

Interarea Studies

Interarea courses are general in scope and exist apart from any single department. For additional course offerings, refer to the **Academic Enrichment Center and Student Development**.

Interarea Courses

IAS 110 4 hours Foundations of the Christian Liberal Arts

An introduction to the liberal arts and the integration of faith and learning, the foundational core, improved learning, and the transition to college. In addition to large group lectures, the course includes small group discussion sessions. The discussion sessions further develop the themes for the course. The primary thrust is to use the central concept of human flourishing to begin thinking about a life worth living and the role of the liberal arts in connecting our faith to everything we think and do. *Required of all students. Meets foundational core requirement. Offered fall semester.*

IAS 111H 2 hours God, Humanity, and Knowledge

An interdisciplinary introduction to the liberal arts and the integration of faith and learning. Through lectures, readings, films, and discussion, the course intentionally seeks to challenge students to be more confident in the development of a meaningful belief system. *For students enrolled in CRAM; fulfills IAS 110 requirement. Meets foundational core requirement. Offered summers only.*

IAS 120 1 hour Introduction to International Ministry

To prepare for Lighthouse projects, students study the concept of culture, American cultural distinctives, and the cultural, religious and historical characteristics of Lighthouse host nations. Students examine the components of effective intercultural ministry and communicating faith in Christ cross-culturally. Attention is given to personal character, spiritual life, commitment and teamwork essential for effective service. *Offered fall semester. Grade only.*

IAS 125 1 hour Short-Term Missions Engagement

This course is designed to prepare students for and involve them in a spring break ministry experience within the framework of service-learning. Students will receive training specific to the ministry in which they will participate, experience a pre-trip local service experience with their team, participate in an 8-10 day spring break missions project, and reflect upon what they are learning throughout the course. Through participation in this course, students should have a greater understanding of an involvement in the Christian call to service. Concepts related to a life of service will be addressed including evangelism, cultural awareness, team dynamics, meaningful service, reflection, debriefing, and stewardship. *Offered spring semester.*

IAS 170 1-4 hours Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

IAS 230 1 hour Issues in Science and Religion

An interdisciplinary examination of key issues underlying the relationship of science and Christianity, focusing on issues concerning creation, the fall, the flood, and the world in which we live today. The course will be a focus on general scientific concepts and theological principles involved in the integration of faith and learning. *Fulfills elective credit toward the 128-hour degree requirement or one elective credit in either physics or religion. Counts toward foundational core science credits.*

IAS 231H 2 hours Issues in Science and Religion

A more in depth interdisciplinary examination of key issues underlying the relationship of science and Christianity, focusing on issues concerning creation, the fall, the flood, and the world in which we live today. The course will be a focus on general scientific concepts and theological principles involved in the integration of faith and learning. Students will pursue research into a particular issue within this area, as well as more in depth study groups. *Fulfills elective credit toward the 128-hour degree requirement and one elective credit in both physics and religion. Counts toward foundational core science credits.*

IAS 270 1-4 hours Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

IAS 310 3 hours Philanthropy and Grant-Writing

This course examines the role that grant-making foundations and individuals have played in supporting activities designed to affect social change and public policies, and the significance of that work on local and international communities. Patterns of giving, understanding philanthropy, structural and organizational issues, outlining and writing proposals, as well as programmatic opportunities and constraints are examined.

IAS 320 3 hours Cross-Cultural Outreach

Through this Lighthouse service-learning experience, students are immersed in another culture and provide needed service to gain cross-cultural understanding, interpersonal and skill development and spiritual growth. Emphasis is given to reflection on God's global purposes, intercultural relationships and life stewardship. *Prerequisite: IAS 120 or permission of instructor. Meets foundational core cross-cultural requirement. Offered January interterm.*

IAS 340 1-2 hours Lewis and Related Authors Seminar

A seminar offered by the Center for the Study of C. S. Lewis and Friends focusing on the works of authors represented in the Edwin W. Brown Collection: C. S. Lewis, George MacDonald, Dorothy Sayers, Charles Williams, and Owen Barfield as well as related authors. An interdisciplinary course which seeks to encourage scholarship and critical thinking. Specific topics vary from semester to semester. *Available for honors credit. May be repeated three times for credit. Open to all students.*

IAS 370 1-4 hours Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

IAS 373 1 hour Conversations on Race

This course is designed to help students explore the topic of race through readings, discussions, media presentations, and reflection on personal and field experiences. It will guide students in a meaningful thought process and dialogue that will allow them to consider their own racial identity, the meaning of race in interpersonal relationships on this campus and in society, as well as the important connection between Christian faith and race in the church and American society. An emphasis will be placed upon creating a safe environment where questions and dissent will be respected and welcomed, resulting in learning for all involved.

IAS 495 1 hour Senior Seminar

Senior Seminar is an integrative, interdisciplinary foundational core requirement. Students will register for it during either the fall or spring semester of their senior year. *Meets foundational core requirement.*