

Intercultural Studies

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Intercultural Studies major focuses on preparing students with the cultural intelligence and strategic competencies necessary for effective ministry in our intercultural world. This four-year program includes several electives, allowing students to pursue a secondary specific skill set in preparation for more specialized forms of cross-cultural ministry. The program also includes an immersive, global experience as well as local intercultural opportunities.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the Intercultural Studies major, the student will:

- Appreciate fundamental differences between cultures, recognizing their own cultural leanings while also honoring the richness and diversity that other cultures offer. (Cultural Anthropology)
- Understand the core story of the gospel and how to articulate it in a variety of cultural settings. (Cross Cultural Communications)
- Articulate the timeless and global mission of God's people, finding evidence of God at work throughout the world and looking for ways to join and expand His global movement. (Missional Theology)
- Evaluate past, current and potential approaches to global ministry, noting which approaches preserve dignity, encourage development and achieve sustainability in the indigenous context. (Missions Seminar)
- Integrate principles and theories from the classroom into practical ministry in a global environment. (Missions Apprenticeship)
- Apply cultural Intelligence and cross-cultural best practices to indigenous development in a global context (Global Ministry Practicum).

DEGREE: Bachelor of Science

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

122 Credits ▪ All courses are three credits unless noted otherwise.

Fall Year 1 (16 credits)

CSU101 CSU First Year Experience (0)
BI100 Principles of Bible Study
BI111 Bible Survey
EN121 Academic and Researched Writing
HP101 Living Well (1)*
SP100 Speech Communication *
ELEC History Core Elective

Spring Year 1 (15 credits)

EN122 Writing Across the Disciplines
PS100 General Psychology *
TH120 Building a Biblical Lifestyle
ELEC Arts & Sciences Elective
ELEC Humanities Elective

Fall Year 2 (16 credits)

MI251 Local Ministry Apprenticeship (1)
PA311 The Personal Life of the Ministry Leader
PH206 Worldviews: Humanities and Science *
ELEC Arts & Sciences Elective
ELEC Biblical Studies Elective
ELEC Humanities Elective

Spring Year 2 (16 credits)

EV220 World Religions *
MI252 Local Ministry Apprenticeship (1)
PS310 Dynamics of Discipleship
TH211 Theology Survey
ELEC Humanities Elective
ELEC Math or Science Elective

Fall Year 3 (16 credits)

EM413 Foundations of Ministry Leadership
MI315 Cultural Anthropology
MI351 Local Ministry Apprenticeship (1)
ELEC Biblical Studies Elective
ELEC Ministry Leadership Elective
ELEC Ministry Leadership Elective

Spring Year 3 (16 credits)

MI302 Cross-Cultural Communication
MI352 Local Ministry Apprenticeship (1)
TH308 Theological Distinctives
ELEC Ministry Leadership Elective
ELEC Ministry Leadership Elective
ELEC Free Elective

Fall Year 4 (12 credits)

MI401 Missional Theology
SO301 Sociology
TH480 Senior Seminar *
ELEC Free Elective

Spring Year 4 (15 credits)

EM412 The Family Life of the Ministry Leader
MI402 Missions Seminar
MI480 Global Ministry Practicum
ELEC Biblical Studies Elective
ELEC Free Elective

* Courses offered both semesters