



# BETHANY COLLEGE OF MISSIONS

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## **Bethany Center for Graduate Studies**

### **Program Outcomes: Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies**

The M.A.I.S. degree is designed for missionary practitioners, draws from the missiology, education, and intercultural leadership courses, and allows for wide flexibility in course selection. Therefore the outcomes of this program in part depend on the courses that students choose. In general, the M.A. in Intercultural Studies program aims for the following outcomes:

- Develop a worldview that is comprehensively Kingdom-oriented, everything fitting within the sovereign reign of God, everything fitting to His direction, His undertaking, resourcing, enabling; in fact, everything flowing from Him and to Him for His glory. This gives a clear framework for all work, ministry and for training others for mission.
- Develop an understanding of the transformation power of the Gospel in individual lives (conversion, sanctification, relationships with others, etc.) and in society (the impact of transformed people and church on culture and society).
- Provide an understanding of the major movements of the Spirit of God in mission from the early church to the present time, how these came about, and how they have impacted mission conceptualization and praxis.
- Provide a practical (applied) understanding of culture and of issues of ministry in the inter-cultural context.
- Help the student think dynamically about the church and how it is planted, grows, and functions viably within another cultural context.
- Help the student understand approaches to, models of, and issues in contextualization.
- Enhance the student's ability to understand and be effective in cross-cultural communication.
- Develop knowledge and skills for leadership in the cross-cultural ministry setting.