

MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

Mission

Intercultural engagement—including community development, humanitarian outreach, and integrative research skills—is essential for a globalized world and increasingly important to our student population. Union's M.A. in Intercultural Studies (M.A.I.S.)—integrative, academically rigorous, missional—is a 39 credit-hour graduate program that provides its students with an interdisciplinary approach to current theory and research relevant to intercultural engagement.

Admission Information

Admissions requirements

All students, whether degree-seeking or non-degree-seeking, who wish to take M.A.I.S. courses must submit the following information:

- Completed application to the M.A.I.S. and \$25 application fee. (Apply online at uu.edu/applications/graduate/)
- Official transcript(s) showing all course work, completion of baccalaureate degree(s), and all graduate credit previously attempted. Even if withdrawal occurred prior to earning credits and even if those credits do not apply to the current degree being sought, official transcripts must be sent from each institution.
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achieving through the M.A.I.S.

Additional admissions requirements for international students:

- Contact the Union University International Student Advisor and PDSO, Pam Whitnell: pwhitnell@uu.edu
- Completed International Graduate Student Application: www.uu.edu/international/forms/graduate-application.pdf
- Proof of Finances: uu.edu/international/forms/finances-grad-intl.pdf

- Official evaluation of transcript(s). Approved transcript evaluation companies: Josef Silny & Associates, Educational Credential Evaluators, World Education Services.
- Official evaluation of transcript(s). Union University accepts only National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) certified transcript evaluation companies including but not limited to World Education Services.

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

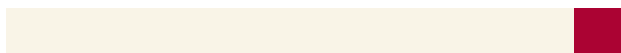
The curriculum for the program consists of a 27-hour core of classes and a 12-hour emphasis approved by the program director. As a low-residency program, the delivery system for the core classes is intensive and full-time status for a regular semester is 6 graduate credit hours. At other times throughout the course, students complete readings, online course activities and other assignments as required by the professor. Dates for the intensive course meetings are announced as part of the preregistration process each term. Transfer credit: maximum 6 hours with grades of B or higher and approval of Director.

Academic Calendar and Schedules

Calendars and Schedules of Course offerings for the M.A.I.S. program are available from the Program Coordinator.

Graduation Requirements

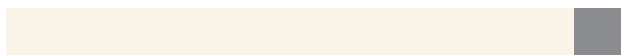
Completion of the 39 credit hours of required coursework, including an approved 12 credit-hour emphasis with a total minimum grade point average of 3.0 or higher. For more information regarding the 12 credit-hour program emphasis, see the concluding section of this program's catalog entry.



Financial Information

Application Fee: \$25

General Student Fee: 20/hour



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 offer-USw

English as a Second Language Emphasis, Intercultural Studies

TESL 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 sociolinguistic phenomena and/or action research in language teaching-learning settings. Students are encouraged to pursue structured field experiences relevant to language teaching on and off campus and when available. Students will work with the M.A.I.S. Program Director to craft an emphasis best suited for their individual vocational goals. Course options include the following (see M.A.Ed. section of the catalogue for course descriptions):

TESL 510 Language and Acquisition

TESL 515 Language & Literacy

TESL 520 Critical Contexts of Language Assessment

**TESL 530 Theory & Practice: Language Curriculum
Development**

**EDU 523 Instructional Methodology for Modern Languages
in Secondary School**