

# INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

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Intercultural Studies focus on the study of cultures in contact, i.e. the dynamic processes generated by interactions between cultures at various levels, from individual interrelations to interactions between individuals within a group and group interrelations within and with the rest of society. More specifically, Intercultural Studies look at an array of psychological, cultural, institutional, and social processes, changes, and transformations resulting from interactions and interrelations between cultures.

Intrinsically interdisciplinary, the new Intercultural Studies degree program at Saint Mary's University is, at its core, based on language study and acquisition as a means of immersing oneself in and understanding culture. From a practical perspective, Intercultural Studies provide the theoretical knowledge to develop efficient strategies for successful interactions with colleagues, customers, clients, students, and acquaintances from different sociocultural backgrounds – regionally, nationally, and globally.

The program is based on a balanced approach where students will develop language and cultural proficiency in two language areas other than their first language as well as theoretical knowledge related to culture and communication.

## Programs

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) is a well-established, foundational degree and requires the requirements listed below alongside general graduation requirements (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/faculties/faculty-arts/bachelor-arts/>).

## Major in Intercultural Studies

To major in Intercultural Studies, students must complete forty-five (45) credit hours, including the following:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ICST 1000	Intercultural Communication	3
ICST 2000	Identities and Subjectivities in the Colonial and Postcolonial Era	3
Select 24 credit hours in Language and culture courses with advanced proficiency in one language and intermediate proficiency in another language other than the first language		24
ICST 4000	Applied Intercultural Studies	3
PSYC 2530	Cross-Cultural Psychology (formerly PSYC 3430) (Group B)	3
Select nine credit hours from the list of the Recommended Course Requirements <sup>1</sup>		9
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>45</b>

<sup>1</sup> With three (3) credit hours in three of the four themes proposed at the 2000 level or above. The list of recommended courses is given below.

## Minor in Intercultural Studies

A minor consists of at least twenty-four (24) credit hours, including the following:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ICST 1000	Intercultural Communication	3
ICST 2000	Identities and Subjectivities in the Colonial and Postcolonial Era	3
ICST 4000	Applied Intercultural Studies	3
PSYC 2530	Cross-Cultural Psychology (formerly PSYC 3430) (Group B)	3
Select 12 credit hours in language and culture courses with intermediate proficiency in a language other than the student's mother tongue, at least one of which must be a culture course at 2000 level or above		12
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>24</b>

## Language and Culture Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Chinese Language Courses</b>		
CHNS 1101	Introductory Modern Chinese I	3
CHNS 1102	Introductory Modern Chinese II	3
CHNS 2200	Intermediate Modern Chinese	6
CHNS 3300	Advanced Oral and Written Chinese I	3
CHNS 3301	Advanced Oral and Written Chinese II	3
<b>Chinese and Asian Culture Courses</b>		
ASNT 1105	Introduction to Chinese Culture	3
ASNT 1107	Introduction to Korean Culture	3
ASNT 3300	Multidisciplinary Study Asia	3
ASNT 4400	Seminar in Asian Studies	3
ASNT 3826-3849	Selected Topics in Asian Studies (depends on the class and can be taken for ICST credit with permission of Departmental Chairperson)	
<b>French Language Courses</b>		
FREN 1111	Beginners' French Level I	3
FREN 1112	Beginners' French Level II	3
FREN 2201	Basic University French Level I	3
FREN 2202	Basic University French Level II	3
FREN 2235	Intermediate French Level I	3
FREN 2236	Intermediate French Level II	3
FREN 3307	Advanced French Language Skills I	3
FREN 3308	Advanced French Language Skills II	3
FREN 3320	French Phonetics	3
FREN 3335	French for Business	3
FREN 4400	French Speech Strategies: Perfecting Oral Skills	3
<b>French Culture Courses</b>		
FREN 2200	Oral Traditions in the Francophone World	3
FREN 2260	Francophone Cultures Through Film	3
FREN 2300	French Film Comedy	3
FREN 3310	Introduction to French Culture	3
FREN 3312	Introduction to Quebec Culture	3
FREN 3350	Introduction to Literature Written in French, I	3

FREN 3351	Introduction to Literature Written in French, II	3	SPAN 3307	Advanced Spanish Conversation Through Film	3
FREN 4410	Songs in French	3	SPAN 3309	Intro to Spanish Translation	3
FREN 4418	Realism and Naturalism	3	<b>Spanish Culture Courses</b>		
FREN 4433	Francophone Women	3	SPAN 3310		3
FREN 4451	Quebecois Literature I	3	SPAN 3312	Introduction to Latin American Literature	3
FREN 4452	Quebecois Literature II	3	SPAN 3313	Contemporary Latin American Literatures	3
FREN 4460	20th Century French Literature	3	SPAN 3314	Development and Dystopias in Latin America	3
FREN 4463	French & Francophone Cinemas	3	SPAN 3320	Latin American Travel Literature	3
<b>German Language Courses</b>			SPAN 3330	Diablos and Fiestas in Latin America	3
GRMN 2203	German for Beginners I (formerly GRMN 1101)	3	SPAN 3440	Latin America Through Film	3
GRMN 2204	German for Beginners II (formerly GRMN 1102)	3	HIST 2250	Soccer. A History of Brazil	3
GRMN 3211	Intermediate German I (formerly GRMN 2201)	3	HIST 2251	Pop Culture in Latin America	3
GRMN 3212	Intermediate German II (formerly GRMN 2202)	3	HIST 4530	Forced and Free Migration in Latin America	3
<b>German Culture Courses</b>			<b>Classical Language Courses (Ancient Greek and Latin)</b>		
GRMN 2205	Myth, Magic & Modernity in Germany (formerly GRMN 3301)	3	GREK 1100	Introduction to Ancient Greek	6
GRMN 3302	Gender & Sexuality in German Literatures	3	GREK 2200	Intermediate Ancient Greek	6
GRMN 3303	Conflict & Reconciliation in German Culture	3	LATN 1100	Introduction to Latin	6
<b>Irish and Scottish Gaelic Language Courses</b>			LATN 2202	Intermediate Latin I	3
IRST 1201	Introduction to Modern Irish	3	LATN 2203	Intermediate Latin II	3
IRST 1202	Modern Irish Language	3	<b>Ancient Studies Culture Courses</b>		
IRST 1203	Scottish Gaelic - Introductory I	3	ANCS 1001	Ancient Civilizations of the Near East and Egypt (formerly CLAS 1001)	3
IRST 1204	Scottish Gaelic - Introductory II	3	ANCS 1002	The Ancient Civilizations of Greece and Rome (formerly CLAS 1002)	3
IRST 2325	Intermediate Irish I	3	ANCS 1003	Material Culture from Prehistory to the Middle Ages (formerly CLAS 1003)	3
IRST 2326	Intermediate Irish II	3	ANCS 2451	Greek History I: From Minos to the Medes (formerly CLAS 2451)	3
IRST 2327	Scottish Gaelic-Intermediate I	3	ANCS 2452	Greek History II: The Golden Age of Greece (formerly CLAS 2452)	3
IRST 2328	Scottish Gaelic - Intermediate II	3	ANCS 2453	Republic and Revolution: Roman History I (formerly CLAS 2453)	3
<b>Irish Culture Courses</b>			ANCS 2454	Bloody Caesars: Roman History II (formerly CLAS 2454)	3
IRST 1215	Ireland: An Introduction	3	ANCS 2455	Ancient Empires (formerly CLAS 2455)	3
IRST 1216	Ireland: Culture and Society	3	ANCS 2500	War and Society in the Ancient Mediterranean (formerly CLAS 2500)	3
IRST 2350	Irish Musical Tradition	3	ANCS 3310	Ancient Literature (formerly CLAS 3310)	3
IRST 3325	The Irish and Atlantic Canada	3	ANCS 3352	Women and Family in Ancient Greece (formerly CLAS 3352)	6
IRST 3333	Ireland in Film	3	ANCS 3409	On the Edge of Empire: Roman Britain and the Western Provinces (formerly CLAS 3409)	3
IRST 3460	Issues in Modern Irish History	3	ANCS 3420	International Relations Eastern Mediterranean Style (formerly CLAS 3420)	3
IRST 3787	Ireland in an Age of Globalization	3	<b>Intercultural Studies Required Core Courses</b>		
IRST 4451	Gender and Irish Drama	3	<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
IRST 4566	Irish Migration	3	ICST 1000	Intercultural Communication	3
<b>Japanese Language Courses</b>			ICST 2000	Identities and Subjectivities in the Colonial and Postcolonial Era	3
JPNS 1100	Introductory Japanese	6	ICST 4000	Applied Intercultural Studies	3
JPNS 2200	Intermediate Japanese	6			
JPNS 3300	Advanced Oral and Written Japanese I	3			
JPNS 3301	Advanced Oral and Written Japanese II	3			
<b>Japanese Culture Courses</b>					
ASNT/JPNS 1106	Introduction to Japanese Culture	3			
ASNT 3849	Selected Topics: Japanese Aesthetics	3			
<b>Spanish Language Courses</b>					
SPAN 1100	Introduction to the Spanish Language	6			
SPAN 2204	Intermediate Spanish I	3			
SPAN 2205	Intermediate Spanish II	3			
SPAN 2206	Intermediate Spanish Communication Skills	3			
SPAN 3303	Advanced Oral and Written Spanish I	3			
SPAN 3306	Advanced Oral and Written Spanish II	3			

## Intercultural Studies Recommended Course Requirement

Students are required to take:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PSYC 2530	Cross-Cultural Psychology (formerly PSYC 3430) (Group B)	3

Select three credit hours at the 2000 level or above in 3 of the 4 themes (3 credit hours in each of the three themes) presented below

### Theme 1: Contemporary Issues in Intercultural Studies

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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#### 2000-level courses

PHIL 2312	Contemporary Political Philosophy	3
GDST 2301	Global Development: History & Perspectives	3
GDST 2302	Global Development: Policies and Issues	3

#### 3000-level courses

POLI 3321	International Organizations	3
POLI 3384	International Relations II: Ideas, Identities, Borders (formerly POLI 2384)	3
RELS 3100	Religion and Development	3
SJCS 3408	Urban Social Justice	3
PSYC 3200	Industrial & Organizational Psychology (formerly PSYC 3327) (Group B)	3
GEOG 3351	Demography and Migration (Group A)	3
MGMT 3480	Business Ethics & Responsibility	3
MKTG 3375	International Marketing	3
ECON 3365	International Economic issues	3

#### 4000-level courses

GEOG 4449	Tourist Geographies (Group A)	3
PHIL 4525	International Justice	3
GDST 4470	Environment and Development	3
MGMT 4488	International Business Management	3

### Theme 2: Communities and Identities: Privileges and Underprivileged Groups

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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#### 2000-level courses

ANTH 2301	Anthropology of Childhood	3
ANTH 2302	Nature of Culture	3
GEOG 2349	Cultural Geography (Group A)	3
PHIL 2385	Philosophical Issues in Feminism	3
PSYC 2120	Biological Origins of Behaviour (formerly PSYC 3307) (Group A)	3
PSYC 2410	Child Development (formerly PSYC 3329) (Group B)	3
PSYC 2420	Adolescent Development (formerly PSYC 3332) (Group B)	3
PSYC 2550	The Psychology of Gender (formerly PSYC 3348) (Group B)	3

#### 3000-level courses

ACST 3321	African Nova Scotian Culture	3
ANTH 3303	Sex, Gender and Society	3

PSYC 3510	Group Dynamics and Intergroup Relations (formerly PSYC 3317) (Group B)	3
GEOG 3311	Rural Geography (Group A)	3
RELS 3354	Indigenous Life and Social Justice	3
SOCI 3000	Social Inequality	3
SOCI 3387	Women and Development	3
SOCI 3431	Women, Migration and Identity	3

#### 4000-level courses

POLI 4449	Public Policy Challenges: Gender, Race and Class	3
POLI 4451	Gender and International Relations	3
SOCI 4382	Gender and International Migration	3
GEOG 4431	Community and Regional Development (Group A)	3
GEOG 4432	Social Geography of the City (Group A)	3

### Theme 3: Historical Perspectives on Cultural Representations

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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#### 2000-level courses

HIST 2403	History of Canadian Culture(s)	3
PHIL 2330	Philosophy of Religion	3
SJCS 2220	Race, Racism, Colonialism	3

#### 3000-level courses

HIST 3100	History of Gender, Feminism and Sexuality in Canada	3
HIST 3201	The Trouble with Normal	3
HIST 3352	Race and Racism in the United States	3
HIST 2441	Race and Racism in Brazil	3
HIST 3475	Histories of Indigenous and Settler Relations	3
ANTH 3376	Archaeology of Death	3
ANTH 3572	Archaeology of Empire	3

#### 4000-level courses

GEOG 4412	Urban History and Preservation (Group A)	3
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### Theme 4: Language and Power

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#### 2000-level courses

ANTH 2392	Linguistic Anthropology	3
ENGL 2326	Language and Gender	3

#### 3000-level courses

CRIM 3546	Crime and the Media	3
ANTH 3396	Language Use and Issues in Canada	3
PHIL 3405	Ethics of Belief	3

#### 4000-level courses

SJCS 4432	Gender and Law	3
ANTH/LING 4491	Language and Culture	3
ANTH/LING 4492	Ethnography of Communication	3
ENGL 4427	Language, Gender, and Power	3
ENGL 4494	Approaches to Discourse Analysis	3