

AN ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN:

Columbia International University | 7435 Monticello Road, Columbia, South Carolina
And Institute of Theological Seminars | 200 North Main Street, Milltown, New Jersey 08850

REAFFIRMED: MAY 2017
TO BE REVIEWED: MAY 2020*

DEFINITION: An Articulation Agreement is formal agreement between two or more colleges and universities documenting the transfer policies for a specific academic program or degree in general.

COMPATIBILITY OF INSTITUTIONAL MISSION

Columbia International University (CIU) and Institute of Theological Seminars (ITS) are independent legal organizations, each governed by its own board of directors. The two organizations share the mutual goal of providing graduate-level theological education and have developed this articulation agreement as a means of providing greater access to graduate theological education for their students. The two institutions will maintain the integrity of their separate programs. At CIU, the educational unit that will implement this agreement is Columbia Biblical Seminary of Columbia International University (CBS).

ITS is a joint ministry of Great Commission Center International (GCCCI) and Christian Renewal Ministries, Inc. (CRM). ITS is dedicated to graduate-level theological training (normally through short-term seminars) for professionals among Chinese Christians who desire advanced training for effective leadership in their own churches or who are contemplating eventual full-time ministry. Although ITS does not offer any degrees, the teachers have earned doctoral degrees from recognized schools, and many of the students in the seminars possess degrees at the masters or doctoral levels in non-theological fields.

The mission of CIU is to educate people from a biblical worldview to impact the nations with the message of Christ. This mission is encapsulated in our motto, "To know Him and to make Him known." Columbia Biblical Seminary is an integral part of the University division of CIU. Its mission is "to assist the Church in equipping Great Commission Christians for culturally-relevant ministry among the nations."

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

This agreement permits students who have completed their studies through ITS and who are accepted into a program of study with CBS to apply the courses taken through ITS to the certificate and degree programs of CBS as transfer credit. The following terms apply to this agreement.

1. ITS will submit for annual review by the CBS Dean's Office a detailed schedule of instruction, noting any variations from the previous year with regard to either curricular changes or course instructors.
2. The CBS dean will maintain a list of ITS courses approved as equivalent to CBS courses.
3. The CBS dean will review each syllabus with special attention to the course requirements and the credentials of the instructor and will determine whether or not each course is accepted as equivalent to a CBS course.
4. Only students who are formally enrolled in CBS will be permitted to apply ITS courses to their CBS certificate or degree. All students are subject to the admission requirements of CBS. Students who wish to enroll in CBS should contact the CIU Admissions Office for details and should follow normal application procedures. ITS graduates are not guaranteed admission to CBS.
5. Students who have taken one or more ITS courses prior to their matriculation at CBS may apply those courses to their CBS certificate or degree as long as they have taken those courses during the time this agreement is in effect. ITS courses taken subsequent to matriculation may be applied to a student's record by academic petition.
6. Upon request from students seeking to apply one or more ITS courses to their CBS degree

requirements, ITS will submit official, translated transcripts to the CIU's Office of the University Registrar. For each course, the transcript will list the course, grade, semester, and pertinent student information. The Registrar's office will evaluate such requests only after a student has been formally admitted to CBS.

7. A grade of "C" or better is required for all transferred courses. Credit may be transferred at full value, without the standard reduction required for credit transferred from unaccredited institutions.
8. A maximum of 21 ITS credits may be applied to a CBS certificate or degree.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM REVIEW/RENEWAL

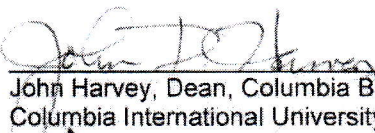
This document does not establish an academic partnership but an articulation agreement for the benefit of qualified students. This agreement goes into effect on **May 1, 2017**.

This agreement shall be reviewed every three (3) years and may be cancelled at any time by either institution with appropriate protection for students enrolled in any given semester. The agreement may also be amended with the consent of both institutions.

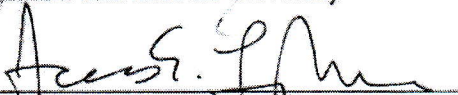
Authorization


Ting W. Lee, Executive Director, ITS

May 17, 2017
Date


John Harvey, Dean, Columbia Biblical Seminary of
Columbia International University

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James E. Lanpher, Provost
Columbia International University

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