

# COOPERATION WITH COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (USA)

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## **Preliminary remark:**

In all Policies, Rules and Regulations the CIU-academic catalog and student handbook applies. This CIU Korntal handbook is a contextualization of existing policies for the Korntal-campus only. When in doubt, refer to the official CIU-documents on [www.ciu.edu](http://www.ciu.edu)

The educational programs offered by CIU Korntal as well as the corresponding explanations of these study regulations are to be regarded as excerpts that have been linguistically and, where necessary, factually adapted to the German context. These linguistic and factual adaptations do not constitute a fundamental deviation from CIU's recognized courses of study, regulations and guidelines.

In terms of content, course, ethos and degree, the entire program is a CIU program with the essential CIU characteristics. The legal entity is Columbia International University, which also awards the academic degrees.

## **1. Columbia International University (CIU)**

Since 1923 CIU has been training people for intercultural service. In the course of time, CIU has developed a multitude of service and training opportunities.

In the early years of the AWM-CIU cooperation it was possible to complete a maximum of 50% of the studies in Korntal. Students were able to finish their degrees with one semester in residence at Columbia.

Since 1995, CIU Korntal (formerly ESCT) has been officially the German branch of CIU. Since then it has been possible to complete the entire Master's degree in Germany and in German. Of course, it still remains a great opportunity to spend one semester (or more) in the US.

Since February 2013 it is possible to complete the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs in Korntal.

CIU includes, among other things,

- a school with kindergarten to high school graduation – the *Ben Lippen School*;

- the *College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)* with various study concentrations which always include biblical and theological studies. The Bachelor degree we offer is housed in this faculty as well as in
- the *College of Intercultural Studies (CICS)*. The following Master's degrees offered at CIU Korntal are housed in CICS:
  - Master of Arts in Culture and Theology
  - Master of Arts in Intercultural Leadership
  - Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies
- the *Columbia Biblical Seminary (CBS)*. In this theological studies department students are prepared for pastoral service as well as service in the intercultural context. The following degrees offered at CIU Korntal are housed in this faculty:
  - Master of Divinity
  - Doctor of Ministry or Ministerial Leadership
- the *College of Education (CoE)* includes concentrations in the area of education. The following degrees offered at CIU Korntal are housed in CoE:
  - Education Specialist
  - PhD Educational Leadership

Since 2006 the special area in International Theological Education has only been offered in Korntal.

## **2. AWM gGmbH**

### **2.1 Governance**

The stakeholders of AWM are the Association of Evangelical Missions in Switzerland (AEM-CH), the Association of Evangelical Missions in Germany (AEM-D), and the Evangelische Brüdergemeinde Korntal.

Already in the seventies the AEM recognized the need for continuing education programs for missionaries and thus founded the academy. The first courses were offered in the seventies in Monbachtal (close to Liebenzell). In 1984 the school moved to Korntal.

Since 2002, the AWM is registered as a non-profit limited company (AWM gGmbH). AEM-CH and AEM-D are still major stakeholders, in 2008 the Evangelische Brüdergemeinde Korntal joined the gGmbH.

George Peters, an American missiologist, was given the task to develop a program. At first attempts were made to reach recognition within the framework of German higher education. After this had failed, contacts were made to various evangelical universities in the USA. The reason for this was the necessity to give German missionaries access to an internationally recognized degree in German.

CIU was found to be highly compatible in vision and mission with AEM-core values (evangelical, interdenominational as well as preparing for intercultural service).

In addition to CIU Korntal-programs, AWM offers a wide range of continuing education programs for cross-cultural workers.

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## **2.2 CIU Korntal**

The study programs primarily dealt with in these study regulations belong to this department of AWM. Leadership is provided by:

Academic Dean and Program Director of Master Programs: Tobias Menges, PhD – [tmenges@awm-korntal.eu](mailto:tmenges@awm-korntal.eu)

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## **2.3 Seminars and Continuing Education Programs**

Apart from the CIU Korntal-programs AWM offers a wide range of seminars and continuing education certificate programs – most of them available only in German.

<https://awm-korntal.eu/weiterbildung/>

These are open to anyone and there is no pre- or post-course work involved. Seminars last from one to five days. Participants receive a Certificate of Completion.

Coordination: Nadja Huss – [nhuss@awm-korntal.eu](mailto:nhuss@awm-korntal.eu)

## **2.4 European Institute for Migration, Integration and Islam Studies (EIMI)**

Under the umbrella of the AWM is the European Institute for Migration, Integration and Islamic Topics directed by Dr. Yassir Eric. [www.eimi-korntal.eu](http://www.eimi-korntal.eu)