

Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies

The MA/ICS prepares students to embark on the task of Christian mission, or for experienced missionaries wanting to better integrate the discipline of missiology with the practice of missions. The program will help the student to better understand Scripture with the aim of communicating the Gospel through bridging cultures at home and abroad. The student will be better equipped to contribute to the development of national leadership in churches and church-related institutions. This program can serve as continuing education for experienced missionaries, to prepare practitioners and teachers of missions, for mission pastors and those who lead and train short-term missions. The program, while global in its focus, will also provide useful skills for those exploring issues of the Gospel and culture in Western contexts.

The God-given task of world mission has never been more necessary and challenging than as we face the twenty-first century. Opportunity and opposition are to be found side by side in all parts of the world. The missionary enterprise requires the best the church can offer: dedicated men and women who are spiritually and academically prepared to serve the Lord in any part of his harvest field.

Courses in mission and evangelism are designed to lead the students into mature understanding of world mission and the communication of personal faith as necessary corollaries of biblical Christianity. Courses cover the broad range of interdisciplinary concerns that assist students in preparation for global missionary service, issues unique to local or regional cross-cultural service or in the classrooms of higher education institutions, and the meaning and methods of personal evangelism.

The Master of Arts degree in Intercultural Studies was recently re-designed to provide an integrated, flexible program. The new MA/ICS residency can be completed in three three-week summer sessions, a single semester, or through modular courses.

The program is flexible because it is founded upon mentoring. Field missionaries, urban ministers, second career ministers and missionaries, mission pastors, and students with strong Bible backgrounds seeking advanced studies in culture, research, and cross-cultural ministry will find the program well suited for their schedules and calling.

Concentration Curriculum

Prerequisites

9-10 hours (minimum)

Biblical Studies:

OT 500 and NT 500 recommended

Theological Studies:

ST 601, or ST 602 recommended

*Pre-requisite hours completed at TEDS in excess of 9 hours may be applied to the Bible and Theology, or the Elective component of the degree.

Program Curricula

Bible & Theology

12-15 hours

*A minimum of one course (2 hours) each in Old Testament, New Testament, and Theology. The following are recommended

OT 550	English Bible (Old Testament)	2 hours
NT 550	English Bible (New Testament)	2 hours

ST 601 or 602 or 603	Theology I, II, or III	3-6 hours
IG 500	Biblical Theology and Interpretation -	3 hours
ST 751	or-	
<i>Required:</i>	Hermeneutics	3 hours
ME 620	Theology of Mission and Evangelism	3 hours
Required Intercultural Studies Core		5-6 hours
<i>Choose One:</i>		
ME 641	Anthropology for Ministry	2 hours
ME 644	The Intercultural Missionary	2 hours
ME 842	Intercultural Communication	3 hours
<i>Choose One:</i>		
ME 748	Christianity in the Non-Western World	3 hours
ME 751	History of Missions	3 hours
Electives		9-13 hours

Elective course work is dependent upon academic and professional goals and is determined in consultation with the faculty advisor.

Field Education (2 semesters) 0 hours

One of the following is required: 2 hours

IG 789 Integrative Paper 2 hours

ME 705 Internship 2 hours

ME 790 *Thesis 2 hours

Total 32 hours

*Thesis writers must complete a research methods course as an elective.