

MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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 transcripts must be sent from each institution.
- Official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score.
- Three references from people who know your academic, communication, and leadership abilities; one must be from a former professor. A copy of the reference form is attached to the application.
- Completed Certificate of Immunization. The certificate is attached to the application.
- A 9–11 page writing sample submitted to the Director of the M.A.I.S.
- A 2–3 page Statement of Purpose, outlining the anticipated research and vocational goals you anticipate 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
- “Certificate of Physical Examination.”
- Official TOEFL score of 83 or higher.

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 (uir)12.5 (e cr)ss 5 TJos8 (atu7299een-US)/MC85 (e pr)14.5 at'PQ

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:

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

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