

CONCENTRATION IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES (MA/ICS)

MA/ICS Concentration Purpose

The Master of Arts concentration in Intercultural Studies (MA/ICS) provides specialized study in the discipline of intercultural studies and Christian mission. The MA/ICS seeks to develop students in knowledge and practice of cross-cultural ministry or work integrating theological, historical, and social scientific disciplines. The concentration is suitable for persons seeking academic preparation for service as missionaries, cross-cultural workers, teachers, strategists, or researchers. The concentration may also serve as an intermediate step toward doctoral study in a related area.

MA/ICS Concentration Objectives and Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will gain a foundational understanding of the biblical basis of mission and learn to biblically assess various aspects of intercultural ministry.
2. Students will have deeper insight into the nature of human cultures and the implications of cultural differences for intercultural ministry.
3. Students will be able to articulate historical background of various mission related issues and their implications for mission practice today.
4. Students will develop skills related to the practice, analysis and strategies of intercultural ministry.
5. Students will grow in their appreciation for human diversity and in their passion to participate in God's mission in the world today.

MA/ICS Prerequisites

1. 6 semester hours of Bible including Old and New Testament surveys; or TEDS OT 5000 and NT 5000
2. an undergraduate major in intercultural studies or its equivalent that includes a minimum of 8 hours in intercultural studies/missions and social sciences, or extensive intercultural experience

Non-Traditional Student Option

The MA/ICS concentration is structured to enable non-traditional students to complete the program. Required courses are scheduled regularly in evenings, weekends, and in one or two-week modular format; others are offered in the summer semester, at extension sites, in online distance education mode, or as guided research study.

Dual Degree MA/ICS Concentration for Trinity College Undergraduate Students

Trinity College (TC) students may apply to the dual degree MA/ICS program upon completion of 70 hours of undergraduate work. The following are also required:

- A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0
- A recommendation from the undergraduate academic advisor and the TC program chair
- A completed TEDS application

- A personal interview with an MA/ICS faculty member who approves the applicant's admission to the program concentration
- Completion of 8 hours of undergraduate missions and social science courses with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Completion of a minimum of 9 hours of undergraduate Bible and theology through BI 101, BI 111, and BI 210 with a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Completion of an intercultural experience of at least two weeks consisting of mission-type activities

Further details regarding BA studies may be ascertained by consulting the Trinity College catalog.

Bible and Theology Core

ID 5000	Biblical Theology and Interpretation	3
ST 5201 & ST 5202	Theology I: The God of the Gospel and Theology II: The Gospel of God	6

Concentration Core

ME 6760	Theology of Mission & Evangelism	3
ME 6610 or ME 8210	Anthropology for Ministry Intercultural Communications	3
ME 6410 or CH 7450	History of Missions in the Modern World Christianity in the Non-Western World Since 1700	3

Electives in Intercultural Studies	6
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Elective Courses	6
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Elective course work is dependent upon academic and professional goals, and is determined in consultation with the faculty advisor.

Field Education and Formation Group

Select one option from the following:	0
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Option 1:

PT 5090	Field Education (2 semesters)
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Option 2:

PT 5090	Field Education (1 semester)
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ID 5080	Formation Group (2 semesters)
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MA/ICS Capstone

MA/ICS Major Comprehensive Exam

Participants work with the Department in completing one of the following:	2
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ID 7480	MA Capstone Integrative Paper
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PT 7481 & PT 7482	Internship I and Internship II ¹
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ME 7485	MA Thesis ²
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Total Hours	32
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¹ Required for students with limited cross-cultural experience as determined by the ME Department.

² The thesis option requires a research methods course as an elective.