



## Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies Degree Program – Course Listings

### MA Common Core Course Listings

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| BTHS 5103 | <b>Old Testament Studies (3)</b><br>An examination of contemporary issues in Old Testament studies. Emphasis on exegesis and major theological topics.  |
| BTHS 5203 | <b>New Testament Studies (3)</b><br>An examination of contemporary issues in New Testament studies, exegesis, and theology. This course will examine the major texts and themes with an emphasis on Biblical Theology.  |
| BTHS 5303 | <b>Biblical Hermeneutics (3)</b><br>A Study of the goal, means, and contemporary application of biblical interpretation. The course will examine how to find the meaning of the biblical text to communicate it effectively. The course will examine the interpretation of the various genre of the biblical text. The formation of the biblical Canon will also be examined.   |
| BTHS 5403 | <b>Christian Theology (3)</b><br>A survey of theological method and the principal doctrines of the Christian faith, to include revelation, Scripture, God, humanity, Christ, the Holy Spirit, salvation, the church, and last things. The course will seek to present Christian truth, edify the church, and advance Christian mission.   |
| BTHS 5503 | <b>Spiritual Formation (3)</b><br>A scriptural approach to the study of Christian spirituality and the practice of spiritual disciplines. The course will utilize biblical, classical, and contemporary materials to introduce the student to the theology, purpose, and practice of biblical spirituality. This course will also assist the student in pursuing intimacy with and conformity to Jesus Christ through personal spiritual disciplines. |
| BTHS 5603 | <b>Christian Worldview (3)</b><br>An examination of biblical and theological essentials of a Christian view of reality and life. The course will also address philosophical aspects of worldview and essential Christian distinctions from major alternative worldviews.  |

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| INTC 6513 | <b>Theology and Philosophy of Mission (3)</b><br>An examination of foundational components of a biblical and theological understanding of mission, to include the nature of God, the Gospel, and the Church in mission. The course will present biblical principles for the development of a theology and philosophy of mission, examine contemporary theologies and philosophies of mission and consider how to develop and apply a theology and philosophy of mission.   |
| INTC 6523 | <b>Intercultural Communication (3)</b><br>An examination of the principles and methods of communication between diverse cultures. The course will examine the various elements involved with individuals, groups, organizations, and the larger societal units as they communicate in an intercultural context. Some attention will be given to the dynamics of leadership relationships inter-culturally.   |
| INTC 6533 | <b>Ethnographic Research (3)</b><br>This course will examine the biblical concepts of people groups. In this course, learners will utilize social science models of research methodology, and will develop individual ethnographic interview skills. Cultural factors such as kinship, rituals and religion, and social segmentation will be explored. This course includes the development and application of a contextualized ministry based people group profile that identifies cultural, social, religious, and demographic factors.                    |
| INTC 6543 | <b>International Church Planting (3)</b><br>An examination of the Biblical principles and the process of church planting with application to missions in the 21st century and particularly in varied cultural contexts. Special consideration will be given to the examination of the methods for effectively communicating the Biblical message and meaning to various people groups and in various contexts, and an examination of how to appropriately express the Christian life and important church and mission practices in varied cultural contexts. |
| INTC 6553 | <b>Contemporary Missiology and Intercultural Contexts (3)</b><br>This course will examine the current philosophical and methodological issues in contemporary missiology, and how they are affected by various factors like religious pluralism, urbanization, globalization, religious extremism, new technologies, creative access, changing demographics, and Majority World Christians and varied cultural contexts.   |
| INTC 6563 | <b>World Religions and Non-Christian Worldviews (3)</b><br>This course will present the content and practice of both major world religions and smaller religious groups that hold significant contemporary importance, including an analysis of the worldview of each.   |

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