

MI25 Cross Cultural Immersion

Course Authorization



Cross-cultural immersion courses are offered every year and involve four components. First, students attend orientation classes to prepare for the experience. These classes will cover both the Christian mind set of cross-cultural ministry and issues of the local cultural context. In addition, this preparation will involve reading about the culture, Christianity, and history of the region. Secondly, students travel to a different culture where they work and study (in most cases) under Christian leadership. Thirdly, students are required to do a research paper on an approved topic related to the church in the local cultural context. Finally, upon return, students attend two debriefing classes in which they will discuss from various perspectives (theologically, missiologically, biblically) how they can better understand the church in this particular context. Independent cross cultural study courses can also be organized for students who make arrangements and are approved before their cross cultural experience. All Cross-Cultural Immersion courses are 3 credit courses that receive a letter grade. This form must be completed and submitted to the Registrar prior to leaving for a mission trip.

OBJECTIVES: Students will:

1. Be immersed in a culture different from their own and begin to build relationships in that culture.
2. Identify some barriers between cultures and begin to develop skills in crossing those barriers.
3. Reflect upon the differences of culture to gain insights form ministry and personal spiritual growth.
4. Learn to ask how God is as work in another part of the world.
5. Take steps toward becoming "World Christians."

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Attendance at three two-hour classes for orientation.
2. Attendance at two three-hour classes for debriefing.
3. Full participation in the eight-day immersion experience and submission of a journal reflecting on issues discussed in orientation.
4. Completion of readings.
5. Completion of a 15-20 page paper. The topic to be approved by Dr. Sunquist.

Student Name: _____

Course Number: MI 25 **Title:** Cross Cultural Immersion

Mission Trip Country: _____

Spring Break Trip: _____

Summer Trip _____

Grading Professor: _____

Student Signature: _____

Professor Signature: _____