



MISSION:

The Iliff School of Theology is a graduate theological school related to the United Methodist Church. Its central mission is the education of persons for effective ministry in Christian churches and other religious communities, for academic leadership, and for the cultivation of justice and peace in local and global contexts.

Essential to this mission is the critical appropriation of the historic resources of the Christian Church and other world faith traditions, esteem for rigorous academic scholarship, respect for cultural and theological diversity, concern for the enhancement of character, and a commitment to justice in the social order.

THE DENVER CAMPUS:

Iliff's eight-acre campus contains six buildings in a beautiful park-like setting. Facilities range from the stately Iliff Hall, built in 1892 as the school's first building, to the strikingly modern Skaggs Hall. Students may live on campus in one of four different options, from apartment style housing on campus to individual houses nearby. Located conveniently near downtown's restaurants, museums, and galleries, but just minutes away from excellent hiking and skiing, students enjoy the "best of the west."

ILIFF GRADUATES

More than 2,000 Iliff graduates work and serve – in denominations, non-profit organizations, and corporations – in countries around the globe. Since 1892, Iliff students have learned from a variety of experiences inside and outside of the traditional academic classroom that help them encounter the "real" world with freshness and excitement.

DEGREE PROGRAMS:

Iliff is one of 13 United Methodist theological schools in the United States. The school is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the Association of Theological Schools. Iliff offers the following degree programs:

- **Master of Divinity (MDIV)** is the most recognized theological degree for those who seek vocations in ministry; including parish ministry, chaplaincy, not-for-profits and a variety of other settings. The MDiv is the primary way to meet educational requirements for those seeking ordination in most traditions. This degree can be acquired in both a residential or flexible residency track of study.
- **Master of Arts in Social Change (MASC)** is a professional masters degree for students interested in employment through religious organizations, non-profit agencies, educational institutions, the media or corporate settings. This may include persons seeking ordination/consecration as a deacon or lay minister in many denominations.
- **Master of Arts in Pastoral and Spiritual Care (MAPSC)** is for those interested in employment as chaplains or spiritual caregivers through religious, healthcare, or hospice organizations. For military chaplains interested in learning more about spiritual care to those experiencing post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), the **MAPSC for Military Chaplains** is a professional degree for those already holding a MDIV that draws on courses across the curriculum and allows for specialization, such as a focus on PTSD. For students wishing to pursue licensing, Iliff offers the opportunity to work concurrently with the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Denver (DU) to earn a **Master of Social Work**.
- **Master of Theological Studies (MTS)** is designed

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for those who want to explore various areas of theological studies, or for those pursuing doctoral studies in religion or theology.

- **Master of Arts (MA)** is for students who plan to study at the doctoral level.

Iliff also offers a **Justice and Peace Studies Concentration** within the MDIV, MAPSC and MASC degree programs.

MDIV, MA, and MTS degrees may be combined with a **Master of Social Work** degree from the University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work. Cooperative programs in social work are also available.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Graduate Certificates are available in a growing number of areas including:

- **Anglican Studies**
- **Biblical Studies**
- **General Theological Studies**
- **Pastoral and Spiritual Care**
- **Religion and Social Change**
- **United Methodist Studies**
- **Women and Religion**

Certificates available and their respective requirements are subject to change. More information about Graduate Certificates is available from the admissions office at 303-765-3117, admissions@iliff.edu.

FACULTY:

Iliff's ecumenical, multi-ethnic faculty brings a wealth of experience to students and provides an educational resource unique to Iliff. The educational background of this group is both varied and extensive. Iliff's faculty is active in church leadership, scholastic research and publishing, as well as in social and community service. The school also utilizes the rich resources of adjunct faculty from the Denver area and is host to visiting faculty from around the world.

THE IRA J. TAYLOR LIBRARY:

For more than 50 years, the Ira J. Taylor Library has served the research and information needs of the Iliff community and the public. The library contains the largest theological collection in the Rocky Mountain Region, with more than 248,000 volumes, 56,000 microforms, and 900-plus periodical and serial subscriptions.

In 1998, Iliff dedicated the \$3.6 million Bacon Education Center - which includes a 15,000 square foot addition to the library. The library catalog and other resources are accessible through the library's home page at <http://discuss.iliff.edu/taylor>.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1884** Elizabeth Iliff Warren announces an offer of \$100,000 to endow a theological school
- 1892** The Iliff School of Theology formally opens, affiliated with the University of Denver
- 1903** Iliff incorporates as an independent institution from the University of Denver
- 1936** Accreditation by the newly formed American Association of Theological Schools
- 1956** Ira J. Taylor Library opens with 45,000 volumes.
- 1973** Accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges as a professional doctoral degree-granting institution
- 1981** Iliff and the University of Denver jointly inaugurate the Doctor of Philosophy in Religion and Theological Studies degree program
- 1990** Justice and Peace Studies begin
- 2009** Graduate Certificate programs begin

