



The Commission on Accrediting  
The Association of Theological Schools

## COMMISSION'S STATEMENT OF ACCREDITED STATUS

**Columbia Biblical Seminary of Columbia International University**  
**PO Box 3122**  
**Columbia, SC 29230-3122**

Columbia Biblical Seminary of Columbia International University has been accredited by the Commission on Accrediting (COA) of The Association of Theological Schools since 1985. The school's accreditation was last reaffirmed in summer 2019, based on an institutional self-study report and an onsite evaluation visit by a committee of peer and public reviewers. The school's current period of accreditation expires July 31, 2029.

The school's current status of *Accredited in Good Standing* means the school meets all applicable COA Standards of Accreditation. The school demonstrates educational quality and financial stability and provides evidence that its student learning outcomes are appropriate, rigorous, and being achieved. The school has no public sanctions (i.e., warning, probation, or show cause).

The school is approved to offer the following degree(s): MDiv, MA (Missiological Studies), MA (Theological Studies), MA in Bible Exposition, MA in Care and Counseling, MA in Chaplaincy, MA in Ministry Studies, MA in Youth Ministry Leadership, DMin, PhD

The school notified the Commission that the following approved degree(s) will be *discontinued* (i.e., to be deleted when the last student has exited the program): Doctor of Ministerial Leadership

The school is approved to offer distance (online) education at the following level: Comprehensive (Half or More of a Degree)

The school is approved to offer half or more of a degree at the following additional location(s):

Korntal-Münchingen, Germany

In June 2025, the Board of Commissioners voted to grant an **ongoing exception** to the three-year experiment approved in February 2022 to offer a non-residential PhD degree as an exception to Standard 5.15, through a combination of online courses (synchronous and asynchronous) and one-on-one faculty mentoring sessions.

*The Commission on Accrediting (COA) of The Association of Theological Schools accredits more than 250 graduate schools of theology and seminaries in the United States and Canada. The COA has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education since 1952 as an accreditor of freestanding, single-purpose institutions and of specialized programs at larger institutions offering post-baccalaureate degrees in professional and academic theological education. The COA is also recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation as a national faith-related accrediting organization that accredits free-standing seminaries and academic units of larger institutions in the United States and Canada that offer post-baccalaureate degrees in professional and academic theological education.*