



MASTER OF ARTS IN TRANSFORMATIONAL URBAN LEADERSHIP
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One billion people worldwide live in slums. That figure will likely grow to 2 billion by 2030.

The Master of Arts in Transformational Urban Leadership (MATUL) is an entirely field-based program that prepares students to implement spiritual, socioeconomic, political, and environmental change throughout the world. Residence in or near actual slum communities (in Asia, Africa, North America, and South America) enables students to combine living and learning in an integrated approach to leadership development, with a primary focus on improving opportunities for the urban poor.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

The MATUL degree program is embedded within a broader movement to link a new generation of Christian internationalists from the global North with those from the global South in vocations dedicated to advancing God's shalom within urban poor communities. Program graduates, as servants among the poor, will utilize their understanding and skills within the fields of international relations, community development and planning, environmental policy, church leadership, non-profit management, global health, or public diplomacy, just to name a few. It is here where their extraordinary grasp of the urban poor condition can guide policy formulation and project development, both in their homelands and internationally.

STUDENT BODY PROFILE

The MATUL Program is designed for early- and mid-career professionals preparing for vocations in service among the world's urban poor. It offers a broad, multidisciplinary, highly practical, and theologically-informed approach to transforming value frameworks and improving life opportunities for informal (slum) settlement dwellers.

Applicants are drawn from among those intending to pursue vocations within urban poor movements, non-governmental organizations (e.g. World Vision, Oxfam, Tear Fund) or foundations, multilateral development agencies (e.g., the United Nations, World Bank Group, OECD, WTO), refugee and immigration services, government ministries, and business enterprises, or through professions such as teaching, journalism, development planning, and administration, especially within less-developed regions.

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