

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

The Intercultural Studies Program exists to equip its graduates to effectively respond to and serve men and women of diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds in our global twenty-first century. The program includes studies in general education, philosophy, social sciences, cross-cultural communication, leadership, humanities, and theology. The relationship between ideas learned and practical experience are essential, therefore, experiential learning is woven throughout the degree program, with both formal and non-formal active learning opportunities. Emphasis on personal holistic growth and development is intentionally interwoven into the program.

- **Theological and Biblical Foundation:** To equip students with a profound understanding of the Bible, Christian theology, and historical perspectives, enabling them to articulate and apply Christian truths in diverse cultural and international contexts.
- **Cross-cultural Competency:** To develop students' ability to understand, appreciate, and engage with diverse cultures, religions, and worldviews, fostering effective cross-cultural communication and building bridges of understanding in mission settings.
- **Mission Strategies and Methods:** To provide students with knowledge of various mission methodologies and strategies, enabling them to discern and implement contextually appropriate approaches in their respective mission fields.
- **Personal and Spiritual Formation:** To cultivate a deep spiritual and moral character in students, preparing them for the unique challenges of overseas ministry, emphasizing virtues such as resilience, compassion, humility, and adaptability.
- **Practical Ministry Experience:** To ensure students acquire hands-on experience in ministry settings, both domestically and internationally, thus preparing them for real-world missionary endeavors and promoting a reflective practice of ministry.

CURRICULUM

UNIVERSITY CORE 50 hrs

Christian Studies Core (15 hours)

BIBL 1113	Survey of the Bible	3 hrs*
BIBL 2313	Life of Christ	3 hrs*
PHIL 1123	Christian Apologetics	3 hrs*
SOCI 2403	Marriage and Family	3 hrs*
THEO 1223	Christian Doctrine	3 hrs*

English Composition (6 hours)

ENGL 1113	English Composition I	3 hrs*
ENGL 1213	English Composition II	3 hrs*

Liberal Arts (4 hours)

HPES --	Physical Education Activity Class	1 hr
IDIS 1553	College Gateway: Saints Seminar	3 hrs*

Mathematics (3 hours)

MATH ----	Math (1500 or above)	3 hrs
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Natural Sciences (6 hours + 1 hour of lab)

BIOL, CHEM, or NATS	(1000 or above)	7 hrs
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U.S. History and Government (6 hours)

HIST 1323/1423	American History	3 hrs
POLS 1523	American Federal Government	3 hrs

Core Electives (9 hours)

BIBLE AND THEOLOGY CORE 21 hrs*

BIBL 2113	Life and Writings of Paul	3 hrs*
BIBL 3013	Biblical Interpretation	3 hrs*
HIST 3103	Church History	3 hrs*
THEO 3313	Systematic Theology I	3 hrs*
THEO 3413	Systematic Theology II	3 hrs*
THEO 4313	Reformed Arminian Theology	3 hrs*
Choose one:		3 hrs*

Bible Elective (BIBL 3000 level or above)

Theology Elective (THEO 3000 level or above)

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES 48 hrs*

CMIN 1011	Discipler's Formation I	1 hr*
CMIN 1021	Discipler's Formation II	1 hr*
Choose one:		3 hrs*

CMIN 2003 Foundations of Teaching

CMIN 3113 Homiletics

CMIN 2353	Introduction to Christian Ministries	3 hrs*
Language options		6 hrs*

Students may take either Biblical Greek Appreciation and Biblical Greek for Ministry I or two semesters of the same modern language

MISS 3123	Missions and Culture	3 hrs*
MISS 3212	Biblical Basis of Missions	2 hrs*
MISS 3223	Global Ministry	3 hrs*
MISS 3613	Cont. Iss., Methods & Strat. of Missions	3 hrs*
MISS 3723	History of Missions	3 hrs*
MISS 4103	Ministering Cross-Culturally	3 hrs*
MISS 4333	Church Planting/Growth	3 hrs*
MISS 4402	Missions Internship	2 hrs*
PHIL 1113	Christian Ethics	3 hrs*
PHIL 4213	Advanced Apologetics	3 hrs*
RELG 3113	Comparative Religions I	3 hrs*
RELG 3213	Comparative Religions II	3 hrs*

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES 3 hrs

TOTAL REQUIRED 122 hrs

- 42 hours must be upper level.
- A minimum grade of 'C' is required for all courses pertaining to the major. These courses are indicated with an asterisk.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required.