



DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN THEOLOGY, THEOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAM GUIDE

The Theology of Development concentration of the PhD in Theology at IUDI University prepares scholar-practitioners to advance knowledge at the intersection of evangelical theology and holistic mission. This 90-credit research program features a concentration-specific Doctoral Reading Seminar in development theory and holistic mission, preparing graduates to lead transformative Christian engagement with the economic, social, and ethical challenges of the contemporary world.

Our Educational Model: Flexibility and Empowerment

IUDI University offers a fully online, asynchronous model that allows you to study at your own pace from anywhere. With no fixed class times and rolling enrollment, you can start when you're ready and balance your studies with personal, family, and professional responsibilities.

A Curriculum Designed for Leaders and Practitioners

Our learner-centered model empowers students to become transformational leaders and effective practitioners. We use a guided independent-learning approach within a flipped-classroom framework: students take responsibility for their own study under the guidance of faculty mentors rather than through traditional lectures. Interactive coursework, case studies, and applied projects develop critical thinking, theological depth, and servant leadership for real-world impact.

Modular Learning for Seamless Progression

The curriculum is organized into modules that build specific competencies. Students may begin with any course in a module; completing all courses unlocks the next module. Tuition is paid one module at a time, providing flexibility and financial control.

IUDI Campus: Your Digital Learning Environment

IUDI Campus (campus.iudi.org) is our digital learning environment. It serves as your central hub for accessing course materials, participating in discussions, submitting assignments, tracking progress, and communicating with faculty mentors.

Institutional Status

IUDI University is a new US-based graduate school that launched in 2025 and is operated by the International Development Foundation (IDF). We are a member of the Association of Independent Christian Colleges and Seminaries (AICCS), a community of peer evangelical institutions; AICCS is an affiliation and not a recognized accrediting body. Because IUDI University is not yet accredited by a recognized US accreditor, prospective students should contact the employers, denominations, or graduate schools they hope to serve to confirm how our degrees will be recognized in their context.

PROGRAM OUTLINE: DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN THEOLOGY, THEOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT

Module	Course	Credit Units
Foundations	How to Learn	3
	Academic Writing	4
	Old Testament Survey	3
	New Testament Survey	3
Core	Biblical Hermeneutics	3
	Historical and Systematic Theology I: Patristic Era	4
	Historical and Systematic Theology II: Medieval and Pre-Reformation	4
	Historical and Systematic Theology III: Reformation	4
	Historical and Systematic Theology IV: Modern and Contemporary	4
Application	Effective Communication	3
	Ethical Leadership	3
Research	Research Methods and Ethics	3
	Advanced Research Methods	4
	Doctoral Reading Seminar I: Development Theory and Holistic Mission	5
	Doctoral Reading Seminar II: Literature Review	5
	Doctoral Reading Seminar III: Advanced Literature and Synthesis	5
Capstone	Dissertation Proposal	3
	Dissertation (Thèse)	27
Total		90