



LifeStyle International Christian University Distinguished Honorary Degrees

Who's Qualified

LICU offers distinguished Honorary Degrees for those who qualify based on their ministry life experience.

An honorary degree or a degree *honoris causa* (Latin: "for the sake of the honour") is an academic degree for which a university (or other degree-awarding institutions) have waived the usual requirements, such as matriculation, residence, study and the passing of examinations.

The degree is often conferred as a way of honouring a distinguished holder's contributions to a specific field or to society in general. The degree is not recognized by employers as having the same stature as a corresponding earned degree and should not be represented as such.

Honorary degrees offered by LICU include

- Bachelor degrees*
- Master degrees*
- Doctor of Divinity

If you wish to indicate a certain field of specialization for your bachelor or master degree, please do so on the application form. Applicants who do not indicate any requested field or specialization will be assigned an applicable honorary degree upon assessment of their application.

***Note:** bachelor and master honorary degrees are being awarded in a range of different fields, depending on the applicant's ministry life experience. For example LICU awards bachelor or master honorary degrees of Christian ministry, pastoral ministry, Christian leadership etc.



Application & Assessment

Applications are accepted by five-fold ministry gifts, senior pastors, elders and leaders serving in presiding positions.

To qualify for an honorary degree, applicants have to submit a full “curriculum vitae” (or “résumé” - an overview of a person’s experience and other qualifications) giving an expounding insight into their ministerial activities, including duties, responsibilities and accomplishments. In addition to this they must also submit at least 3 references/letters of recommendation by other ministers, who can give proof of their ministry involvement.

Upon submission the assessment board will evaluate your application and confirmation concerning the honorary degree will be sent to the applicant.

As a general guideline, applicants have to prove *at least* 10 years of active ministry experience for a bachelor honorary degree, 15 years of ministry experience for a master honorary degree and the *minimum* of 20 years of active ministry experience for those who seek to apply for a Doctor of Divinity.

Purpose

The award of an honorary degree can help individuals concerning their ministerial positions within churches, ministries, networks and other fields of influence. However an honorary degree *does not equal an earned degree*; individuals who seek to further their academic qualification are still required to fulfil any academic degree requirements based on their academic qualification/standing.

For example, honorary bachelor degree holders who have not fulfilled the level of an undergraduate degree are required to complete such requirements before qualifying for graduate level studies for a master degree.

Costing

Costing depends on the level of honorary degree award and need to be received in full before certificates and letters of confirmation are issued.

- Bachelor degrees: 700 Pounds / 800 Euros (*which equals the cost of an ipad!*)
- Master degrees: 870 Pounds / 1,000 Euros (*which equals the cost of a smart phone!*)

- Doctor of Divinity: 1,300 Pounds / 1,500 Euros (*which equals the cost of a laptop!*)

Note: third-world residents may receive their honorary degree at a **50% discount**, but only if they refer another colleague to also apply for one of LICU's honorary degrees. The discount will be applied as soon as their colleague's complete application has been received at the office.

Once a degree has been granted, the certificate and document can either be sent through secure post/courier service, or the degree holder may choose to participate in one of LICU's graduation ceremonies, where their degree will then be officially conferred before a presbytery and can be recognised and celebrated by others.

Note: applicants living in Europe, who refer another colleague to also apply for an honorary degree, will receive a **reduction of 30%** as soon as their colleague's complete application has been received also.

In Comparison

Students studying for an earned bachelor degree, would need to spend 4 years of undergraduate studies, paying each year £1,350/€1,530 in tuition payments, plus textbooks and postage. During their final year, they also have to submit a bachelor thesis of 50 pages, worth 3 credit hours. **The total for these 4 years of studies equals £5,660/€6,420** (*textbook and postage is calculated separately, as well as any binding of finished writing tasks*).

In addition to this there would be graduation fee payments of £130/€150 for each level they reach (*covering certificate and transcript fees, as well as hiring of graduation regalia*). Bachelor graduates pay £160/€180 for their final graduation ceremony (*with regards to the distinct bachelor gown, including the customized graduation hood, representing their degree, as well as the colours of this university*).

Students studying for an earned master degree, would need to first finish an undergraduate bachelor degree (*please see above*) and then complete a final year of graduate studies, where they complete 9 courses and submit an 80 page master thesis, worth 6 credit hours. **The total for these 36 credit hours is £2,105/€2,390** (*again, textbook and postage is calculated separately, as well as binding of finished writing tasks*).

Their graduation fee for participation in the graduation ceremony is £160/€180 (*covering their certificate and transcript papers, as well as the hiring of a distinct master gown, including the customized graduation hood - representing their degree, as well as the colours of this university*).



Look at the Savings

Students studying for an earned doctoral degree, would need to first finish an graduate master degree (*please see above*) and then complete a final year of post-graduate studies, where they complete 5 courses and submit a 150 page doctoral dissertation, worth 30 credit hours (*200 pages for Doctor of Philosophy students*). **The total for these 45 credit hours is £2,500/€2,850** (*again, textbook and postage is calculated separately, as well as binding of finished writing tasks*).

Their graduation fee for participation in the graduation ceremony is £160/€180 (*covering their certificate and transcript papers, as well as the hiring of a distinct doctoral gown, including the customized graduation hood - representing their degree, as well as the colours of this university*).

For a student who has not completed any previous education and is going through the entire 7 year LICU program in order to finish both of their doctoral degrees, **the total cost in tuition fees and writing tasks for these 7 years would be £12,765/€14,510**. An investment like no other, to change lives as well as your own!

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