

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES, M.A.

Program Description

The M.A. in Intercultural Studies (<https://www.biola.edu/degrees/g/intercultural-studies-ma/>) is designed to equip students both for careers in cross-cultural or multicultural environments and for ministries associated with spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ in cultures other than one's own. At the end of the program, graduates should be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate their capacity to live and work in environments or cultures different than their own;
2. Articulate a cross-cultural or international perspective with respect to their professional training (e.g., in teaching, medicine, business, or development);
3. Produce written studies and reports manifesting their familiarity with the analytical and research tools available (particularly in the social sciences) and demonstrate their abilities to assess and adapt their objectives and activities to the cultural realities of their working environments;
4. Communicate a clear understanding of the dynamic nature of the gospel, the spiritual and cultural traits of a growing church, the deeply intertwined relationship between the gospel and culture in which God's self-revelation was given in culture, how it is now communicated across cultures, and how it is being faithfully lived out in appropriate contextualized acts of allegiance to the God of creation; and
5. Manifest godliness of character, personal standards of integrity and morality, concern for human rights and justice, and a passion for the reconciliation of humanity with their Creator.

The Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies is offered with the following specializations:

- Community Development (<http://catalog.biola.edu/tst/ma-ics/ISCD/>)
- Intercultural Education (<http://catalog.biola.edu/tst/ma-ics/ISIE/>)
- Intercultural Studies (<http://catalog.biola.edu/tst/ma-ics/ISMI/>)
- Missiology (<http://catalog.biola.edu/tst/ma-ics/ISMY/>)
- Peace and Conflict Transformation (<http://catalog.biola.edu/tst/ma-ics/ISPC/>)