

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES, M.A. (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)

Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies (<https://www.biola.edu/degrees/g/intercultural-studies-ma/>), students will be able to:

1. Articulate principles for successful living and working in diverse environments and cultures (ULO 1 and 2).
2. Express an understanding of an international perspective on their experience in mono-cultural training (e.g. teaching, medicine, business) (ULO 1).
3. Demonstrate proficiency in research skills and writing that includes assessment and adaptation to specific cultural contexts (ULO 1).
4. Describe the dynamic nature of the Gospel, the growing church, and how it is contextualized and communicated across cultures (ULO 1 and 3).

Each Program Learning Outcome (PLO) listed above references at least one of the University Learning Outcomes (ULO 1, 2, 3), which may be found in the General Information section (<http://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/#UniversityLearningOutcomes>) of this catalog.

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete the required program courses.
2. Successfully pass a comprehensive examination over coursework.
3. Maintain a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
4. Meet with department advisor and a graduate academic records and degree specialist in the Office of the Registrar one year prior to graduation to declare intent to graduate. (See Graduate Graduation Check description in the Admission, Enrollment and Graduation Requirements section (<http://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/admission-enrollment-graduation-requirements/#GraduatePrograms>)).

Program Requirements

Program Description

The M.A. in Intercultural Studies, Community Development specialization is a 39-credit program. For the qualified applicant with extensive undergraduate work in intercultural studies/missions, it may be reduced to a minimum of 30 credits.

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Program Courses		
ISCL 742	History of the World Christian Movement	3
ISCL 750	Issues in Contextualization/Cross-Cultural Theology	3

or ISCL 751	Theology of Mission	
ISAN 761	Culture and Transformation	3
or ISCL 711	Dynamics of the Religious Experience	
ISCL 520	Interpersonal and Intercultural Adjustment	3
or ISCL 709	Intercultural Communication	
Select one of the following:		3
ISAN 523	Ethnographic Research Methods	
ISAN 561	Economic Anthropology	
ISAN 751	Social Anthropology	
ISCL 779	Graduate Research in Intercultural Studies	

Bible/Theology Courses

Students may select Bible/Theology courses from a wide range of courses taught by the faculty at Talbot School of Theology. Students with no formal biblical/theological training prior to entering the program must have the selection approved by the program director. Students may also select:		6
ISCL 655	Contemporary Theology of Mission	
ISCL 701	Theology of Culture	
ISCL 722	Spiritual Conflicts in Cross-Cultural Context	
ISCL 724	Issues in Spiritual Warfare	
ISCL 744	Narrative in Scripture and Teaching	
ISCL 751	Theology of Mission	
ISCL 752	Acts: Biblical and Missiological	
ISCL 780	Topics in Biblical Theology from a Missiological Perspective	

Community Development Specialization Courses

ISAL 613	Practicum in Language and Culture Learning	3
or ISAL 520	Introduction to Language and Linguistics	
ISAN 507	Cultural Anthropology	3
ISCL 602	Introduction to Development	3
ISCL 603	Micro Issues in Relief and Development	3
ISCL 605	Community Development Models and Strategies	3
ISCL 659	Project Evaluation and Assessment	3

Total Credits		39
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