

ACCREDITATION AND RECOGNITION



1. North American Accreditation

Columbia International University is a private Christian university and is recognized by the relevant regional and professional accreditation authorities and is entitled to award academic degrees. An academic degree awarded by CIU stands for both professional competence and personal theological conviction.

The professional and regional recognition and regular quality control of universities and their programs is carried out in the North American region by accreditation authorities, which are commissioned by the *Department of Education (DoE)* and the *Council of Higher Education Area (CHEA)*. The examination committees are composed of faculty members of other member universities (peer evaluation).

For further information see the appendix (p. 3) and CIU's website:

<https://www.ciu.edu/accreditation>

CIU Korntal is the German branch of Columbia, USA, and is entitled to offer the complete degrees Master of Arts in Intercultural Leadership / Culture and Theology / Intercultural Studies, Master of Divinity, Doctor of Ministry, Doctor of Ministerial Leadership, Education Specialist and PhD (International Theological Education). In addition, CIU-Korntal is entitled to offer certificates in German and in Arabic language.

2. German Accreditation of our Graduate Degrees

Since February 2017, the graduate degrees at CIU Korntal are accredited by the German Accreditation Council and were re-accredited in 2022. The accreditation procedure was carried out by evalag.

Since then, the Master's degree programs are listed in the database of accredited degree programs. The Accreditation Council is a joint institution of the federal states for quality assurance in studies and teaching at German universities.

The Ministry of Science, Research and Arts Baden-Württemberg has authorized its operation.

Furthermore, the AWM gGmbH is a certified educational institution, which means that employees are entitled to up to five days of study leave (depending on the regulations of the respective federal state).

On the German KMK website <http://anabin.kmk.org/anabin.html> CIU is listed with H+. This is the highest category and indicates that CIU is recognized as a university in its home country (USA) and is also considered a higher education institution in Germany.

3. Significance of Academic Degrees and of Accreditation

Academic degrees such as Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, Master of Divinity, Doctor of Ministry or Ph.D. are now regarded worldwide as proof of qualification for training tasks and management responsibility, not only in business and government, but also in missionary and church ministry.

Certificates of Advanced Studies (CAS) are further education courses at Bachelor's, Master's or doctoral level for which academic credit points are awarded. In addition to the value of continuing education of an academic nature at a certain academic level, they can also provide entry into an entire degree program.

Accreditation means that the formal framework, the academic level, the duration of the study programs, and other criteria meet the criteria prescribed by the supervisory authorities. The content is designed by the respective educational institution and is also assessed as part of the accreditation process.

An academic degree awarded by CIU therefore stands for both professional qualification and personal theological conviction. CIU has a very good reputation worldwide as a theological educational institution with a missionary heartbeat. More than 24,000 alumni of CIU Seminary are working in 150 countries.

4. Recognition of our Degrees

Our graduate and postgraduate courses prepare students for a degree in practical theology with a variety of specializations.

Our educational qualifications are recognized as professionally qualifying by members of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Evangelikaler Missionen (AEM) and the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Evangelischer Missionen in der Schweiz. Recognition of the degrees by other organizations and denominational associations depends on the specific requirements of the organization or association.

Our alumni work in a wide variety of areas in society around the world, in part due to their previous education.

5. Appendix – Accreditation of Columbia International University in USA

Accredited by the **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)**, the regional accrediting agency for the Southeastern United States, to offer associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctorate degrees. Questions about the accreditation of Columbia International University may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website: www.sacscoc.org

Accredited by the **Commission on Accreditation of the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)**, a North American accrediting agency for undergraduate and graduate institutions offering degrees in Bible and ministry.

Questions about the accreditation of Columbia International University may be directed to the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE), 5850 T.G. Lee Boulevard Suite #130, Orlando, Florida 32822, www.abhe.org

Accredited by the **Commission on Accreditation of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS)**, a North American accrediting agency for seminaries and theological graduate schools. Questions about the accreditation of Columbia International University may be directed to The Association of Theological Schools (ATS), 10 Summit Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15275, Phone: 412.788.6505, www.ats.edu, (Columbia Biblical Seminary programs only)

CIU is also

Authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students.

Recognized by the Selective Service System.

Chartered as a collegiate institution by the state of South Carolina and authorized by the state of South Carolina to grant such degrees as the Board of Trustees shall determine.

A member of South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities.

Listed in Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education.

Listed in the Education Directory (Higher Education).

Approved at the undergraduate and graduate level for early childhood and elementary teacher education programs by the South Carolina Department of Education.

A member of the Higher Education Transfer Alliance (HETA) for transcript evaluation.

Approved by the Certification Commission of the Association of Christian Schools International for the preparation of teachers for a ministry in Christian school education and for secondary Bible certification.

Approved by the State Approval Agency, South Carolina Department of Education, State of South Carolina, to train persons under Chapter 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation for Disabled Veterans), Chapter 34 (Veterans Educational Assistance), and Chapter 35 (War Orphans Educational Assistance) of Title 38, US Code.

Holds membership in the Evangelical Training Association.