

Degree Path: B.A. in Intercultural Studies

Southwestern College of Bible and Church Ministries

Freshman Year

Fall Semester	16 hours
GES 1122	Strategies for Student Success ∞
ENG 1113	Composition and Rhetoric I ∞
BIB 1223	The Church in Min. & Mission ∞
REL 1153	New Testament Literature ∞
MTH 1113/1123 (Math option) ∞	
PED 2232	Wellness and Lifestyle ∞

Spring Semester	16 hours
ENG 1123	Composition and Rhetoric II ∞ (prereq: ENG 1113)
REL 1163	Old Testament Literature ∞
COM 1143	Fundamentals of Speech ∞
HIS 1113	American History I ∞
BIO 1113/PHY 1113 (Science option) ∞	
PED 1101-2291 (Activity Course option 1) ∞	

Sophomore Year

Fall Semester	15 hours
ICS 2313	Personal Adjustment for CC Serv. ◇
BIB 2213	Bible Study ∞
THE 2333	Pentecostal Doctrine and History ∞
REL 1133	Authentic Christianity ∞
PSY 1153	Introduction to Psychology ∞

Spring Semester	13 hours
ICS 3523	Intercultural Comm. & Anthro. ◇
THE 2113	Intro. To Theology & Apologetics ∞
ENG 2273	Introduction to Literature ∞ (prereq: ENG 1123)
GOV 2213	National & State Government ∞
PED 1101-2291 (Activity Course option 2) ∞	

Junior Year

Fall Semester	12 hours
ICS 3183	Fundraising and Stewardship *
ICS 4143	Priorities for ICS ◇
BIB 3483	Hermeneutics ∞
XXX XXXX	(General Elective/Associate option 1)

Spring Semester	12 hours
ICS 3163	Understanding the Spirit World ◇
REL 3153	Christian Ethics ∞
THE 3133	Systematic Theology II ◇
XXX XXXX	(General Elective/Associate option 2)

Junior-Senior Summer 12 hours
ICS 3912 ICS Internship Block ∞

Senior Year

Fall Semester	12 hours
ICS 3363	World Religions (Optional with Cults in Spring) OR (Elective/Assoc. 3) ◇
ICS 3113	Holistic Relief and Development **
XXX XXXX	(General Elective/Associate option 4)
XXX XXXX	(General Elective/Associate option 5)

Spring Semester	12 hours
ICS 4123	Cults (Optional with World Religions in Fall) OR (Elective/Assoc. 3) ◇
ICS 4153	Strategies for Multi-Ethnic Service ◇
ICS 3143	Transforming Conflict **
XXX XXXX	(General Elective/Associate option 6)

Please Note:

- This plan is one example of how to complete the degree in 4 years. It assumes no transfer credit and no developmental coursework. It will work for some, but not for all.
- You can meet with your scheduler, program coordinator, or department chair to plan around your circumstances and develop your personal degree path. Degree requirements and offerings are subject to change, so consult advisors for on-going updates.
- Course Offering Codes:
 - ∞ every fall and spring semester
 - * only that semester in odd years
 - *** to be taken *only* in specified semester
 - ◇ every year only fall/spring/summer (as listed)
 - ** only that semester in even years
 - ∞/◇ offering differs in order listed



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OVERVIEW

The Intercultural Studies program integrates theological, missiological, and practical training in order to equip students to communicate the Gospel cross-culturally and to advance the establishment of indigenous churches among every nation, tribe, and tongue through church planting, leadership development, and holistic ministry. During this program of study, students will engage in significant field experiences.

Students completing the ICS BA program should expect to:

Discuss God's redemptive purpose and revealed in the Old and New Testament.

Explain key principles for maintaining physical, mental, spiritual, and relational wholes in a cross-cultural environment.

Contextualize and communicate the Gospel with cultural sensitivity and biblical accuracy.

Identify biblical principles for planting indigenous churches, developing indigenous leadership, and engaging in social transformation.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

U.S. or World Missions, Church Planting, TESOL, Teen Challenge, chaplaincy (various forms), relief and development, international business, campus ministries (Chi Alpha), refugee ministry community development and service, Bible School/Ministry training instruction, non-profit service, parachurch ministry, orphan care, human trafficking, child care ministries, Bible translation.

Our graduates have gone on to serve in countries all of the world; reaching unreached people groups, caring for the poor, pioneering churches, teaching in seminaries, translating the Bible into languages that had no written Word of God, working both stateside and abroad with non-profits and non-government organizations.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Professors have a combined experience of over 100 years in missionary service.
- The ICS program prepares students for service in an increasingly multi-cultural world.
- Students will participate in a 12-week in-context internship and gain practical intercultural training with a mentor.
- The program is designed so that students may complete one or more AA degrees or other concentrations of interest.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL EDUCATION STUDIES 57 Hours

General Education: 14 hours

- COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech Communication
- ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I
- ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II
- ENG 2273 Introduction to Literature
- GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success

Social/Behavioral Sciences: 9 hours

- GOV 2213 National and State Government
- HIS 1113 American History I
- PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology

Natural Science/Mathematics: 6 hours

- 3 hours from the following:
BIO 1113 Biological Sciences OR
PHY 1113 Physical Science
- 3 hours from the following:
MTH 1113 College Mathematics OR
MTH 1123 College Algebra

Physical Education: 4 hours

- PED 2232 Wellness and Lifestyle
- 2 hours from Activity Courses PED 1101-2291

General Biblical Studies: 24 hours

- BIB 1223 The Church in Ministry and Mission
- BIB 2213 Bible Study
- REL 1133 Authentic Christianity
- REL 1153 New Testament Literature
- REL 1163 Old Testament Literature
- THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics
- REL 3153 Christian Ethics
- THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History

MAJOR STUDIES 45 Hours

- BIB 3483 Hermeneutics
- THE 3133 Systematic Theology II
- ICS 2313 Personal Adjustment for Cross-Cultural Serv.
- ICS 3163 Understanding the Spirit World
- ICS 3523 Intercultural Communication & Anthro.
- ICS 4143 Priorities for Intercultural Service
- ICS 4153 Strategies for Multiethnic Service
- ICS 3113 Holistic Relief and Development
- ICS 3143 Transforming Conflict
- ICS 3183 Fundraising and Stewardship
- ICS 3912 ICS Internship Block (12 Hours)
- 3 hours from the following:
ICS 3363 World Religions OR
ICS 4123 Cults, Occults, & Folk Religions

MINOR STUDIES/GENERAL ELECTIVES 18 Hours

May include official minors or purely elective hours. It is suggested that students pursue an AA or AS. Associate degrees in Bible, Business Administration, Media, Human Services, and TESOL are encouraged for consideration.

- 18 hours of student's choice

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 120 Hours



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