

A New, Cutting-Edge Degree for Postmoderns



MASTER OF ARTS IN TRANSFORMATIONAL URBAN LEADERSHIP
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One billion people live in the slums. That figure will likely grow to **2 billion by 2030**. How do you **catalyze** movements for change among the **urban poor**?

The Master of Arts in Transformational Urban Leadership (MATUL) trains leaders of poor people's movements. The degree is based overseas and cosponsored by entrepreneurial training institutions in India, Haiti, Kenya and the Philippines. Students study alongside national leaders and learn from practitioner-experts of movements and NGO's. It prepares students in sharing the gospel in word and deed as well as implementing socio-economic, political and environmental change. Residence with families and poor people's churches in or near slum communities enable students to enter into the lifestyles, issues and context of the urban poor.

HOW DO YOU LEARN LEADERSHIP?

Movement leadership is more than organizational, business or church leadership. It's the release of entrepreneurial dynamics in multiple dimensions. Urban educational processes include:

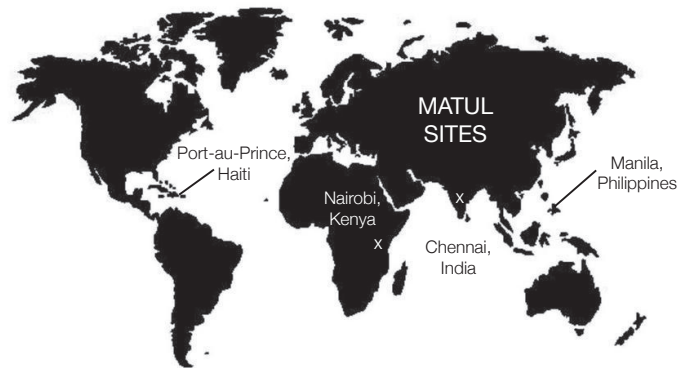
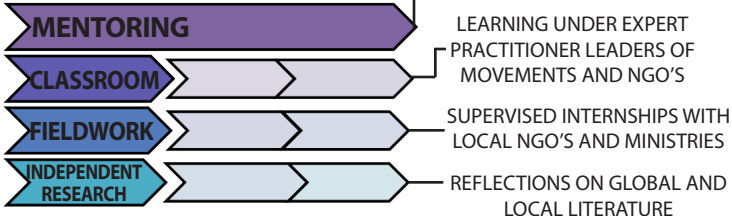


Action: Students learn skills that range from communicating the gospel and small group formation to the complexities of community and international development. For example, one internship extends a theology of justice to the active standing with people in their struggle for land rights. Another moves from analysis of causes poverty to creating vocational or preschools among the poor - one of the best ways to escape poverty.

Theological Reflection and Social Analysis: Movement leadership involves vision, which requires engagement with the global literature, understanding of urban realities, urban theology and the literature on multiplying movements of churches.

Spiritual and Character Formation: Fieldwork is supervised under slum community leaders. Students learn from leadership teams from poor people's churches. Leadership has to do with being molded into people of character. Thus, the first course is on Urban Spirituality; the noisy spirituality of the broken, and the quiet reflective spirituality that sustains workers long term in extreme conditions.

DELIVERY PROCESS



IS THIS PROGRAM FOR YOU?

- ❖ This program is designed for action-oriented individuals and entrepreneurial or emergent leaders. Mid-career or early career professionals who see themselves long-term in committed service to the world's urban poor.
- ❖ For some, that might be apostolic, prophetic or evangelistic ministry (in national movements or the new postmodern incarnational missions such as Servants To Asia's Urban Poor, Servant Partners, Innerchange, Word Made Flesh).
- ❖ For some, that might be the multiplication of development or mercy processes (in NGO's like World Vision, Tear Fund).
- ❖ For some, small business entrepreneurship.
- ❖ For some, living deep in the culture of the poor will impact policy and projects in development agencies like the UN, World Bank, etc.

STRUCTURE OF THE MATUL PROGRAM: The program features a 45-credit curriculum involving two to two and a half years of overseas residence. This begins with 3-6 months language learning prior to entering the formal courses, beginning with urban spirituality and developing emergent slum churches. Each semester includes an internship. Formal classroom learning is matched by field based experience and complemented by extensive research, reading and analysis from both global and local literature.

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