



WILLIAM CAREY  
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY



# Masters of Arts in Development Studies

## Become A Catalyst for Change in Your Community

The M.A. in Development Studies provides students with an understanding of social, cultural, and religious factors that have affected global development throughout history. Students are prepared to conduct research and design programs that address development challenges in the modern world. There is a general program path or the opportunity to pursue a focus in China Studies or Global Women's Empowerment.

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# Area of Focus: Global Women's Empowerment



## Women and Men in Leadership

establishes a biblical and theological basis for women and men leading and using their gifts to enhance societal development.

## Women in Development

surveys women leaders from the 1st century to now. Marriage and singleness will be considered and the potential to impact the next generation of girls.

## Spirituality of Women in Transformative Leadership

will examine our human spiritual needs in connection to the Holy Spirit to help build rhythms that nurture our souls.



This area of focus recognizes that women contribute socially, economically, religiously, and politically to the flourishing of the world. Women have always been at the forefront of God's work in families, communities, and nations! What's more... Cohorts, guided by a faculty mentor, will promote community and the integration of heart and mind.

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# AREA OF FOCUS URBAN POOR MOVEMENTS

## Theology & Practice of Community Economics

This 15-week online course explores the biblical theory and practice of community economics for the urban poor. Special emphasis is given to cooperatives, micro-enterprises, and entrepreneurship for asset building and economic recovery in the wake of COVID-19.

## Biblical Theology in an Urban Context

This 15-week online 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.

## Urban Spirituality

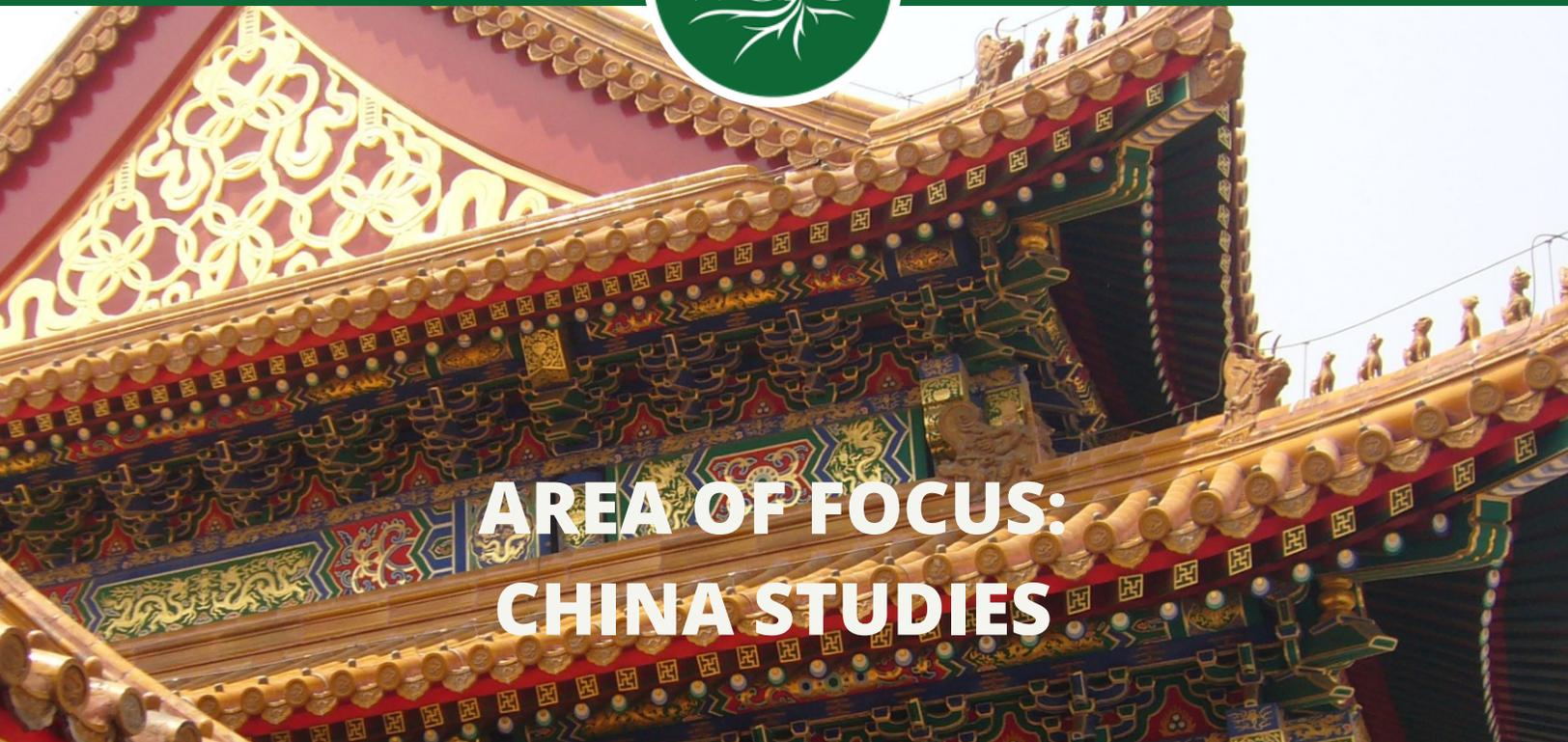
This 15-week online course expands theologies of the Holy Spirit and his work among the urban poor. It emphasizes care and nurturing of workers, practical application of the spiritual disciplines, and communicating between diverse understandings of the work of the Spirit.



William Carey International University offers an Urban Poor Movements Focus within the MA-DS Program consisting of three 15-week online courses to prepare leaders among the 1.4 billion people in urban slums with the knowledge, skills, and character needed to catalyze transformational religious and social movements in the slums.

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## AREA OF FOCUS: CHINA STUDIES

### China & International Development

This course focuses on the major development in China in the past four decades as they relate to international development, including China's economic growth and its global impact,.

### Intro to Contemporary Chinese Culture & Society

This course introduces emerging trends in Chinese culture and society highlighting key socio-cultural and economic changes therewithin that have allowed it to emerge as an economic power around the world.

### Dynamics of Christian Revitalization Movements in China

In this course, students read and research on significant Christian movements historically and contemporarily, particularly the dynamics and expressions of faith of Christian movements in contemporary China.



The China Studies area of focus is designed to enable students to evaluate key areas of the Chinese society, especially as they are related to the emerging trends in culture and society, history and dynamics of Christian movements, China, and international development. This area of focus also helps students develop an integrated vantage point through which they may explore further areas of interests within the general China studies field.

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