MA Christian Formation: Intercultural Ministries Specialization

The Intercultural Ministries specialization is for students who would like to work in a multicultural setting or help lead a missions program at their local church. The classes will help students develop a philosophy and practice of mission that is informed by biblical, theological and cultural perspectives. Students will discuss the history of such work and the contemporary demonstrations of how the church is engaged with global mission.

MIN-567 Missional Church: Church and Culture — Past and Present 3 credits

This course is designed to provide a historical overview of the church’s engagement with culture including and leading up to the recent cultural shift from modernity to postmodernity. As well as a historical perspective on the church and culture, the centerpiece of the course is a close-up look at the emerging cultural shifts and their influence on how the church should live out her mission.

MIN-660 Cultural Intelligence: Multicultural Understanding 3 credits

This course is designed to give leaders an introductory grasp of cultural intelligence, a person’s ability to adapt successfully to different national, organizational, and professional cultures. Literature from the fields of anthropology and sociology are used as well as studying cultural engagement in light of the biblical narrative, as a way to develop missional communities of incarnational ministry.

MIN-667 Urban and Local Development: Exegeting our own Communities 3 credits

This course studies the brokenness in our own neighborhoods and explores practical ways for the church to embody the gospel in response to social inequities like racism, inequitable distribution of wealth, illiteracy, abuse, etc. It considers the literature of urban transformation and the use of measures like casework, education, microlending/microenterprise development, etc.