, and a written decision about the grievance within seven business days of the notification which includes information on how students can file complaints for states WCIU is approved to offer its program.

## **Filing Complaints with External Agencies**

If a student has completed the university's process for filing a complaint and satisfactory resolution has not been achieved, the student may also file a complaint at the address below.

California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education  
1747 North Market, Suite 225  
Sacramento, CA 95834  
Phone: (916) 574-8900

Complaints can also be submitted to the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC). Information regarding the DEAC complaint process is available at: <https://www.deac.org/Student-Center/Complaint-Process.aspx>

Written complaints can also be submitted to DEAC at:  
DEAC  
1101 17th Street NW, Suite 808  
Washington, DC 20036  
ATTN: COMPLAINTS

A DEAC Complaint Form is available online at:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VYQNHPD?sm=4YVO%2bqiufpghP8b9uW1%2bA%3d%3d>

## Change of Address/Contact Information

Students are requested to keep their address and contact information (i.e., address, phone number, and email) current by logging into Populi and going to “my profile” and clicking the “info” tab.

## Student ID Cards

Interested students may request an ID card by contacting [studentserviced@wciu.edu](mailto:studentserviced@wciu.edu). The cost is \$30 plus shipping fees. Once students are invoiced for the fee, they may pay through Populi.

## Library Services

Our extensive digital collections are a key asset to WCIU students around the globe. WCIU subscribes to several research databases that give students and faculty access to a wealth of articles and eBooks on a variety of subjects. WCIU’s digital library is available at Latourette Library homepage <https://www.wciu.edu/latourette-library>. Students receive a username and password when accepted to the University to access password protected materials. Instructions and tutorials to help students and faculty access the on-line library are located on the Latourette Library web page and can be accessed at any time at <https://www.wciu.edu/latourette-library-guide>. For more information on how to get the most out of Latourette Library resources, please visit the library web page. If students need help with accessing or using the library they may request assistance by submitting a library help request using the following link: [Library Help Request](#).

## Alumni Services

WCIU alumni are a valued part of our community. We strive to keep the alumni community informed of WCIU news and activities through the WCIU website, blog posts, email announcements, social media posts, and the WCIU academic journal. Alumni are encouraged to submit articles for consideration to the WCIU International Development Journal, as well as suggesting other means of communicating and interacting with the WCIU community.

## Career Services

WCIU does not offer job placement services. WCIU programs are designed for mid-career professionals engaging in humanitarian service, research, program development, program direction, or training of personnel in the broad field of Development. However, WCIU is involved with development organizations and networks. As we become aware of opportunities for service, we will look for ways to share this information with our community.

## Honor Society

While WCIU places great value on academic performance, we feel that we best honor our students is by supporting them in their endeavors to serve others. There is no standing academic honor society. However, the university grants honorary degrees from time to time, for persons in development fields that have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their work.

## Visiting Pasadena

Students who will be in the Pasadena area and are interested in visiting our office are encouraged to contact the Student Services staff at [studentservices@wciu.edu](mailto:studentservices@wciu.edu) approximately one month in advance of the visit.

## Standard Occupational Classification Categories

Employment positions related to the field of development may include the following Bureau of Labor Statistic's Standard Occupational Classification categories:

### Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Codes

- 11-9033 - Education Administrators, Postsecondary
- 11-9151 - Social and Community Service Managers
- 21-1099 - Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other
- 21-2021 - Directors, Religious Activities and Education
- 21-2099 - Religious Workers, All Other

This is not a comprehensive list and some positions may require additional education or experience.

### Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code

45.0604 Development Economics and International Development.

# MA IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (MA-DS)

The MA in Development Studies (MA-DS) degree provides students with an understanding of social, cultural, and religious factors that have affected global development throughout history. Through an analysis of past and present attempts to address challenges to human, social and national development, graduates will be prepared to conduct research and design programs to address current global challenges. Additionally, this degree provides students with a broad foundation in Development Studies with an interdisciplinary approach while focusing on their own specializations and contexts, conducting research and competency development that furthers their own work within the entity that employs them.

## Program Purpose

The purpose of the MA degree in Development Studies is to meet the needs of WCIU's constituency of development organizations. The degree is intended to provide cross-cultural workers of those organizations with an understanding of social, cultural, and religious factors that have affected global development throughout history and prepare them to address the challenges they face in their work. Students accepted into WCIU's MA will likely be:

- seeking preparatory training for development positions in the so called "developing" nations.
- working for a development agency and desires a flexible continuing education option.
- referred by organizations with which they work or plan to work.
- recommended by a qualified scholar/leader who sees leadership potential in the student and wishes to mentor him or her in the development of professional skills
- those who wish to study and be mentored professionally by a particular recognized scholar/leader.

## Program Outcomes

Any discussion of program outcomes should begin with an understanding or definition of the field of study. Ralph Winter, the founder of WCIU, defined international development as, "anything that is done or could be done to further develop the nation/region/local area for good". The philosophy of international development in the academic catalog further observes: "That international development is a dynamic process of change and growth that is most effective when generated from within a socio-cultural system, and not by external forces" — an inside out approach to social change.

*Graduates of WCIU's master's degree program are scholar activists who practice development through the lens of a holistic biblical faith that integrates insights from sociology, anthropology, and history with development principles and practices. They aim at worldview change that leads to transformation for good in families and societies.*

With this purpose in mind, WCIU graduates are expected to attain the following learning outcomes.

## MA in Development Studies Program Outcomes

### ***Program Goal A. Students will model graduate level proficiency in scholarship (Scholarship Proficiency)***

1. ***Develop strategies for self-directed learning:*** They will be able to initiate, manage, and modify their own learning goals and activities and to use that learning to help serve and benefit others.
2. ***Model critical and discerning thinking:*** They are scholars who question assumptions and weigh evidence related to theories, ideas, and practices. But they are informed activists who use their knowledge and learning to discern the most appropriate ways to work within systems and with people to bring about transformational good.
3. ***Conduct competent research and report and apply their findings.*** As scholar-activists they choose appropriate research methods for the challenges at hand, conduct effective research into those challenges, and can report their findings in ways that are both academically and culturally appropriate. Ultimately, no research is of any use unless they can take their findings and apply them to real-world challenges and opportunities in viable, sustainable ways.

### ***Program Goal B. Students will integrate biblical perspectives into their principles and practices (Biblical Integration)***

4. ***Articulate the implications of the biblical meta-narrative for development:*** How does God call human beings to work with Him in restoring the whole creation, to “develop the nation/region/local area for good”? Students integrate this meta-narrative into their study of other fields and into their research and practice in their contexts.
5. ***Employ sound Biblical study methods and hermeneutical principles*** to explain what the Bible says about God’s purposes in history. They are able to study, understand, and apply Scripture as it relates to the challenges and opportunities they are facing.

### ***Program Goal C. Students discern the cultural and worldview influences in the ID challenges they face (Cultural & Worldview Discernment)***

6. ***Describe, compare, and contrast societies, cultures, worldviews, and religious systems:*** What are the implications of these comparisons for understanding and fostering development? Students are competent at identifying how worldview influences the challenges they face and how a change of worldview might lead to transformational good within the families and societies they serve.

### ***Program Goal D. Students exhibit competence in development principles and practices (International Development Competence)***

7. ***Integrate theories, principles, and practices of development*** to address concrete situations in the graduate’s particular context in sustainable ways. They have mastered the concepts, principles, and practices of their field and are recognized as competent professionals within the agencies and organizations where they work.
8. ***Demonstrate the skills and competencies needed to address the challenges and opportunities students face as they pursue development goals in the context of their work.*** Graduates model the interpersonal and intercultural skills required to work in challenging contexts in ways that foster “inside out” transformation rather than simply solving problems for people.

## Academic Content

The MA in Development Studies curriculum integrates perspectives from a wide range of disciplines through a historical, biblical, and cultural approach to understanding God's global purposes.

The original curriculum was designed by nationally recognized scholars: Dr. Walter Kaiser (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and Gordon-Conwell Seminary); Dr. Walter Russell, Jr. (Biola University); Drs. Paul Pierson and Ralph Winter (Fuller School of World Mission); and Dr. John Gration (Wheaton Graduate School).

## Credits Required to Complete the Program: 36

The MA-DS degree requires the completion of 12 courses for a total of 36 credits. There are 5 required core courses. The student must also complete 7 elective courses and take 2 proctored exams. Enrollment in courses is offered three times per year. Students typically enroll in one or two courses per term. Students in the WCIU MA Programs should plan for an average of 135 hours of work per 3-credit course.

## Format of Courses

Each course represents 14 weeks of coursework. WCIU requires students to complete 36 credits of integrated coursework. Integrated coursework means that subjects such as history and cultural anthropology are not studied in separate courses as is customary. Rather, information from various subject areas is included in individual lessons, as appropriate to the time or era being studied. The overall organization of the course of study is chronological, from ancient times to the present.

## Attendance and Participation

Because WCIU offers a distance education program, cohort groups meet virtually according to a schedule developed through interaction with students in each group with the cohort facilitator. Cohort group meetings will be both "synchronous" (at the same time) and "asynchronous" (not at the same time) through forums, online blogs, and other available means. Students must participate in the online discussion for each lesson (whether synchronous or asynchronous) and submit assignments as indicated in the course syllabi.

## Other Languages

Since WCIU also is focused on serving national workers working with development organizations, WCIU is committed to developing courses that serve national languages other than English. To date, WCIU has developed courses in Chinese, Korean and French. This is to facilitate the understanding of foreign students of core curriculum. WCIU also recognizes that development requires contextual understanding and that local language resources may be a key to creating understanding and implementing programs that address development issues effectively. Written work may be accepted for assignments, particularly if it is prepared for publication, when there is a qualified English speaking bilingual faculty member supervising the coursework.

## Program Length

The length of time scheduled for the completion of the MA-DS Program for any students who start after the 2016-2017 school year is 6 years from the start date of the student's first course. Students can submit a request for a program extension by contacting the Registrar's Office at registrar@wciu.edu.

## MA in Development Studies Course List

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
<b>Required Core Courses (5 courses/15 credits)</b>		
DS 510	Foundations of Biblical Faith	3
DS 515	International Development in the Contemporary World	3
DS 520	Global Transformation	3
DS 680	Applied Learning	3
DS 690	Capstone Project	3
<b>Required Proctored Exams</b>		
DS 660	Mid-Program Proctored Exam	0
DS 665	End of Program Proctored Exam	0
<b>Elective Courses (7 courses/21 credits)</b>		
DS 525	Economics of Development	3
DS 530	Research Methods	3
DS 620	Theology and Culture	3
DS 651	Advocacy, Empowerment, and Justice	3
DS 652	Project Planning and Management	3
DS 670	Special Studies in Development	3
GWE 510	Women in Development	3
GWE 610	Women and Men in Leadership	3
GWE 620	Spirituality of Women in Transformative Leadership	3
CS 510	China and International Development	3
CS 610	Introduction to Contemporary Chinese Culture and Society	3
CS 620	Dynamics of Christian Revitalization Movements in China	3
TUL 500	Biblical Theology in an Urban Context	3
TUL 520	Urban Spirituality	3
TUL 560	Theology and Practice of Community Economics	3
<b>Total Credits Required to Graduate</b>		<b>36</b>

\* DS 680 Applied Learning can only be taken after completion of 510, 515, 520 and two elective courses.

\*\* DS 690 Capstone Project is the last course of program.

\*\*\* Students in the MA-DS Program must complete DS 510, DS 515, and DS 520 prior to taking elective courses. Students who have completed 2 electives and who are taking 2 courses may take an elective concurrently with their final initial core course. Other exceptions may be permitted with the approval of the Program Director. Normally, visiting students may take one elective course prior to taking required courses.

## MA in Development Studies Course Descriptions

### **DS 510 Foundations of Biblical Faith (3 credits)**

#### **Course Description**

The purpose of this course is to provide a chronological overview of the historical and cultural aspects of the global development of the biblical faith. An overview is given of the past and present with focus on understanding factors that enabled the biblical faith to continue to expand its ideal of "shalom" and implement transformational strategies in developing nations. The positive and negative impact of religion on culture and human development is examined as well as principles for effective cross-cultural communication of biblical faith and practice.

### **DS 515 International Development in the Contemporary World (3 credits)**

#### **Course Description:**

This course leads the student to analyze contemporary trends in history, resistance to the gospel, and the advance of the Kingdom, in all parts of the world. Development and its relationship to "missions" will be explored from the perspective of international authors and practitioners.

### **DS 520 Global Transformation (3 credits)**

#### **Course Description:**

This course leads the student to analyze contemporary trends in a globalized world. Five major spheres of society are examined with application to a specific society in which the student currently works.

### **DS 525 Economics of Development (3 credits)**

#### **Course Description:**

This course provides learners with general knowledge of how national and global economics impact people's well-being and their development. It equips them to better understand economic theories and models, draw on different strands of economics for their own work and challenge economic thinking more fruitfully when necessary. The learners will also be equipped to engage better with economists and policymakers on economic matters.

### **DS 530 Research Methods (3 credits)**

#### **Course Description:**

This course is intended to provide students with the knowledge and skills to do research in both the academic setting and in the practical world of development. The students will be equipped to develop meaningful research projects from the beginning to the end.

### **DS 610 Origins and Old Testament (3 credits)**

#### **Course Description**

This course explores the Old Testament, including different views concerning the origin stories in Genesis and the emergence of civilization. It gives special attention to the relationship between people and God, and the implications that has for human vocation through an examination of the humans being in the Image of God and the call and life of Abraham in Genesis. The course explores various biblical theological topics in an overview of OT Law, Wisdom Literature and Prophets. The course introduces students to basic skills in inductive Bible study and exegesis.

### **DS 615 Religious Traditions of the Ancient World (3 credits)**

**Course Description**

This course critically examines the idea of religion, and explores it in the context of East and South Asian cultural traditions. The course examines the central concerns of these traditions, and introduces the student to key concepts in faith based cross-cultural work like contextual theology and redemptive analogies. Although the course does some comparison between the East and South Asian traditions and biblical faith, it emphasizes understanding these traditions. Inductive Bible studies are a part of each lesson.

**DS 620 Theology and Culture (3 credits)****Course Description**

This course explores God's activity in history during the Old Testament era from a global perspective, with a chronological and interdisciplinary approach. This course has a strong emphasis on theology and the culture of the ancient Mediterranean world within the big picture of God's activity and purposes in history.

**DS 625 New Testament and Life and Teachings of Jesus (3 credits)****Course Description**

This course explores God's work during the Intertestamental and New Testament period with an emphasis on the death and resurrection of Jesus. Perceptions of Jesus, sin, and salvation will be examined and compared with other world religions. The nature of the gospel and Jesus' teachings on God's reign ("kingdom") will be considered in its cultural and religious context for its implications on international development.

**DS 630 The Apostolic Era and Early Church (3 credits)****Course Descriptions**

This course explores God's activity in the contexts of the Roman, African, Persian, Indian, and Chinese empires. The historical period covered starts from the New Testament era through the sixth century. This interdisciplinary course has a strong emphasis on the missional impetus of the early church. Inductive Bible Studies are a featured component of each lesson.

**DS 635 Early Expansion of the Gospel (3 credits)****Course Description**

This course focuses on the growth and influence of the early church and the Gospel throughout the Mediterranean and Europe up till 1200 CE. Students will utilize a chronological and interdisciplinary approach to analyze the impact of this growth and influence vis-à-vis the developments in cultures and societies during this period, with attention given to the rise of Islam and other major world religions. The themes explored include opposition and persecution faced by early Christians, distinctives of the early church, and contextualization. Inductive Bible studies are incorporated into each lesson.

**DS 640 Discovering Developments in World Religions (3 credits)****Course Description**

This course leads the student to discover the expansion of the gospel globally from 500-1400 A.D., using an interdisciplinary approach. The influence of the gospel on culture and cultural and religious factors that have had long-lasting effects on societal development will be studied. Comparisons will be made between patterns of religious change in different parts of the world in the context of God's purposes in history. Inductive Bible studies are a featured component of each lesson.

**DS 645 Europe's Influence and the Global Advance & Retreat of the Gospel (3 credits)**

**Course Description**

This course leads the student to discover the expansion of the gospel throughout church history and around the world with a chronological and interdisciplinary approach. Europe's impact on the world will be assessed in the areas of scientific, social, political, and religious developments. Continuing results from the successes and failures of this time period (1200-1945) will be discussed. Relationships between spiritual awakening (e.g. Protestant Reformation) and societal development (e.g. cultural renaissance and reform movements) will be studied, including relationships between mission movements and colonialism. The impact of two major world wars on global civilization, the problem of evil, and the advance of the gospel will be examined within the context of God's purposes in history. Inductive Bible studies will be a component of each lesson.

**DS 650 Analyzing Global Trends (3 credits)****Course Description**

This course leads the student to analyze contemporary trends in history, resistance to the gospel, and the advance of the Kingdom, in all parts of the world. The positive and negative results of the end of the colonial era and two major world wars will be analyzed, including both global evils and the expansion of new missions. The new phenomenon of globalization and the implications for the Christian faith will be examined. Bible studies are a component of each lesson.

**DS 651 Advocacy, Empowerment, and Justice (3 credits)****Course Description**

This course provides an understanding of the role of advocacy in development and equips the students with essential skills on how to undertake advocacy, empowerment of the marginalized, and pursuit of justice. Students will engage in foundational theological analysis and reflections on issues of vulnerability, justice, and transformation; analyze situations of poverty and injustice; reflect on such situations with biblical lenses; and shape their perspective on engagement with people living in such situations.

**DS 652 – Project Planning and Management (3 credits)****Course Description**

This course will provide skills on how to develop short-and-long-term plans at the organization and project levels to ensure the best use of resources and the greatest reach and impact.

**DS 670 Special Studies in Development (3 credits)****Course Description**

This course enables a student (with faculty pre-approval) to study a special area of development.

**DS 680 Applied Learning (3 credits)****Course Description:**

WCIU's MA in Development Studies aims to enhance the effectiveness of scholar practitioners in their development work. Our students need to grow not only in scholarship, but even more in their ability to translate what they learn into improved performance in the field. The Applied Learning course requires students to evaluate their current level of practice, and then to work with a mentor/supervisor in the field to craft and implement a plan to enhance their development practice.

**DS 690 Capstone Project (3 credits)****Course Description:**

This is the last MA course. Students develop a major project that integrates historical, biblical, and cultural principles to identify the root of a specific problem within a specific society and to propose solutions to that problem. Guidance is given by the instructor in selecting the topic, choosing and applying appropriate research methodologies, and in developing the final presentation.

## China Studies (CS) Area of Focus

(3 courses, 9 credits out of 36)

China, as the most noted country in economic and technological development in the past four decades, is becoming an active player in international development today. According to the World Bank report, from 1990 to 2015, China lifted approximately 700 million people out of poverty (from 62% down to 0.7%). Since 2013, the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has steadily grown on a global scale, with contracts, projects, development plans drawn by China with over a hundred participating countries.

Some facts about China in international development:

- China was top on the list of poverty relief efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. According to the United Nations Millennium Development Goals 2015 report, “As a result of progress in China, the extreme poverty rate in Eastern Asia has dropped from 61 per cent in 1990 to only 4 per cent in 2015.”
- China has become the second largest economy in the world
- China is among the most talked about countries in global forums (international development, trade wars, geopolitical tensions)
- BRI is the largest international development plan initiated by China, that will not only promote development in the Belt and Road regions, but also cultural exchange and religious dialogue.
- China’s Christian movement almost grew hand in hand with China’s economy in the past four decades and is among the largest and most dynamic in the world.

China Studies as an area of focus within WCIU’s MA program in Development Studies enables students to evaluate key areas of Chinese society and their intersection with development issues. The three courses allow students to explore emerging trends in Chinese culture and society, history and dynamics of religious movements in China, and issues related to China and international development today. This area of focus will also help students develop an integrated vantage point through which they may further explore areas of interests within the general China studies field.

### **CS 510 China and International Development (3 credits)**

#### **Course Description**

This course focuses on the major developments in China in the past four decades as they relate to international development, including China’s economic growth and its global impact, the Belt and Road Initiatives, trade war with the US, United Nations Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Goals vs China’s development efforts. Students will be able to read from primary sources concerning these areas and research in depth a specific area of development.

### **CS 610 Introduction to Contemporary Chinese Culture and Society (3 credits)**

#### **Course Description**

This course introduces emerging trends in Chinese culture and society. It covers the period of time from the beginning of China's economic reform under Deng Xiaoping to the present and highlights key socio-cultural and economic changes. These processes of changes are intimately interwoven in the fabrics of China in the past four decades as it has emerged as a major economic power of the world. Students will have the opportunity to explore in depth areas of interest within the scope of the course.

### **CS 620 Dynamics of Christian Revitalization Movements in China (3 credits)**

#### **Course Description**

In this course, students read and research on significant historical and contemporary religious movements, particularly the dynamics and expressions of faith of Christian movements in modern China. Special attention will be given to the relevance of such religious movements to the revitalization of society and insights gleaned from these movements.

## **Global Women's Empowerment (GWE) Area of Focus**

(3 courses, 9 credits out of 36)

This area of focus recognizes that women contribute socially, economically, religiously, and politically to the flourishing of the world. By exploring the Bible and history, students will see that women have always been at the forefront of God's work in families, communities, and nations. What's more, Global Women's Empowerment will promote the integration of heart and mind by inviting students into cohorts to develop spiritual rhythms and practices for their continual vitality and growth.

### **GWE 510 Women in development (3 credits)**

#### **Course Description**

This course introduces women leaders who have contributed to the holistic transformation of the world. Students will survey women leaders, from the first century through the present. They will consider the impact of marriage and singleness and analyze case studies focusing on the interplay of culture, politics, and religion on gender equity. Finally, they will critique the 2030 UN Agenda for Sustainable Development and potential effects on the next generation of girls.

### **GWE 610 Women and Men in Leadership (3 credits)**

#### **Course Description**

This course seeks to establish a biblical and theological basis for women and men leading and using their gifts to enhance societal development, including their religious community. Students will participate in close textual analysis, which is helpful in communities that derive principles and practices of faith from sacred texts. Special consideration will be given to the impact of women and men's partnership in advancing God's reign.

### **GWE 620 Spirituality of Women in Transformative Leadership (3 credits)**

#### **Course Description**

A close-knit global cohort of women, under a faculty mentor as spiritual director, will examine our human spiritual needs in connection to the Holy Spirit and Triune God, building habits, including rest, silence and retreats, that nurture our souls. At a master's level this engages conversation between multicultural identities, spiritual practices and faith traditions, sharing in how to develop self-care, so as to thrive long-term in transformative leadership of family, community and nations.

## Urban Poor Movements (UPM) Area of Focus

(3 courses, 9 credits out of 36)

This area of focus for those working with the urban poor. It is estimated that by 2050 the world's urban population will increase by 2.5 billion people representing 68 percent of the world's population. The majority will be urban poor. The Urban Movements area of focus will provide students with a theological context for the issues in urban development, perspectives on spiritual dynamics happening in urban spaces, and ways to engage economic issues including asset development among the urban poor.

### **TUL 500 Visions for the Ideal City (3 credits)**

#### **Course Description**

This course relates the biblical motif of the Kingdom of God to issues of leadership development in resource-poor urban communities.

### **TUL 520 Urban Spirituality (3 credits)**

#### **Course Description**

This course expands theologies of the Holy Spirit and his work among the urban poor. It emphasizes care and nurturing of workers, practical application of the spiritual disciplines, and communicating between diverse understandings of the work of the Spirit.

### **TUL 560 Theory and Practice of Community Economics (3 credits)**

#### **Course Description**

This course relates biblical and theological perspectives to the theory and practice of community wealth building. Special emphasis is given to cooperatives, microenterprises, and entrepreneurship as a basis for asset building and ownership.

## Global Civilizations (GC) Area of Focus

(3 courses, 9 credits out of 36)

The Global Civilizations area of focus equips students to be catalysts for change by equipping them to view situations through the interdisciplinary lens of the Bible, culture, and history. It focuses on the wide scope of the growth and development of human civilization and examines religious and cultural phenomena. It places special emphasis on the growth of biblical faith in a variety of historical and cultural contexts.

For this area of focus the student must complete at least three DS elective courses.

# MA IN TRANSFORMATIONAL URBAN LEADERSHIP (MATUL)

## Credits Required to Complete the Program: 36

For national workers/leaders and U.S. students studying in the U.S. the total number of credits required for the MATUL program is 36. For students studying cross culturally as part of the MATUL program an additional 6 credits (2 courses) of language learning is required.

## Program Length

Full time students complete the MATUL in two years. Part time students doing one or two courses per semester can expect to complete the program within five years. The length of time scheduled for completion of the MATUL program is seven years. Students can submit a request for a program extension by contacting the Registrar's Office at registrar@wciu.edu.

## Program Description

1.3 billion live in the global slums, 2 million are urban poor. Through a unique combination of online conceptual learning and mentored fieldwork among these marginalized urban poor, this program trains entrepreneurial leaders in the multiplication of indigenous spiritual movements and social movements (e.g., schools, health clinics, churches, advocacy initiatives) that bring hope, spiritual liberation, family transformation, new educational opportunities, meaningful jobs, and advocacy for just housing and land rights.

In this 42 credit program students are mentored by senior leaders of urban poor movements in church growth, develop an urban spirituality, and complete supervised service-learning in a variety of community development fields (e.g. community health, small business development, slum education, housing or land rights advocacy, and solidarity with the marginalized such as street kids, sex trafficking...).

## Program Purpose

*The aim of the MA in Transformational Urban Leadership is to enhance the effectiveness of emergent leaders among urban poor movements with wisdom, knowledge, character and skill.*

### A Unique Pedagogy

*Action-Reflection Leadership Pedagogy* – Action in practice drives the desire for formal academic learning (study, research, writing, and active problem solving) in an integrated approach to leadership development. This pedagogy requires that students live and work in an urban poor community and have a measure of fluency in the local language. Students who are not US migrant community leaders or leaders already working among the urban poor globally must relocate to an urban poor community and learn the language.

Following language study (may be tested out those who are fluent), students begin *service-learning* in areas of church growth or community transformation through local community organizations. The degree culminates in integrating the academics in a research project with a local community organization.

*Spirituality-Based Pedagogy* - Each course builds spirituality and character combining compassionate action, social analysis, and theological reflection.

*Online Delivery* –Students interact with their faculty and fellow students via the learning management system (Populi) and through web conferencing software. Course assignments and projects require active engagement

with individuals and organizations within the community. Students are responsible for identifying and engaging appropriate communities, churches and/or organizations to live with and learn from.

*Field Support* – The challenge of living and learning in distressed environments is balanced with practical support. Students live with supportive families from local faith communities, master the language, and relate regularly to other students. The program provides support in identifying and engaging with appropriate organizations.

## Program Outcomes

*As a result of their studies in the WCIU MATUL program, students will be able to:*

1. **Utilize Dual Level Wisdom in Relationships and Communication:** Model skill and discernment in the appropriate use of both oral culture dialogical learning and self-directed critical academic thinking.
2. **Conduct Action-Reflection Research:** Carry out competent organization-based action-reflection urban research, reporting back to the oral poor community, organizational stakeholders and the academe.
3. **Integrate Biblical Metanarratives:** Articulate the implications of Biblical meta-narratives for contemporary urban/urban poor leadership in community development and ministry.
4. **Build Holistic Faith Communities:** Design strategies for evangelism, discipleship and missional engagement within urban cultural complexities, so as to multiply multicultural ministries and leadership.
5. **Exercise Movement Leadership:** Integrate theories, principles, and practices of urban movement leadership that address development of flourishing, harmonious, resilient cities.
6. **Exercise Entrepreneurial Leadership:** Creatively apply Biblical social entrepreneurship and economic principles to facilitate leadership progressions that lift people from the lower economic circuit to the upper economic circuit.
7. **Exercise Cross-Cultural Spiritual Leadership:** Exhibit cross-cultural competencies, Christian character and spiritual formation required of leadership in religious or social movements among the poor.
  - 7.1 **Character:** Model Christian character at a level acceptable to local Christian leaders and faculty.
  - 7.2 **Movement Leadership:** Demonstrate team leadership, community building leadership and entrepreneurial leadership capacities and skill.
  - 7.3 **Cross-cultural Flourishing:** Demonstrate Cross-Cultural Competencies demonstrated in language learning to a high intermediate level, and ability to work with indigenous leadership.

## MATUL Course List

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	COURSE TYPE	CATEGORY	COURSE CREDITS
TUL 500	Visions for the Ideal City	Required		3
TUL 503	Language and Culture Learning I (Test Out available)	Required	Test out available	3
TUL 504	Language and Culture Learning II (Test Out available)	Required	Test out available	3
TUL 520	Urban Spirituality	Required		3
TUL 530	Building Faith Communities (SL)	Required	Includes Service Learning	3
TUL 535	Community Transformation (SL)	Elective	Includes Service Learning	3
TUL 540	Social Science Theories of the City	Required		3
TUL 550	Solidarity with the Marginalized (SL)	Elective	Includes Service Learning	3
TUL 555	Educational Development in Poor Communities (SL)	Elective	Includes Service Learning	3
TUL 560	Theory and Practice of Community Economics (SL)	Required	Includes Service Learning	3
TUL 620	Leadership in Urban Movements	Required		3
TUL 640	Entrepreneurial and Organizational Leadership (SL)	Elective	Includes Service Learning	3
TUL 645	Resourcing Organizations for Social Impact	Elective		3
TUL 650	Urban Community Health Programs (SL)	Elective	Includes Service Learning	3
TUL 655	Advocacy and the Urban Environment (SL)	Elective	Includes Service Learning	3
TUL 670	Qualitative Urban Research Methods	Required		3
TUL 675	Integrative Community Research Project	Required	Capstone (final course)	3
<b>Total</b>				<b>42</b>

SL indicates that service learning is included as part of the course. The course involves 1 credit of action in working with a local community organization or church and 2 credits of reflection.

For national workers/leaders and U.S. students studying in the U.S. the total number of credits required for the MATUL program is 36. For students studying cross culturally as part of the MATUL program an additional 6 credits (2 courses) of language learning is required. Students may test out of these credits by obtaining a certification of intermediate-high oral proficiency of the local language in which their service-learning occurs. An exception to this requirement may be granted by the MATUL Program Director.

## Language Proficiency:

Intermediate – High oral proficiency is defined as:

Learners can participate in simple conversations about various topics and social situations. They can discuss subjects beyond basic survival, such as personal history and leisure time activities. They are using correct grammar constructions correctly.

I can understand and correctly respond to questions about my marital status, nationality, occupation, age, current address, and purpose for being in the community.

- I can ask for or tell the time, date, and day of the week.
- I can handle simple business at the post office, a bank, and grocery store.
- I can talk about the weather, daily routines, and leisure activities.
- I can take and give simple messages over the telephone.
- I get personal subject prefixes/suffixes and possessives right almost every time.
- I can work with a language helper almost entirely in the language.
- I can elicit and accept practical correction on language usage from people during normal conversation.
- I can move the conversation back into the field language when the national is trying to use English.

## MATUL Course Descriptions

### **TUL 500 – Visions for the Ideal City**

This course builds a biblical theology overview that connects the motif of the Kingdom of God to issues of poverty, oppression, community development, and church growth in urban poor communities.

### **TUL 503 – Language and Culture Learning I**

This course guide students in working with local language schools or language helpers in the acquisition of knowledge and skills for independent language and culture learning within urban-poor communities [May be tested out for those with high intermediate language skills, or those working within their own cultural context. This course is a credited part of 4 days per week of language learning].

### **TUL 504 – Language and Culture Learning II**

A continuation of TUL 503, this course guide students in working with local language schools or language helpers in the acquisition of knowledge and skills for independent language and culture learning within urban-poor communities [may be tested out for those with high intermediate language skills, or those working within their own cultural context. This course is a credited part of 4 days per week of language learning]. *Prerequisite: TUL 503.*

### **TUL 520 – Urban Spirituality**

This course expands theologies of the Holy Spirit and his work among the urban poor. It emphasizes care and nurturing of workers, practical application of the spiritual disciplines, and communicating between diverse understandings of the work of the Spirit.

### **TUL 530 – Building Faith Communities**

This course applies a story-telling approach to the process of entering poor communities and developing holistic poor peoples' churches in ways faithful to the values and goals of the Kingdom of God.

### **TUL 535 – Community Transformation**

Students explore the challenges, models of, and prospects for, transformational change within slum communities while developing a Christian framework for holistic development, organization, and advocacy among the urban poor and gaining facility in community asset mapping.

### **TUL 540 – Social Science Theories of the City**

This course organizes an interdisciplinary dialogue between urban theology and urban analysis, drawing upon studies in urban economics, urban planning, community development, urban anthropology, sociology, and the history of cities. It generates Christian perspectives on social science tools for transformative urban development.

**TUL 550 – Solidarity with the Marginalized**

This course guides students in understanding marginalized populations (e.g., street children, substance users, commercial sex workers, the elderly...) and in formulating a theology and strategy for team-based responses to free individuals and change structural causes.

**TUL 555 – Educational Development in Poor Communities**

This course focuses on developing and improving preschool, elementary school, and vocational school education in global slums as integral to the work of urban poor churches. Topics include philosophy of education among the poor, and the course includes a practical project evaluating school effectiveness, models of community-based (slum) schooling, curriculum development, long-term management, and financial viability.

**TUL 560 – Theory and Practice of Community Economics**

This course relates biblical and theological perspectives to the theory and practice of community wealth building. Special emphasis is given to cooperatives, microenterprises, and entrepreneurship as a basis for asset building and ownership.

**TUL 620 – Leadership in Urban Movements**

This course explores the dynamics of leadership within holistic, urban poor movements. Special emphasis is given to urban religious movements, social movements, civil sector organizational leadership models and citywide leadership networks for proclamation, revival and transformation. It includes being part of a conference leadership team.

**TUL 640 – Entrepreneurial and Organizational Leadership**

This course introduces the concepts and skills of entrepreneurial and organizational leadership required to initiate new movement structures among the urban poor. *Prerequisite: TUL 560.*

**TUL 645 - Resourcing Organizations for Social Impact**

This course introduces a redemptive entrepreneurial framework essential to developing sustainable resources in global urban settings. Practitioners and funders will share transformative models and inspire students to create their own fund development strategies.

**TUL 650 – Urban Community Health Programs**

This course is an exploration of the public health challenges facing the Church and local non-governmental organizations (NGO's) within urban poor communities, along with innovative, community-based responses. Topics include environmental health, maternal and child health, and chronic health conditions prevalent in marginal urban communities.

**TUL 655 – Advocacy and the Urban Environment**

Students in this course examine relations between urban poor communities, the land, and broader environmental problems. Fieldwork focuses on advocacy for adequate housing and infrastructure services.

**TUL 670 – Qualitative Urban Research Methods**

Students in this course design qualitative/participatory research projects related to significant issues on behalf of an urban movement or community organization.

**TUL 675 – Integrative Community Research Project**

In this course, students conduct the qualitative/participatory research projects they designed in TUL670. This culminates in the writing and oral presentation of a report that involves local residents in transformation.

*Prerequisite: TUL 670.*

## MATUL Admissions Requirements

Please see the standard WCIU admissions requirements section of the academic catalog.

### **Additional requirements for MATUL:**

Once the admissions office has received all admissions materials, generally, this is followed by an online video call with two of the program staff. The Graduate Admissions and MATUL staff review the application. This may be followed by psychological testing to evaluate fit for high stress cross-cultural ministry. The applicant is then notified of the committee's decision by email.

### **Applicants for MATUL must submit the following:**

Along with the application materials above, applicants for the MATUL must submit:

- A single spaced 1-2 page essay showing evidence of urban ministry and leadership experience and making the case for the MATUL being a good fit for their gifts and calling.
- A single spaced 1-2 page essay describing their spiritual growth.
- Evidence of academic capacity for study (a paper from your undergraduate studies may be asked for to demonstrate academic skills), and personal maturity for graduate field study in complex cross-cultural urban poor communities as demonstrated through the GPA, personal references (one academic reference, and one pastoral/ministry leader reference), and though an interview online with two staff members.
- Students are required, in addition to cognitive standards to meet physical-sensory standards adequate for extended cross-cultural situations of high stress. If required, some evaluation of this criteria may be done through the review of psychological testing that evaluates cross-cultural and emotional capacities.
- Evidence of sufficient oral proficiency in the field language (e.g., Tamil, Tagalog), so as to be able to interact with community members through fieldwork and professional service activities (Non-natives must fulfil this admissions requirement in their first year of intensive language learning on the field in courses TUL503 and TUL504)
- After acceptance and prior to the tenth week of the first semester, those students going overseas are encouraged to be sent by a missions or development agency, and must provide evidence of financial capacity to live on the field, a health clearance and a police clearance. Based on mission agency's recommendations, references, multiple engagements in class contexts, through written projects and student-initiated discussions of psych testing of cross-cultural capacity (should students wish), a faculty committee will evaluate capacity to manage extended living in a high-stress cross-cultural environment and make a recommendation to continue to the field or advice to potential continue the program but in the home country context.
- While working with a mission etc., do not delay your application for these. Once admitted, a staff advisor can work with you to facilitate these while beginning the program in your home country. But permission to relocate to the field to study requires these conditions to be met.

## **MATUL Proctored Exam Policy**

WCIU has implemented the following proctored exam policy for the MA in Transformational Urban Leadership Program.

MATUL students will be required to successfully pass two proctored exams:

- Mid-Program Exam
- End of Program Exam

### **Examination Schedule**

- Mid-Program Exam: after completion of the Core Courses (500, 520, 530 and 540 (and for those requiring the language courses satisfactory completion of 503 and 504) plus 2-3 electives and prior to beginning the 670 Research Methods course
- End of Program Exam: prior to completion of the TUL 675 Research Project (this is one of the assignments in the course itself).

### **Examination Content**

The exams are designed to assess student progress in achieving the seven program outcomes described above (see the MATUL Program Outcomes section).

The mid-program exam will require students to provide narrative answers. Students will be given two hours to complete the exam. The exam will be graded as Pass or Fail.

The final exam is an audio-recorded presentation to the local community in which the research presentation is done in the local language (this may be with translation), or a presentation to the decision-making leadership team of the non-profit the student has partnered with in the community. An audio recording will be submitted for grading. A set of notes for either the people of the community or summary recommendations for the organizational leadership will accompany the recording.

### **Proctored Exam Grading Criteria**

The exam will require reflection on both theory and practicum.

Using a Transformational Conversations model of doing theology, reflect on the theory and practice underlying growth of your spiritual/leadership/cultural capacity and observations of community leadership in a church and or community organizations within the context of urban poor communities in your chosen city. Start with an entrance story, focus on 2-3 main themes, but identify others, end with organizational (church growth, community organization) or community outcomes. Illustrate with 3-4 story paragraphs.

The following will give you some ideas of elements needed, but do not try to follow this rubric or you will get too complex. Work with the Transformational Conversations approach and most of the following will become easy to identify.

- Description of the specific ideas, models, or theories 40%
- Description of how theories relate to outcomes (#1-4,7.1, 7.2) 20%
- Discussion of examples of how these ideas relate to your work, ministry, or research interests 20%
- Evaluation or critique of these ideas 20%

The following criteria may be used to grade the mid-term exam:

Description of the specific ideas, models, or theories 40%	Description of how theories relate to outcomes 20%	Discussion/ stories of how these ideas relate to your work, ministry, or research interests 20%	Evaluation or critique of these ideas 20%
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### **Mid Program Examination Proctoring**

The exams will be proctored by an online proctoring service. In order to use an online proctoring service, students will need the following:

- High-speed internet connection
- Webcam (internal or external)

The proctoring service provider will verify the student’s identity using an official government issued photo ID. The proctoring service provider will monitor the exam for any suspicious activities or abnormalities.

- Note: Students will take the mid-program exam using the Gauge/ProctorFree Online Portal. Students will be given login information and passwords. All students will take a sample exam which will give students basic familiarity with the software. For this exam, students must have a valid ID which will be held up to the computer’s camera for examination.

### **End of Program Exam Details**

The End of Program Exam will be included as part of the TUL 675 Integrative Community Research Project. The exam will involve a presentation of your research to the people in your local community in their language (with or without translation), where you researched or to your community organizational leadership if that is not possible. You are required to audio record this and submit it.

CRITICAL ACTIONS: Before you start your presentation, your organizational supervisor is required to 1. view your official passport or local government official document and 2. sign off that this is you presenting. 3. They need to fill in and sign the form stating that they have viewed this and with a photo of yourself.

4. You will need to present the people with a summary in their language, or the leadership of your community organization with a 2 a page summary, plus one copy of your research for the organization.

5, Make sure your recording device is working, with a Bluetooth microphone to the computer or tablet. An inadequate recording means you can’t pass... Might be wise to have a backup way of recording on another device. Of course, video would be amazing but it is then hard to send through the web as massive files. Do not try to send it while recording but afterwards.

### **Examination Preparation**

Faculty will provide students with a study guide and provide additional guidance to assist students in preparing for the exam.

### **Examination Retakes**

Students will be permitted to retake the exam one time. Students that fail the exam the second time will be put on probation.

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP (GCSE)

## GCSE Objectives

Urban poverty by definition requires economic responses. These are founded in theology of creativity, productivity, cooperation, redistribution, management, ownership, etc. The theology is outworked in self-help and other resource-building processes, that foster entrepreneurship among the poor. Social entrepreneurship and managerial skills of non-profit delivery systems, including skills in resource building are essential. Upon completion of the three courses identified below, students in the GCSE program will receive a certificate. Courses and credits earned in the GCSE program can be applied towards the MATUL degree.

## GCSE Target Student Population

This certificate is open to two classes of leader. Small business or entrepreneurial leaders among the urban poor, interfacing with social entrepreneurs among the educated classes who are seeking to develop or resource social entrepreneurship organizations. They must be willing to learn from the culture of poverty under slum leadership.

## GCSE Certificate Courses

### **TUL 560 - Theology and Practice of Community Economics:**

This course relates biblical and theological perspectives to the theory and practice of community wealth building. Special emphasis is given to cooperatives, microenterprises, and entrepreneurship as a basis for asset building and ownership.

**TUL 640 - Entrepreneurship Among the Urban Poor:** This course introduces the concepts and skills of entrepreneurial leadership required by urban business people, to initiate new businesses or social organizations among the urban poor. It does this around a business planning evaluation.

**TUL 645 - Resourcing Organizations for Social Impact.** This course assists students in global urban settings in sustainable resource development strategies to undergird their organizations, businesses or churches and enable their communities to better thrive. Through readings, exposure to transformative models and exchanges with practitioners and funders, students will develop case statements for effective fund development. A redemptive entrepreneurship framework will be introduced as foundational to resource generation processes.

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (GCUCD)

## Description of the Certificate

This certificate focuses on the practice of church-based community development, from aid to community development to community organization to advocacy.

## Description of Certificate Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- 1) develop Christian frameworks for understanding marginalized populations
- 2) develop a holistic plan for development, organization, and advocacy among the urban poor with a team-based strategy and theology
- 3) provide practical support in developing an educational center or health program or advocacy for housing or other infrastructure services.

## GCUCD Certificate Courses

Students are required to take TUL535 and three other courses from the following courses:

- **TUL535 Theology & Practice of Community Transformation:** Students explore the challenges, models of, and prospects for, transformational change within slum communities while developing a Christian framework for holistic development, organization, and advocacy among the urban poor and gaining facility in community asset mapping.
- **TUL550 Solidarity with the Marginalized:** This course guides students in understanding the marginalized populations (e.g., street children, substance users, commercial sex workers, the elderly) and in formulating a theology and strategy for team-based responses to free individuals and change structural causes.
- **TUL555 Educational Center Development:** This course focuses on developing and improving preschool, elementary school, and vocational school education in global slums as integral to the work of urban poor churches. Topics include philosophy of education among the poor, and the course includes a practicum evaluating school effectiveness, models of community-based (slum) schooling, curriculum development, long-term management, and financial viability.
- **TUL650 Urban Community Health Programs:** This course is an exploration of the public health challenges facing the Church and local nongovernmental organizations (NGO's) within urban poor communities, along with innovative, community-based responses. Topics include environmental health, maternal and child health, and chronic health conditions prevalent in marginal urban communities.
- **TUL 655 Advocacy and the Urban Environment:** Students in this course examine relations between urban poor communities, the land, and broader environmental problems. Fieldwork focuses on advocacy for adequate housing and infrastructure services.

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LEADERSHIP OF URBAN MOVEMENTS (GCLUM)

## Description of the Certificate

This certificate extends formation of emergent urban movement leaders' wisdom, skill and character. It is predicated on the principle that the good seed of spirituality, character and leadership embedded in community struggles gives rise to multiplication into movement dynamics. Religious movements are the source of moral, ethical and hence economic and political change in cities and among the urban poor.

## Description of Certificate Outcomes

### 1. Character

Students will discover their personal fit for urban movement leadership roles.

### 2. Intellect

Applying insights from social science perspectives, students will be able to:

- a) analyze social structures affecting the urban poor
- b) explain the theological and practical principles of the formation of faith community among the urban poor.
- c) engage in a local church-based community development seed project and critically analyze models of community intervention
- d) demonstrate an understanding of practices of faith-rooted community organizing and public policy advocacy.
- e) conceptualize indigenous, apostolic, and incarnational missional structures among the urban poor.
- f) compare principles of movement leadership between evangelistic, church growth, revival movements, social movements and the movement of ideas.

### 3. Skills

Through practical service learning, students will demonstrate skills used in movement leadership.

## GCLUM Certificate Courses

Students are required to take TUL 620 and choose 3 other courses from the following courses:

- **TUL620 Leadership in Urban Movements:** This course explores the dynamics of leadership within holistic, urban poor movements. Special emphasis is given to urban religious movements, social movements, civil sector organizational leadership models and citywide leadership networks for proclamation, revival and transformation. It includes being part of a conference leadership team.
- **TUL520 Urban Spirituality:** This course expands theologies of the Holy Spirit and his work among the urban poor. It emphasizes care and nurturing of workers, practical application of the spiritual disciplines, and communicating between diverse understandings of the work of the Spirit.

- **TUL530 Building Faith Communities:** This course applies a story-telling approach to the process of entering poor communities and developing holistic poor peoples' churches in ways faithful to the values and goals of the Kingdom of God.
- **TUL535 Theology & Practice of Community Transformation:** Students explore the challenges, models of, and prospects for, transformational change within slum communities while developing a Christian framework for holistic development, organization, and advocacy among the urban poor and gaining facility in community asset mapping.
- **TUL 655 Advocacy and the Urban Environment:** Students in this course examine relations between urban poor communities, the land, and broader environmental problems. Fieldwork focuses on advocacy for adequate housing and infrastructure services.

# PHD IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Note: The PhD program is being taught-out. WCIU is not accepting any new students into the PhD program.**

## Prerequisites

To be eligible to enroll in the WCIU PhD program, a prospective student needs to have a WCIU MA degree (or equivalent) - minimum of 30 credits.

## Program Purpose

The PhD in International Development at WCIU provides an interdisciplinary approach that focuses on equipping mid-career professionals seeking to engage in humanitarian service, research, program development and direction, or training of personnel in the broad field of international development.

**Notice: Students register and pay for their courses online, and assignments are submitted online. Therefore, all students are required to have regular access to a computer and the Internet.**

## Program Outcomes

*As a result of their studies in the Ph.D. in International Development Program, students will be able to:*

- formulate viable research questions, manage information, design, conduct, and report original research, informed by insights from the integration of biblical, cultural-anthropological, historical and applied research.
- apply key disciplinary and multi-disciplinary norms and perspectives relevant to the area of specialization in international development to their field and work.
- show a profound respect for intellectual integrity, and for the ethics of research and scholarship.
- apply research to refine the efforts of international development organizations in ways that advance the understanding and practices of international development programs contextually and globally
- articulate and communicate effectively through oral and written means in order to disseminate the results of research and practice to a variety of audiences.
- exhibit the knowledge of an informed professional of international development, in their field of specialization.
- evaluate the relevance and value of their research to national and international communities of scholars and co-laborers in international development.
- mentor others in the development of foundational knowledge and skills in their field of international development.

Achievement of these learning outcomes is measured by means of course assignments, evaluation of field experience, Doctoral Qualifying Examination, doctoral dissertation with oral defense, and mentoring activities.

## Academic Content

The WCIU doctoral program is field based with independent study components and does not have a residential component on the WCIU campus. Following the American system, 52 credits of advanced coursework beyond the MA level is required in a specialization within the field of international development. Students who do not have the MA in Development Studies as the core of the total 52 total credits required for the doctoral program. The heart of the PhD program is the relationship between the student and their Major Advisor, who serves in a mentoring role. In this collaborative relationship, students contribute to the professional and scholarly goals of their Major Advisors as they pursue their own research under the supervision and guidance of the Major Advisor. Students in turn share what they are learning in mentoring relationships of their own as a key component of the program.

In addition to completing 16 credits of standard courses, PhD students must also complete 22 credits worth of Independent Study, a Doctoral Qualifying Exam, and a dissertation. A minimum of 30 credits of the Required Courses and Individualized Courses must be taken at WCIU.

## PhD Program Overview

The 52 credits required for the PhD in International Development are integrated courses are generally earned as shown below:

### Standard Courses

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
Anthro505	Cultural Anthropology	2
InterCultr565	Foundations	2
IntlDev565	History and Trends in International Development	2
InterCultr580A	Introduction to Mentoring	2
InterCultr580B	Mentoring Practicum	2
IntlDev531	Introduction to Research Methods	2
IntlDev574	Research Design	4
		Standard Course Total = 16

### Individualized Courses (as approved by student's doctoral committee)

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
	Determined by Student	6
	Determined by Student	6
	Determined by Student	6
	Determined by Student	4
		Independent Course Total = 22

### Doctoral Qualifying Exam

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
PhD 701	Doctoral Qualifying Exam	2
PhD 702	Research Proposal	4
		DQE Total = 6

## ***Dissertation***

<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
PhD700	Dissertation	6

## **Schedule of Course Offerings**

Generally, standard PhD courses are offered twice a year.

## **Doctoral Learning Contract (DLC)**

WCIU has adopted the use of a Doctoral Learning Contract (DLC) which clearly charts the student's individualized study program. It is designed by the student and Major Advisor and submitted to the student's Doctoral Committee for input, approval, and monitoring. The DLC is also reviewed and approved by the Graduate Programs Committee. Similar reviews and approvals must take place if there are substantial changes in the DLC.

The DLC is created during the course "Intl Dev 574 – Research Design" and arranged in the sections as described below. Students can choose to fill in the PDF form provided during their Research Design course (adding pages for the various courses selected for the program) or choose to create their own document following the same format, but these subject areas must be covered.

**Section 1. Summary of Major Focus.** Outline the major areas to be covered in the Doctoral Qualifying Examination (toward the end of the study program) and the research focus of the Doctoral Dissertation, as far as is known at this time. The individualized study program is to be designed keeping in mind these topics and the student's Specialization within international development.

**Section 2. Background Information.** List learning outcomes, educational resources, and basic strategies for the doctoral program being proposed.

**Section 3. Required Courses.** These courses ensure a master's level understanding of the broad field of international development.

**Section 4. Individualized Courses.** These courses focus on studies in the Specialization and supporting disciplines. They can be taken at any educational institution, or they can be especially designed by the student's own Committee as individualized study courses from WCIU. Many courses at the individualized study level are in the form of directed readings or field research. They are designed to help students become thoroughly acquainted with the scholarship in their field, as well as to prepare them for their more narrowly focused dissertation research. In either case, a Course Outline must be submitted and approved before enrollment in each course.

**Section 5. Other Requirements.** Indicate other types of learning expected of the student, such as an academic or field language that the student's committee considers necessary.

While many of the specific activities in the doctoral program will become known only gradually as each step is taken and as the student becomes acquainted with the field of study, designing the DLC at the start provides an outline guide to follow. The student and all Committee Members can see the entire program at a glance and can monitor progress more readily.

Ideally, there should be no unknown requirements that become apparent late in the student's program. Significant modifications of requirements require approval from the VP of Programs. Students are to report all changes made to their course schedules to [registrar@wciu.edu](mailto:registrar@wciu.edu) and it will be noted on the students' record.

**Note: All PhD students must complete the program within 10 years from the date they started the program (i.e., within the length of the program).**

### **Changes in the Doctoral Learning Contract**

After approval of the DLC, unforeseen circumstances may develop, preventing fulfillment of some aspects and necessitating changes in the Contract. Upon consulting all committee members, the Major Advisor should send a request for changes in the DLC to [academicaffairs@wciu.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@wciu.edu). Approval for most minor modifications, such as course substitutions, is granted by the Chair of Graduate Programs Committee with the Doctoral Committee's knowledge. If major changes are requested, a new Doctoral Learning Contract should be prepared and forwarded to [academicaffairs@wciu.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@wciu.edu) for approval.

## **Doctoral Qualifying Exam**

There are two ways to meet this requirement:

- a) The Doctoral Committee designs a written exam based on the subject areas listed in the DLC. When the student has completed all studies designated in the DLC—except language studies that may be undertaken when starting field research—the Major Advisor should arrange for the DQE to be given. The DQE may be repeated once. If in the Major Advisor's and Director of Graduate Programs' judgment, the Student has not been able to pass the exam, after the second attempt, he or she will be withdrawn from the program.
- b) If the Committee chooses, the Student may submit 3 articles that have been published during the course of studies that relate directly to the DQE main subject areas listed in the DLC. The Director of Graduate Programs will approve or decline this option, depending on the quality and relevance of the material submitted. A statement will also be requested from the Major Advisor documenting specific reasons why the Student is capable of undertaking doctoral level research in the field of Specialization.

When the DQE is passed and all required courses are completed, the Student is advanced to Candidacy status. In some European degree programs this is known as Doctorandus status.

## **Research Proposal**

The formal Research Proposal is a supplemental major document to be written by the student, with the guidance of the Major Advisor. The proposal can be submitted as early as the DLC submission but should be submitted before registering for Dissertation. The Proposal should state the need for and objectives of the intended research, intermediate goals, and the methodology upon which the research will be based. The Proposal is to include both a clear statement of the intended thesis and a carefully selected preliminary bibliography of the most important literature to which the thesis is directly related.

Students are advised to give careful attention to planning and writing the Research Proposal, as it affects their dissertation research. It is not unusual for students to be required to rewrite early drafts of the proposal because their research plans are not framed within the context of current theoretical positions

within their discipline. The Proposal, like the DQE, is an assessment tool used to evaluate the student's ability to apply theory to a specific research topic. The Research Design course will provide guidelines to assist the Student in developing the Proposal.

The proposal must be approved by the Doctoral Committee and the Graduate Programs Committee. If, after two unacceptable proposals have been submitted, the Vice Provost of Academic Affairs determines that a student will be unable to adequately undertake dissertation research, the student will be terminated from the program.

## **Dissertation Writing**

Dissertation research is conducted under the supervision of the Doctoral Committee. The Major Advisor should be available to be consulted and to render supervisory assistance frequently, especially during the initial research phase.

The search of relevant literature may demand that the student utilize research libraries, government archives, the internet, computer databases, and other appropriate information resources. Interviews, discussions, and correspondence with specialists on related topics should be planned both before and during this phase of research.

## **Oral Defense**

Once the final draft of the dissertation is approved by all Doctoral Committee members, an outside reader, and the Chair of Graduate Programs Committee, the Major Advisor arranges for an Oral Defense of the dissertation, which he or she will chair. Also participating will be the other committee members, a member of the Chair of Graduate Programs Committee, and additional Readers appointed by the University. Guidelines are available from the Director of Graduate Programs for making this a profitable experience of sharing knowledge gained with interested scholars.

While it is ideal for all participants to be present in the same room during the oral defense, it is not unusual for some to participate by phone or video conferencing.

The oral defense is a demonstration of the student's:

- command of the research data and its analysis in terms of appropriate theory, proving the validity of the hypothesis; and
- comprehension of and ability to explain with authority the original contribution of the dissertation within the context of the academic field.

All members of the student's committee must agree, with the concurrence of the Vice Provost of Academic Affairs, that the defense was passed. Approved dissertations shall then be signed by all Doctoral Committee members and other Readers, recommending the student for the degree. A further revision of the dissertation may be required after the oral defense. Failure to successfully write and defend the dissertation will result in termination from the program.

## **Approved Dissertation**

The student must submit an electronic copy of the final approved dissertation and 2 physical copies of the signature sheet, both with original signatures from the Doctoral Committee and all other

Readers WCIU will order bound copies of the dissertation on behalf of the student. Two of the bound dissertations will remain with WCIU, for the library and archive.

### **Dissertation Bindery**

- The student is responsible for paying the bindery fee for two copies for WCIU plus any additional copies that he/she would like to order.
- WCIU will request an estimate from the bindery.
- When the estimate is received the Financial Services Office will charge the fee to the student's Populi account and an invoice will be created.
- Once the student pays the estimated bindery fee the bindery order will be submitted.
- The student is responsible for paying all shipping costs for all copies ordered.
- WCIU will obtain a shipping estimate, notify the student, and inform the Financial Services Office to charge the shipping fee and create an invoice.
- When the student pays the invoice, the additional copies will be shipped.
- Students can make arrangements to pick up copies from our campus, but they cannot be picked up directly from the bindery.

## **PhD Grading Policies and Procedures**

The goal of WCIU faculty is to evaluate and respond to most submitted assignment within one week. For PhD research proposals the timeframe is generally two weeks for Doctoral Examining Committee feedback and two weeks for WCIU Graduate Programs Committee review. For dissertations the timeframe is generally four weeks for Doctoral Examining Committee feedback for the initial draft and two to three weeks for subsequent drafts. Graduate Programs Committee review and copy-editing of dissertations is generally one month.

## **Length of Time Allowed for Completion of PhD Program**

The PhD Program is a minimum of three years for a full-time student and a maximum of 10 years. No NEW students are being accepted into the current PhD program.

### **Start Date for Active Status**

Applicants must submit admission forms and faculty advisor documentation and be admitted to the university prior to being granted active student status in the doctoral program. Active status in the doctoral program begins with the first term following payment of the first Program Fee. The first program fee is due one month prior to the upcoming term and will be billed every term thereafter.

## **Doctoral Committee**

work with their students to develop Doctoral Learning Contracts (DLCs) that will provide direction to their individualized portions for additional information. Committee members must have held an earned Ph.D. for at least three years and have been active in scholarly research within the last five years, as evidenced by faculty appointment, peer-reviewed publications, grants, or other such expressions appropriate to their students' area of specialization. Doctoral Committees work with their students to develop Doctoral Learning Contracts (DLCs) that will provide direction to their individualized portions

# PhD in International Development Courses

## **Anthro 505 - Cultural Anthropology**

### **Course Description**

This course will enhance students' appreciation of human culture. Learning to view the world through sociocultural lenses will aid in the process of discovering and addressing the challenges faced by societies around the globe. Students will gain a systematic understanding of key anthropological concepts, such as, culture, communication, social structure and kinship, worldview, religious beliefs and practices, and cultural change. By applying anthropological insights to cultural analysis, students will develop a sensitivity to their own cultures as well as others.

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. describe the strengths and weaknesses of one's culture and worldview from a cultural anthropological framework, integrating biblical insights on the impact of culture personally and in other socio-religious contexts.
2. apply anthropological insights in effectively understanding, communicating, practicing holistic principles that lead to personal and social transformation.

## **InterCultr 565 - Foundations**

### **Course Description**

The purpose of this course is to provide a chronological overview of the historical and cultural aspects of the global development of the biblical faith. An overview is given of the past and present with focus on understanding factors that enabled the biblical faith to continue to expand its ideal of "shalom" and implement transformational strategies in developing nations. The positive and negative impact of religion on culture and human development is examined as well as principles for effective cross-cultural communication of biblical faith and practice.

Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to:

1. explain the activity and purposes of God in history.
2. present a historical overview of biblical faith from a missiological perspective.
3. explain factors behind the progress of biblical faith in different times and places.
4. reflect critically on their own cultures and worldviews.

## **IntlDev 565 - History and Trends in International Development**

### **Course Description**

This course is designed to provide an overview of the history and trends in international development. It provides a wide range of perspectives relevant and current in the field, surveys key theories and models, and prepares students to engage international development as an integrated academic field. The complexity and multi-faceted nature of human need requires cross-disciplinary research and analysis.

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. explain the principal theories and models in international development referencing key literature.
2. provide a biblical rationale for the existence of evil as it relates to pervasive social problems.
3. evaluate the ability of an international development organization's chosen strategy to address pervasive social problems.
4. assess the scope of poverty in the student's country of origin or residence in terms of population, living standards and implications for social inclusion.

5. articulate a holistic approach toward international development, including best practices that can transform a society physically, socially and spiritually.

### **InterCultr 580A - Introduction to Mentoring**

#### **Course Description:**

Coaching, tutoring, imparting knowledge, increasing skills, and growth are part of a healthy mentoring relationship and integral to the work of international development. The course provides the opportunity for the student/mentor to develop a mentoring relationship with another student or workplace colleague. The course readings lead to a greater understanding of the practice of mentoring. Regular and guided communication equips the student/mentor to relate effectively to the person they are assigned to mentor, a process closely supervised by the instructor. Expanding on this foundational course, Mentoring Practicum (InterCultr 580B) will provide a six-month experience of mentoring.

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. value mentoring and commit to being a mentor to others
2. successfully engage a student in active reflection on coursework being taken.
3. evaluate implement ways in which an online mentor-facilitator can effectively engage others in developing their understanding and skills related to their work.

### **InterCultr 580B - Mentoring Practicum**

#### **Course Description:**

The Mentoring Practicum seeks to build on the principles and practices established in Introduction to Mentoring. The intentionality, nurture and insightfulness of the mentoring relationship grows with experience and further coaching. Teaching a course on-line will give student mentors first-hand experience of active mentoring through course facilitation. The relationship with the course instructor and other students is key to the progress and development of the student mentor.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Mentoring (InterCultr 580A).

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. mentor students in an online environment.
2. commit to mentoring and teaching others during and after they complete their doctoral studies.

### **IntlDev 531 - Introduction to Research Methods**

#### **Course Description**

This course informs the student of standard research methods used in graduate level academic research. The student gains understanding about the purpose of research, its legitimate usage and best practices, and methods available. The student is thus enabled to make an informed decision regarding the correct method(s) to use in their own research.

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. explain the essential character and uses quantitative and qualitative research.
2. compare and contrast qualitative and quantitative research as it relates to their specific field of interest.
3. become familiar with several specific methods used for both qualitative and quantitative research and under what circumstances they are used
4. select two methods applicable to the central research issue of their project, and be able to comprehend the theory and practical procedures of the chosen methods well enough to be able and ready to implement one or the other or both, in their research

## IntlDev 574 - Research Design

### Course Description:

This course seeks to equip scholars with the skills needed to perform research that makes a contribution in their chosen field study. Building on the various research methodologies in Introduction to Research Methods, this course will guide students through the development of the Doctoral Learning Contract and a first draft of the Research Proposal, thus equipping the student for the next stages of the doctoral project in preparation for successfully writing a research-based dissertation.

Upon finishing the course, the student should be able to:

1. develop a research topic that will contribute to knowledge within the context of international development.
2. select and articulate a rationale for the research methodology or methodologies he/she will adopt for the dissertation research project.
3. develop the *Doctoral Learning Contract* that includes tutorial outlines for the related library and field research.
4. draft a preliminary *Dissertation Research Proposal* that follows WCIU's Dissertation Proposal Guidelines.

Note: Courses requested for credit transfer need to be in the same subject area as specified in the student's Doctoral Learning Contract (DLC).

## PhD Tuition and Fees

**Note: Fees are subject to change at the discretion of the University. These projected costs only include those charged by the WCIU for its services and does not include additional costs associated with the student's personal internet access, any travel occasioned by their studies or any other expense that may be incurred while in the pursuit of a degree from WCIU.**

**Note: WCIU is not receiving NEW applicants for the PhD program.**

Charges to PhD students for WCIU courses are divided into the following categories:

1. **Application fee.** Students enrolling in WCIU for the first time are required to pay an application fee of \$50.00. This fee is paid only once and covers the initial cost of establishing and maintaining a student's file and reviewing the supporting documentation of the student's application. This fee is non-refundable. [Please note that students who are inactive for more than 2 consecutive term may be placed on inactive status and must be re-activated. The re-admission fee is \$50.]

2. **Program fees.** PhD Program fees will be paid to the university for every term that the student is enrolled in the PhD Program (whether or not the student is enrolled in a specific course). The tuition cost for each 3-month term is \$900, so PhD students typically pay \$3600 per year.

The PhD Program is a minimum of three years for a full-time student and a maximum of 10 years. Tuition will remain fixed for a given academic year but may change from one academic year to the next. This fee covers access to WCIU's online library, Latourette Library, allows students access to required reading and textbooks. This fee also covers the costs for the dissertation manuscript to manuscripts to be reviewed by an outside reader. \*A payment plan is available for students to pay in one-month increments. Please see "Financial Aid and Payment Plan" section of this academic catalog.

**Total program fees for PhD students depends on how many terms they are enrolled. Ideally, PhD students complete all their coursework within six years, as explained below:**

- 3 years x \$3600 = \$10,800
- 6 years x \$3600 = \$21,600
- 7 10 years x 3600 = \$36,000

\*Excludes cost of books and other materials and one-time application fee of \$50.

3. **Books.** Most of the PhD program course readings are accessible electronically in course lessons or through our online library academic catalog. However, students may need to purchase additional books (either hard copy or Kindle e-book) for the completion of course requirements. Many of these books will be used in multiple courses throughout the program. Approximate total book cost for the entire program: \$300.

4. **Dissertation Printing Fees.** Students are responsible for paying fees related to printing two hardcover, bound copies of the dissertation for WCIU.

Estimated cost for two hardcover, bound dissertations:  
2 dissertation copies x \$100 each = \$200.

5. **Graduation Fee**

Students are required to pay a \$50 graduation fee. This fee covers the cost of a diploma and an official transcript delivered to the student's address.

## TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF PHD PROGRAM

**ESTIMATED TOTAL COST FOR THE PROGRAM = \$11,400 - \$36,618**

- **TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF PHD PROGRAM FOR THREE YEARS:**

\$50 + \$10,800 + \$300 + \$200 + 50 = \$11,400

For California residents:

- Standard Program Costs: \$11,400
- Student Tuition Recovery Fund (non-refundable) \$2.50 per \$1000.00: \$27.50
- **Estimated Total Program Costs: \$11,427.50**

- **TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF PHD PROGRAM FOR SIX YEARS:**

\$50 + \$21,600 + \$300 + \$200 + 50 = \$22,200

For California residents:

- Standard Program Costs: \$22,200
- Student Tuition Recovery Fund (non-refundable) \$0.50 per \$1000.00: \$55.00
- **Estimated Total Program Costs: \$22,255.00**

- **TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF PHD PROGRAM FOR TEN YEARS:**  
\$50 + \$36,000 + \$300 + \$200 + 50 = \$36,600

For California residents:

- Standard Program Costs: \$36,600
- Student Tuition Recovery Fund (non-refundable) \$0.50 per \$1000.00: \$92.5
- **Estimated Total Program Costs: \$36,692.50**

## Example Costs Per Term

1. \$ 900 Total for the term (2-8 units)
2. Less any scholarships and reductions
3. **\$900 TOTAL DUE FROM STUDENT FOR THIS PERIOD OF ATTENDANCE**  
due by the end of the payment period, unless a payment plan is established.

## Student Tuition Recovery Fund Notice

**Student Tuition Recovery Fee Fund:** The State of California established the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) to relieve or mitigate economic loss suffered by a student in an educational program at a qualifying institution, who is or was a California resident while enrolled, or was enrolled in a residency program, if the student enrolled in the institution, prepaid tuition, and suffered an economic loss. Unless relieved of the obligation to do so, you must pay the state-imposed assessment for the STRF, or it must be paid on your behalf, if you are a student in an educational program, who is a California resident, or are enrolled in a residency program, and prepay all or part of your tuition.

You are not eligible for protection from the STRF and you are not required to pay the STRF assessment, if you are not a California resident, or are not enrolled in a residency program.

It is important that you keep copies of your enrollment agreement, financial aid documents, receipts, or any other information that documents the amount paid to the school. Questions regarding the STRF may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education at 1747 North Market, Suite 225, Sacramento, CA 95834 or P.O. Box 980818, West Sacramento, CA 95798-0818. Phone: (916) 574-8900. Fax: (916) 263-1897. [www.bppe.ca.gov](http://www.bppe.ca.gov).

To be eligible for STRF, you must be a California resident or are enrolled in a residency program, prepaid tuition, paid or deemed to have paid the STRF assessment, and suffered an economic loss as a result of any of the following:

1. The institution, a location of the institution, or an educational program offered by the institution was closed or discontinued, and you did not choose to participate in a teach-out plan approved by the Bureau or did not complete a chosen teach-out plan approved by the Bureau.
2. You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution within the 120 day period before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, or were enrolled in an educational program within the 120 day period before the program was discontinued.
3. You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution more than 120 days before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, in an educational program offered by the

institution as to which the Bureau determined there was a significant decline in the quality or value of the program more than 120 days before closure.

4. The institution has been ordered to pay a refund by the Bureau but has failed to do so.

5. The institution has failed to pay or reimburse loan proceeds under a federal student loan program as required by law, or has failed to pay or reimburse proceeds received by the institution in excess of tuition and other costs.

6. You have been awarded restitution, a refund, or other monetary award by an arbitrator or court, based on a violation of this chapter by an institution or representative of an institution, but have been unable to collect the award from the institution.

7. You sought legal counsel that resulted in the cancellation of one or more of your student loans and have an invoice for services rendered and evidence of the cancellation of the student loan or loans.

To qualify for STRF reimbursement, the application must be received within four (4) years from the date of the action or event that made the student eligible for recovery from STRF.

A student whose loan is revived by a loan holder or debt collector after a period of noncollection may, at any time, file a written application for recovery from STRF for the debt that would have otherwise been eligible for recovery. If it has been more than four (4) years since the action or event that made the student eligible, the student must have filed a written application for recovery within the original four (4) year period, unless the period has been extended by another act of law.

However, no claim can be paid to any student without a social security number or a taxpayer identification number.”

Note: Authority cited: Sections 94803, 94877 and 94923, Education Code. Reference: Section 94923, 94924 and 94925, Education Code.

## Student's Right to Cancel

**Cancellation and Withdrawal Policy:** Students have the right to cancel the enrollment agreement and obtain a refund of charges paid through attendance at the first class session, or the seventh day after enrollment, whichever is later. A notice of cancellation shall be in writing. A withdrawal may be effectuated by the student's written notice or by the student's conduct, including, but not necessarily limited to, a student's lack of attendance. Cancellation is effective on the date the University is notified by students of their intent to cancel. Students should contact the Registrar's Office by email at [registrar@wciu.edu](mailto:registrar@wciu.edu) or by telephone at 626.398.2222.

WCIU will refund 100% of the amount paid for institutional charges, less the non-refundable application fee of \$50, if notice of cancellation is made through attendance at the first class session, or the seventh day after enrollment, whichever is later.

Students who have completed 60 percent or less of the period of attendance shall receive a pro rata refund based on number of weeks attended prior to withdrawal.

**Refund Payments:** WCIU processes all refund payments within 30 days following students' notice of cancellation or withdrawal. Any credit balance on the student's account after the student's completion of the program will be refunded within 45 days.

**Note:** *Refund amounts are the same whether tuition has already been paid in full or the student has created a payment plan that has not yet been paid in full.*

# PhD 2023-24 Academic Calendar

## PhD Program 6-Month Terms

### Term 1 (October 2023 - March 2024)

Important Dates	October 2 through March 30
Course Registration Opens	September 1, 2023
Coursework Begins	October 2, 2023
Coursework Ends	March 30, 2024

### Term 2 (January 2024 – June 2024)

Important Dates	January 8 through June 29
Course Registration Opens	December 1, 2023
Coursework Begins	January 8, 2024
Coursework Ends	June 29, 2024

### Term 3 (April 2024 – September 2024)

Important Dates	April 1 through September 28
Course Registration Opens	March 1, 2024
Coursework Begins	April 1, 2024
Coursework Ends	September 28, 2024

### Term 4 (July 2024 – December 2024)

Important Dates	July 1 through December 14
Course Registration Opens	June 1, 2024
Coursework Begins	July 1, 2024
Coursework Ends	December 14, 2024

## PhD Program 12-Month Term

### (October 2023 – September 2024)

Important Dates	October 2 through September 28
Course Registration Opens	September 1, 2023
Coursework Begins	October 2, 2023
Coursework Ends	September 28, 2024

**For PhD Holidays (see the WCIU Catalog)**

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