



BA IN HUMANITIES MISSIONS CONCENTRATION INTRODUCTION



“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28: 19-20 NIV)



Earn a degree *while* you change the world. Most people see education as an interruption to ministry. That’s not the way that we think here at the College at Southwestern. Take our brand new program and earn a B.A. in Humanities with a concentration in Missions. In our classrooms, you will be challenged to learn the foundations of western civilization by reading the works that shaped our world. The unique seminar format allows you to discuss the works of Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, and Aquinas with your classmates. Imagine discussing the worldview of Erasmus, Luther, C. S. Lewis, and Jacques Derrida. But more than that, this missions concentration will put you into a partnership with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. In the spring of your junior year, having prepared yourself intellectually at our campus, you will spend months in the field with an IMB missionary, sharing your faith and learning the language of your people group. Upon completion of your undergraduate program you can move right into a Master’s of Divinity degree in International Church Planting. Southwestern even offers the option of a “Jump Start” version of the MDivICP that allows you to do the field portion of your degree immediately upon completion of your B.A. in Humanities with a concentration in Missions. So, you can earn a degree *while* you change the world!

About the Missions Concentration:

Basic Qualifications:

The College at Southwestern is partnering with the IMB's Hands-On Project to send junior and senior college students between the ages of 18 and 29 on semester-long missions' projects as part of their degree. Projects are open to single and married students (without children and who are not pregnant). In the case of married students, one spouse must be a full-time student enrolled in the BAH Missions Concentration degree at Southwestern and the other spouse must be approved by the IMB for the couple to serve. Married students must also recognize that insurance provided for Hands-On participants does not cover pregnancy should the wife become pregnant during the international semester.

Deployment:

After completing your first five or six semesters on campus, you will be deployed to one of the least-reached regions on earth to minister under the leadership of an experienced veteran missionary.

You will serve on a small team with other Hands-On participants as one part of a longer-term strategy to engage an unreached people group.

Following extensive field-orientation with other students working in the same region, you may be assigned to activities such as personal evangelism, mercy ministries, Scripture distribution, demographic research, or any number of tasks that advance the church planting strategy among your target group.

Cost:

The total cost that you will pay for the field-based practicum experience (not including your regular tuition which must be paid in order to get academic credit) will be approximately \$2500 per person, plus the cost of immunizations. The actual cost would be closer to \$8,000 but the IMB has agreed to cover the difference. So for a little more than \$2500 you get a Hands-On mission experience for an entire semester-including your airfare, travel visa, travel insurance, modest housing, food, and local transportation! Once you have enrolled in the program you will receive coaching and guidance to help raise the funds for the portion that you're responsible to pay.

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Degree Concentration and Course Descriptions: Missions

A student may obtain a concentration by using elective concentration hours to complete the requirements described below.

Students pursuing the BA in Humanities, Missions Concentration will not be required to fulfill the MIS 3201 (One-hour credit) and EVA 2201 (One-hour credit), hence, the total hours for the BA in Humanities, Missions Concentration will be 127 hours.

Missions Course Descriptions

Missions Course Descriptions	Course Number	Hours
<p>Introduction To Missions¹</p> <p>An introductory overview of the biblical, historical, and theological bases for Christian missions. A major portion of the class will consist of a preparatory component (ability to explain the nature of cultures; describe and interpret the relationship between culture and behavior; identify and apply the principals of cross-cultural communication; envision contextualized worship). Students will also gain understanding about the IMB application process; language learning; culture stress; interpersonal relationships; and evangelism.</p>	MIS 2013	3
<p>Missions Practicum²</p> <p>Field-based cross-cultural missionary work whereby the student spends 13 weeks of mentored study with the veteran missionaries responsible for the project's target people. The student will conduct interviews and keep a journal. A report of mission strategies and vision for the project's targeted people must be prepared.</p>	MIS 3316	6
<p>Linguistics Practicum³</p> <p>Field-based language study as assigned by the IMB. This course is Pass/Fail. The student's supervisor will report on how well the student engaged language study and understanding.</p>	MIS 3323	3
<p>Evangelism Practicum⁴</p> <p>Field-based cross-cultural missionary work whereby the student spends 13 weeks engaging the project's target people in order to share the gospel. The student will conduct interviews with the targeted people group and keep a journal of responses, decisions made, and reactions to the gospel.</p>	EVA 3313	3
Total		15

¹Only course offered in Fort Worth and a prerequisite for all the other courses.

²Offered on the field.

³Offered on the field.

⁴Offered on the field.



Suggested Study Plan: Missions Concentration

1st Year

Fall Semester (16 Hours)

Courses and Course Numbers

Spring Semester (16 Hours)

Course Number

HIS 1103 Early Western Civilization	HIS 1203 Church and Empires
IDE 1103 Early Western Civilization Seminar ⁵	IDE 1203 Church and Empires Seminar
BIB 1103 Old Testament Survey	BIB 1203 Focused Study in Old Testament
GRK 1103 Greek/LTN 1103 Latin ⁶	GRK 1203 Greek/LTN 1203 Latin
REA 1103 Reasoning	INT 1203 Interpretation
REA 1100 Reasoning Lab ⁷	INT 1200 Interpretation Lab ⁸
PED 1101 Physical Education I	PED 1101 Physical Education II
ENG 0103 Basic English ⁹	ENG 0103 Basic English
CHP 1000 Chapel ¹⁰	CHP 1000 Chapel

2nd Year

Fall Semester (16 Hours)

Spring Semester (16 Hours)

HIS 2103 World Religions	HIS 2203 Renaissance and Reformation
IDE 2103 World Religions Seminar	IDE 2203 Renaissance and Reformation Seminar
BIB 2103 New Testament Survey	HIS 2213 Baptist History and Heritage
GRK 2103 Greek/LTN 2103 Latin	BIB 2203 Focused Study in New Testament
PED 1101 Physical Education III	GRK 2203 Greek/LTN 2203 Latin
MIS 2013 Introduction to Missions ¹¹	PED 1101 Physical Education IV
CHP 1000 Chapel	CHP 1000 Chapel

Summer Semester (9 Hours)

	HIS 3203 The 19 th Century
	IDE 3203 The 19 th Century Seminar
	THE 3203 Focused Study on Theological Issues
	CHP 1000 Chapel

3rd Year

Fall Semester (12 Hours)

Spring Semester (12 Hours)

HIS 3103 Enlightenment	MIS 3316 Missions Practicum (6 credit hours) ON THE FIELD
IDE 3103 Enlightenment Seminar	MIS 3323 Linguistics Practicum ON THE FIELD
FNA 3103 Fine Arts Perspectives on Life	EVA 3313 Evangelism Practicum ON THE FIELD
THE 3103 Theology I Survey	
CHP 1000 Chapel	

4th Year

Fall Semester (15 Hours)

Spring Semester (15 Hours)

HIS 4103 The Early 20 th Century	HIS 4203 Late 20 th Century to the Present
IDE 4103 The Early 20 th Century Seminar	IDE 4203 Late 20 th Century to the Present Seminar
SOS 4103 Introduction to Social Science	NAS 4203 Natural Science
THE 4103 Theology II Survey	THE 4203 Focused Study on Theological Issues
Free Elective (3)	Free Elective (3)

Total Hours:

127

⁵IDE seminars have prerequisites where you MUST TAKE THEM IN ORDER.

⁶Students must have two years of either Greek OR Latin and cannot mix languages.

⁷Reasoning Lab is required as a course that MUST be taken with the Reasoning class.

⁸Interpretation Lab is required as a course that MUST be taken with the Interpretation class.

⁹Basic English is required for those students scoring below 18 on the ACT and 450 on the SAT.

¹⁰See Chapel Requirements Page 19- STUDENTS MUST REGISTER FOR CHAPEL IN ORDER TO RECEIVE CREDIT

¹¹This is a prerequisite for all other missions courses.