

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES (BAIS) (129 Credits)

Learn to work effectively with people of other cultures by developing skills to study, understand and communicate the message of Christ. Prairie's Bachelor of Arts in Intercultural Studies (BAIS) includes studies in Bible, theology, anthropology and the social sciences to increase your understanding of God's character and work, and the diversity of human cultures. Practical ministry experiences gained through outreach and internship programs will help you grow as a servant of Christ and as a contributing member of the global church.

BAIS Program Objectives

Prairie's Bachelor of Arts in Intercultural Studies program will equip you to:

- demonstrate a working knowledge of the tools necessary for study and understanding of the Scriptures and for the teaching of others.
- comprehend the character and work of God motivating the work of missions worldwide.
- understand the diversity of human cultures as expressed in various beliefs behaviors, and values.
- nurture yourself and others in Christian maturity, working toward the growth of the Church.
- communicate accurately, verbally and non-verbally, whether teaching, preaching or in daily cross-cultural living.
- live and minister with flexibility, contentment and productivity in unfamiliar situations.

Expanded Opportunities

Your BAIS degree will prepare you to work in a variety of cross-cultural settings including overseas missions, ministries with immigrant or diverse ethnic groups and international students. Whether your involvement focuses on missions, education, communications, recreation, politics, or church ministry, you will be better prepared to contribute effectively with Christ's global Church.

- Depending on your choice of specialization you may wish to pursue an MA in Intercultural Studies, Missiology, Divinity or a Doctorate in Intercultural Studies.

Note: This is a mentor based Distance Education program with additional requirements to provide you with some of the advantages enjoyed by campus students.

Program Requirements

All courses are three credits unless shown otherwise.

BIBLE & THEOLOGY (42 credits)

BI 101 Introduction to the Old Testament OR BT 100 The Way

BI 102 Introduction to the New Testament OR BI elective

BI 108 Introduction to Biblical Interpretation

TH 100 Introduction to Christian Theology

Two Bible electives (200 level or above)

Two Theology electives (200 level or above)

Two Bible, Theology or Biblical Languages electives (200 level or above)

Two Bible or Theology electives (300 level or above)

Two Bible or Theology electives (400 level or above)

ARTS & SCIENCE CORE (36 credits)

HF 110 Written Composition
Anthropology, Psychology or Sociology elective
Five Arts & Sciences electives (any level)
Three Arts & Sciences electives (200 level or above)
Arts & Sciences elective (300 level or above)
AS 400 Integrative Seminar

MAJOR - COURSE BASED (30 credits)

FEFX 410 Cross-cultural Practicum OR FEFX 430 Cross-Cultural Project
IS 100 Missions Survey OR IS 101 Worldwide Perspectives
IS 240 World Religions
IS 353 Urban Strategies
IS 371 Life and Belief Systems
IS 453 Cross-Cultural Communication

MAJOR ELECTIVES (12 credits)

Choose four courses from:
BL 210 Biblical Greek I
BL 211 Biblical Greek II
IS 101 Worldwide Perspectives or IS 100 Missions Survey
IS 290 Directed Study
PA 210 Homiletics I
PA 361 Leadership & Administration
TH 444 Issues in Contemporary Theology

MAJOR - INTERNSHIP BASED (30 credits)

FE 201 Pre-Internship Seminar
FE 401 Senior Ministry Seminar
FEFX 323/343 Intercultural/Ministry Internship (18 credits)
IS 100 Missions Survey OR IS 101 Worldwide Perspectives
IS 240 World Religions OR IS 353 Urban Strategies

CHURCH & MINISTRY CORE (15 credits)

CMFX 100 God's Mission through the Church
CMFX 105 Spiritual Formation & the Church
CMFX 200 The Worship of the Church
CMFX 300 The Community & Function of the Church
CMFX 400 Mobilizing the Church

MINISTRY AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**(6 credits)**

MPD 201-206 Ministry and Personal Development Seminar
MPD 207-212 Ministry and Personal Development Annual Report

Notes:

- *Students preparing for seminary are strongly recommended to take Biblical Greek (BL 210 & BL 211)*
- *Arts & Science courses include: Anthropology (AN), Computer Science (CS), English (EN), History (HI), Mathematics (MA), Philosophy (PH), Physical Education (PE), Psychology (PS), and Sociology (SO).*