

MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES (MA-ICS)

PURPOSE

The Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies program is a track of MACS, and aims for preparing students in North America who have a calling from or a heart for the Lord to participate share the gospel among Chinese communities around the world. The program also trains students from mainland China to engage in ministries among Chinese minority groups or to serve in countries outside of China. The curriculum equips students to engage in cross-cultural missions. Participants will learn how to integrate biblical studies, theology, sociology and anthropology, and how to apply these disciplines in different cross-cultural contexts.

GOAL

Graduates from this program are expected to achieve the following:

1. To form strong spiritual life and character.
2. To pursue understanding of God and attain basic knowledge of biblical theological studies with needed ministry skills.
3. To discover and develop their God-given gifts, and to acquire and develop ability for serving in the multi-cultural contexts.

ADMISSION QUALIFICATION

1. A bachelors or higher degree from a four-year university or Bible college/seminary with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 (B- or 80%) or above
2. Had been a Christian and baptized for at least two years
3. Two recommendations from church pastors or leaders to demonstrate personal and spiritual maturity
4. A copy of completed admission application form
5. Passing the Seminary entrance tests of biblical and theological knowledge
6. Passing the interview
7. Proof of English proficiency: 450/45(TOEFL IBT). Applicants with a bachelors or higher degree from English speaking schools are exempt from this requirement. For purpose of determining English speaking schools, students who graduated from an academic institution where the primary language of instruction is English may submit an official copy of their transcript and diploma from their school for consideration of granting an exception. The Admissions Committee will make the final decision on whether or not the applicant is excused from taking a language exam.
8. Proof of Chinese proficiency
 - a. Level of proficiency required: students must be native Chinese speakers with Chinese as their first language.
 - b. Documentation of proficiency: no document is required. The school will determine the applicant's qualification during the interview.
9. We do not offer or accept any Ability-to-benefit Exam.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to complete 60 semester units. The passing GPA is 2.7(B-) or above.

DURATION AND LOCATION

The minimum program duration is 2 years, and the maximum is 7 years. To ensure a communal education experience, students shall spend at least one year on campus for full-time study.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Biblical Studies (21 units)
- Theological Studies (6 units)
- Intercultural Studies (Required, 15 units)
- Intercultural Studies (Electives, 15 units)
- Field Education (3 units)