

MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

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Admission and Conditional Admission

Admission to the Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies program is based on the overall record and aptitude of the applicant. The M.A.I.S. Director and the M.A.I.S. Admissions Committee will determine whether to accept or conditionally accept an applicant based on the overall record and aptitude of the candidate.

After successfully completing one semester in the M.A.I.S. program, including a minimum of 6 hours of UU courses with at least a 3.0 average, students who are conditionally admitted will earn full admission to the program.

Program Features

The curriculum for the program consists of a 27-hour core of classes and a 12-hour emphasis approved by the program director. As a low-residency program, the delivery system for the core classes is intensive and full-time status for a regular semester is 6 graduate credit hours. At other times throughout the course, students complete

Financial Information

Application Fee:..... \$25
General Student Fee:..... 20/hour
Tuition/semester hour:..... 475

If a student withdraws from a class that meets on the intensive weekend schedule, any refund will be prorated according to the course time elapsed at the time of the withdrawal.

All financial information is subject to change without notice.

Financial Assistance

Financial aid information for graduate students is available on our website at www.uu.edu/financialaid/graduate/. Generally, graduate students may be eligible for Federal Direct student loans or private alternative student loans, depending on the program of study and the eligibility of the borrower. Union University is also approved by the Department for Veterans Affairs to offer educational benefits to veterans, reservists, and dependents of veterans who qualify for Veterans Benefits. Any person who qualifies for VA Benefits should check with the Office of Student Financial Planning as soon as possible after acceptance into a graduate program.

Course Offerings in Intercultural Studies (ICS)

510. Intercultural Communication (3)

An examination of intercultural communication with a focus on self-awareness and developing effective communication.

515. International Professional Realities and Opportunities (3)

An introduction to the professional intercultural environment designed to help the student develop an awareness and

M.A.I.S. Emphases

The M.A.I.S.'s 12-hour program emphasis is designed to enhance a student's learning experience and/or provide specialization for a given student's vocational goals. The Director of the M.A.I.S. works with students to craft emphases that are cohesive, academically rigorous, and interculturally relevant. Primary consideration is given to emphases completed within the MAIS, while secondary consideration is given to emphases completed within Union's graduate coursework.

Emphases within the M.A.I.S.

Students seeking intercultural theory, research, and internships/ externships work with the M.A.I.S. Program Director to craft an emphasis within the program.

Emphases within Union's graduate programming

Students seeking emphases of a disciplinary nature may propose coursework from other Union graduate programs. Partnering with Union's AACSB-accredited Master of Business Administration (MBA), the Master of Christian Studies (MCS), the CSWE-accredited Master of Social Work (MSW), and the Department of Languages, the MA in Intercultural Studies offers an emphasis in Business, Christian Studies, Social Work, French, and Spanish. The MA in Intercultural Studies also offers graduate training in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL). These programs provide an integrative framework for current theory, practice, and research for those seeking private and public sector opportunities both stateside and abroad. Students are encouraged to pursue structured field experiences relevant to their vocational interests when available.

Emphases include but are not limited to the following:

Business Emphasis, Intercultural Studies

Business Emphasis Course Options: For the M.A.I.S. program's three-course research sequence, students pursuing this program of study may craft their research around business and commerce-related phenomena. Students will work with the M.A.I.S. Program Director to craft an emphasis best suited for their individual vocational goals. Course options for the Master of Business Administration (MBA) emphasis include the following (see MBA section of the catalogue for course descriptions):

- MBA 620 Ethical Management**
- MBA 621 Business & the Legal Environment**
- MBA 622 Social Issues in Management**
- MBA 628 Strategic Marketing**
- MBA 630 Management Information Systems**
- MBA 643 Negotiations & Conflict Resolution**
- MBA 648 Organizational Behavior**

Christian Studies Emphasis, Intercultural Studies

Christian Studies Emphasis Course Options: For the M.A.I.S. program's three-course research sequence, students pursuing this program of study may craft their research around theological, faith-based, and/or worship-based phenomena. Students will work with the M.A.I.S. Program Director to craft an emphasis best suited for their individual vocational goals. MAIS students interested

in pursuing appointment with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention should consult the Director of the MCS to devise an M.A.I.S. program emphasis that meets IMB's requirements. Course options for the Masters of Christian Studies (MCS) emphasis include the following (see MCS section of the catalogue for course descriptions):

- MCS 500 Old Testament I: Promise, Covenant, and Praise**
- MCS 505 Old Testament II: Wisdom, Justice, and God's Rule**
- MCS 510 New Testament I: The Gospel and Acts**
- MCS 515 New Testament II: The Letters of the New Testament**
- MCS 520 Bible Study for Preaching and Teaching**
- MCS 530 Church History I: Early and Medieval Christianity**
- MCS 531 Church History II: Reformation and Modern Christianity**
- MCS 537 Introduction to Christian Ethics**
- MCS 538 Christian Leadership**
- MCS 545 Theology I: God, Revelation, and Humanity**
- MCS 546 Theology II: Christ, the Spirit, and Last Things**

Human Services Emphasis, Intercultural Studies

Human Services Emphasis Course Options: For the M.A.I.S. program's three-course research sequence, students pursuing this program of study may craft their research around a range of human services-related phenomena. Students will work with the M.A.I.S. Program Director to craft an emphasis best suited for their individual vocational goals. Course options for the Masters in Social Work (MSW) emphasis include the following (see MSW section of the catalogue for

