

Student Handbook

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# Welcome to Wagner University!

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Unlike traditional seminaries, WU focuses on equipping 'in-service' leaders through a creative, revelatory style of teaching as well as through impartation and activation. WU students have the opportunity to engage in practical application and ministry. Our cohorts and hybrid study options allow you to work as you go, enabling you to earn a ministry degree from anywhere in the world in 30 months or less.



Dr. Ché Ahn International Chancellor

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# About Us

### Vision

Christ Himself gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith.

### Mission

To ignite and train generations of revivalists and reformers to bring about a global movement of transformation. (Ephesians 4:11 -13, Matthew 28: 18-20)

### History

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## **Residential Instructors**

Our successful group of residential instructions is made up of internationally known leaders who minister powerfully as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Through WU's creative, revelatory atmosphere of teaching, you can embrace the leader you are called to be, receive impartation and activation from the Holy Spirit to walk in your divine destiny, learn how to impact the seven mountains that influence our world, increase your ability to transform nations, and help establish the glory of God's Kingdom on this earth.

# **Statement of Faith**

Wagner University positions itself in the evangelical theological stream of Protestant Christianity. We adhere to the Apostles' Creed and to the core doctrines of the Protestant Reformation, namely the ultimate and essential authority of the Scriptures for Christian faith and practice, justification

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by faith, and the priesthood of all believers. We believe that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that Jesus was born of a virgin, that He was physically raised from the dead, and tha an individual's personal relationship to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior determines that individual's eternal destiny in heaven or in hell. The fulfillment of Jesus' Great Commission to make disciples of all nations is central to the focus of Wagner University. We believe in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the expression of the five-fold ministry gifts of the Spirit, as well as apostolic and prophetic ministry, women in ministry and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

# **Core Values**

*The Day of the Saints* – WU believes in the ministry of the saints, meaning every believer is called to do the work of God's Kingdom, whether in the church, workplace or other individual spheres of influence. There is no dividing line between the pulpit and pew – we are one in the Body of Christ.

*Impartation & Activation* – WU's training equips students with knowledge, revelation, and anointing to go forth in power. This impartation comes from God and flows through our seasoned faculty (mothers and fathers in the Kingdom), who minister to students out of their ascension gifts. As impartation occurs, we are dedicated to activating and releasing students in the flow of God's anointing.

*Maturity* – Our goal is for all students to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ, as demonstrated by the degree to which we express His character, power and love. We acknowledge that spiritual maturity and becoming more like Christ is a process. We seek to grow in a deeper, more intimate walk with the Lord, knowing we are perfected, transformed and matured in His presence.

*Spirit of Excellence* – Our desire is to glorify God in all we do by serving the Body of Christ with a Spirit of Kingdom excellence as we advance God's Kingdom here on earth.

## **Educational Principles**

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WU's educational principles can be summarized as two equations; 2+5=7 and 5+7=12

(2) means the restoration and reviving of 2 missing functions in the five-fold governance structure: Apostles and Prophets, as mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:28 and Ephesians 4:11.

(5) means the restoration of apostolic governance through training and equipping the body of Christ to function in their 5-fold ascension gifts and callings. (7) means the whole society that is described in the 7-mountain strategy, encouraging believers to take dominion in all areas of society in order to achieve societal transformation and the fulfillment of the Lord's Great Commission. These seven mountains are business, government, media, arts and entertainment, education, the family, and religion.

(12) means government and authority in the Scripture: Jesus Christ has Lordship over all heaven and earth. He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

# Admissions

### **Admission Requirements**

1. Born-again Christian: All students must be a professed follower of Jesus Christ and agree with the Core Values and Statement of Faith of Wagner University.

2. Actively serving and attending a local church/organization: Prospective students must be actively involved in their local church/organization and attend regularly as evidenced by a reference from their apostle/pastor.

3. Agree to live a life that honors and glorifies God in every area of life and to abide by scriptural guidelines for living as defined in the Bible.

4. High School Diploma or equivalent: All prospective students must have completed a high school diploma or equivalent prior to the start of their degree program.

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- 5. Two references (1 pastoral and 1 peer reference)
- 6. Able to conduct online learning.

## **New Student Application Process**

There are specific requirements for each degree program. A high school diploma or equivalent is required for all programs. See website for additional details on the bachelor, master and doctoral application requirements. The registration process is simple and streamlined:

Step 1- Students fill out the WU Student Application online.

Step 2- Students pay a \$50 application fee online.

Step 3- Student sends out a questionnaire to their provided references and send it in for review. Registrar reviews application in full and determines student acceptance within two weeks followed by a formal acceptance letter to the student.

There are no deadlines for admission, we are on an open enrollment system where each new cohort starts when the cohort capacity is filled. Upon registration completion, students are expected to begin at the start of the new cohort.

## Academics

# Accreditation

Wagner University is not accredited by a traditional accrediting agency. Attending an unaccredited program can mean that you will not be eligible for federal financial aid, that you may not be able to transfer credits to another school, and that you may not be able to rely on the courses that you take to obtain appropriate professional licensure in your field.

However, WU has entered into a strategic partnership with Shiloh University (SU) (<u>https://www.shilohuniversity.edu/</u>). This new partnership creates a new pathway for future qualified Wagner University students to earn two degrees at the same time, California/Colorado approved religious degree (current), plus a Shiloh University DEAC accredited degree and all for

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one tuition fee. While we will continue to offer a standalone Religious Degrees, now there is an option for an Accredited degree as well.

Wagner University is also authorized to operate as a Religious Education Institution through the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, and California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE). This means WU is recognized as a "bona fide religious postsecondary educational institution" and is authorized to offer religious degrees in Unite States.

## Accountability

Wagner University is a member of ACEA (Apostolic Council of Educational Accountability). ACEA is a network of Christian educators and Christian training programs and schools that exists to provide an alternative to secular accreditation, as well as credibility through both accountability and association. More information about ACEA can be found at www.acea-schools.org. WU does not ordain students but believes spiritual coverings should come through the student's nuclear or extended church leadership.

# Online

The New Student Instruction Guide (given upon acceptance to the University) instructs students regarding information for their online student account, updating their profile, how to participate in online discussions, how to post written assignments, and how to follow the weekly study assignments.

As a technological requirement, each student must have a computer and the ability to access the internet. Each student can use the WU Moodle app on their smartphone or electronic devices to access the online courses and fulfill all assignments.

#### **Degree Programs**

Wagner University offers the following degree programs: D.Min. in Apostolic Leadership, M.A. in Apostolic Leadership, M.A. in Spiritual Healing, Deliverance & Warfare, M.A. in Women Leadership, MBA in Kingdom Entrepreneur and Business Administration and a BA in Practical

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Ministry.

Courses are structured in a four-pillar road map. Our hybrid study model includes both online and onsite study formats. Students will complete between 10 and twelve-core courses online as well as three required face-to-face residential training sessions and a final capstone project.

Regarding residential study, students are required to gather together for a 4-day community training conference held twice a year or a minimum of 3 times during the entire program. This provides personal interaction with residential instructors, impartation, and community contact within cohorts. Students are informed of residential training three months ahead of time and are required to cover their own travel and accommodations.

To be eligible for graduation, students are required to complete the 4-pillar road map of each program which can take as little as 20-30 months to finish. In addition, financial account balances must be paid in full in order to graduate.

## Tuition

Tuition may be paid on an annual basis with payments made online. There is also the option for a monthly payment plan (including a 3% interest rate) during the degree program. Financial assistance is unavailable for students at this time. Following tuition structure effective for 2021.

- ► D.Min. in Apostolic Leadership: \$34,800 (Complete in 30 months)
- ➤ M.A. in Apostolic Leadership & Applied Ministry: \$21,800 (Complete in 24 months)
- ➤ M.A. in Spiritual Healing, Deliverance & Spiritual Warfare: \$21,800 (Complete in 24 months)
- ➤ M.A. in Women Leadership: \$21,800 (Complete in 24 months)
- MBA in Kingdom Entrepreneur and Business Administration: \$28,800 (Complete in 20 months)

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➤ BA in Practical Ministry: \$18,800 (Complete in 24 months)

# **Tuition Payment Policy**

All WU students on a tuition payment plan will be auto invoiced for monthly tuition payments that are due and payable on the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month. At least one payment must be made before your cohort begins as a deposit to hold your place in your cohort.

WU tuition auto-invoices will be sent to your email address via our SquareUp student tuition processing system. In the event your invoice becomes past due, an additional 5% will be incurred for each invoice that hasn't been paid (i.e. 5% for 1 month/10% for 2 months past due). If past due payments accumulate for more than 3 months, you may be withdrawn from your WU program.

As an alternative to the monthly payment option, you can also choose our annual, two payment plan (1<sup>st</sup> Payment is due when you begin your first course, 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment is due at the commencement of your second year).

## Wagner University Refund Policy

In the case of withdrawal from a WU program, students must notify Wagner University Administration, in writing, of their withdrawal decision at <u>office@wagner.university</u>.

Students may receive a full refund of prepaid tuition if notice of withdrawal is given prior to the start date of the student's assigned cohort. Students who withdraw after their start date, may receive a partial refund on a prorated basis (please see guidelines below). All approved tuition refunds will be refunded within 30 days of the request.

The cost of all books or other materials purchased by the student is solely the responsibility of the student and no refund will be made by Wagner University.

For refund options (after your cohort begins), please refer to the guidelines below:

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- First Course of Cohort up to and including Week 4, 90% of tuition refunded.
- First Course of Cohort after Week 5, no tuition refund will be given.
- After Week 5 and upon notification of withdrawal, all payments will be canceled, and no refunds will be made for prior monthly payments.
- Students who prepay a year in full (partial or are making annual or bi-annual payments) may receive a partial prorated refund based on the percentage of course work completed but a 10% administration fee will be added.

**Note:** A week, as used in the refund calculations, is defined as Monday at 12:00 A.M. through Sunday at 11:59 P.M.

# **Academic Community**

Each student is assigned to a specific cohort throughout the duration of their program. There is no set academic calendar with student progress varying from cohort to cohort. Therefore, based on the four-pillar model, there is no semester concept in this roadmap. Each course is approximately 8-10 weeks in length depending on the program.

A cohort is made up of 12-20 students led by an instructor. Within a given cohort, students follow the roadmap at the same pace. Courses are not offered at an individual pace. Each cohort will have a regular cohort meeting via online meeting software such as Zoom, lasting about 2 hours. Connection within a cohort is also maintained through a social media group page.

Courses require participation in 3-6 discussion questions weekly, a written assignment approximately midway through the course, and a written assignment at the of the course. Students can average 6-20 hours of study each week depending on the enrolled program. Discussion questions are to be completed by Thursday each week followed by at least three responses to peers by Saturday of that same week.

# **Zoom Calls**

At a minimum, Zoom calls will take place after the completion of week 4 of each course. The calls will last approximately two hours. Participation in these calls is mandatory. Also, WU may schedule Zoom call lectures, forums, or intensives. Unless otherwise stated, participation in these calls is mandatory. We understand that life happens, so if the call is scheduled in a way that conflicts with a pre-existing commitment, please inform the Cohort Mentor in advance.

# **Student Cohort Leader**

After the orientation course, a volunteer will be solicited to perform the role of a student cohort

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leader. Among the specific duties of the student cohort leader:

1.) Sending weekly reminders of homework and important announcements to the cohort. Practically speaking, this involves copying and pasting the assignment on the website and emailing it to the members of the cohort.

2.) Tracking the participation of the members of the cohort in the discussion forums, as well as the completion of their written assignments.

3.) Coordinating a meal during residential training with the cohort and thinking about other ways for the cohort to connect.

4.) Initiating/facilitating communication between the cohort to cultivate relationships and stay connected with one another, e.g., through the use of the group text.

In effect, the cohort leader is like the captain of a team or the chairperson of a committee. He or she is attuned to the workings of the group and may take actions designed to increase teamwork and a relational connection.

# **Text Group/Social Media**

During the orientation course, the WU Student Services Coordinator will create a group text distribution list and/or a Facebook group page for the cohort. Members of the cohort are encouraged to use the group text and/or group page as one of the ways to communicate with one another during their studies. Some cohorts have found this interaction so rewarding that, even after graduation, they continue to use their group text to pray for one another and their families, send birthday blesses, share good news, and otherwise remain relationally connected.

# **Academic Policy**

# **Cancellation or Postponement of Cohort**

Wagner University may cancel or postpone courses that do not meet minimum enrollment requirements (typically, this number is 10 students or less). In the event of a cancellation, students will be asked to wait until a full cohort of students is ready to begin. Financial penalties will not be assessed for canceled courses. The University also reserves the right to dismiss a student who violates University rules, or who has ceased to participate in courses, or for other reasons deemed necessary by the Vice-Chancellor.

# WU Graduation Requirement Policy:

In order to graduate and participate in the graduation ceremony, each WU student must:

1. Have completed at least 95% of the program (includes assignments, papers, electives and

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final project). Please note that your diploma will be held until all work has been completed.

- 2. Have their program tuition paid in full.
- 3. Pay all graduation fees (diploma, cap and gown).

If you still have 5% of your program papers and assignments outstanding, you may still be permitted to walk in the ceremony with the understanding that outstanding assignments must be completed by October 31st of the graduation year. *In this case your diploma will be held for you in our office until everything is turned in.* 

If work is not completed and received by October 31st of the graduation year, an additional administrative fee may be assessed.

## Catalog as a Guide

The catalog provides students with the best information available concerning the University and its programs at the time of publication. While every effort is made to provide accurate and up to date information, the University reserves the right to change without notice, statements in the catalog regarding policies, academic offerings, standards of conduct, and charges for tuition and fees. Since the University continually modifies and improves the curriculum to meet the needs of students, the catalog serves not only as a guide, but as an agreement between the student and Wagner University.

A student who enrolls in the University will be allowed to graduate under the academic requirements in the academic catalog published at the time of his or her initial enrollment or selection of a degree program, as long as the student has maintained continuous enrollment. A student who has not taken a course or been enrolled for 366 days must re-apply for admission and complete a degree program as offered on the WU website at the time of re-enrollment.

# **Gender Equality Policy**

Wagner University is committed to complying with all requirements as set forth by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). As such, discrimination on the basis of gender will not

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be tolerated in any of our education programs or activities. Such discrimination includes but is not limited to sexual harassment; sexual violence; gender-based bullying; hazing; stalking; domestic violence or dating violence, and will provide equal opportunity in admissions, activities, employment or athletics. Student-workers fall under the jurisdiction of human resources which will jointly resolve complaints with the Dean.

Questions or concerns regarding the University's procedures and Title IX as well as complaints may be directed to one or more of the following resources: Greg Wallace, Dean and Chief Academic Officer [951.934-8888 or greg@wagner.university]; Benny Yang, Vice Chancellor [951-934-8888, or benny@wagner.university]

Wagner University will make every effort to successfully complete the grievance process for complaints of sex discrimination over a period of 60 days or less. The complaining party will receive periodic status updates on the progress of the complaint and any subsequent appeals. During the investigation and/or grievance process for complaints of sex discrimination, the University may take a number of interim actions in order to ensure the preservation of the educational experience and the overall University environment of the party bringing the complaint. These actions may include but are not limited to: imposing a no-contact order on the responding party; changes in academic schedules or assignments of one or both parties and interim suspension of the responding party.

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