

Interarea Studies

Interarea Courses

Interarea courses are general in scope and exist apart from any single academic area. *For additional course offerings, refer to the **Academic Enrichment Center** and **Student Development** sections of this catalog.*

IAS 102 1 hour

Orientation to Distance Learning

This course is an introduction to Brightspace, TU Online history and staff, and University policies that pertain to the distance learner. An overview of learning styles and time management strategies make up the content of the course which is supplemented by John Stott's *Your Mind Matters*. Students will use Brightspace communication tools to complete assignments. *This course is offered through Taylor University Online (TUO).*

IAS 110 4 hours

Foundations of the Christian Liberal Arts

This course is an introduction to the liberal arts, the integration of faith and learning, the foundational core, improved learning, and the transition to college. Through large group lectures and small group discussion sessions, the themes of right relationship with God, self, others, and the world are developed. *Required of all students. Meets foundational core requirement. Offered Fall semester.*

IAS 111 3 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 two-week pre-college summer program. Meets foundational core requirement for IAS 110. Offered Summer term.*

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. *Counts as one elective credit in either physics or religion and 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. *Counts as elective credit in both physics and religion and 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 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. *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 403 4 hours

A Christian Worldview

A foundational course designed to introduce students to a Christian worldview. Attention is given to the definition, function, formation, and evaluation of worldview. The course then explores significant biblical and theological perspectives on the ultimate issues of life, including God's purposes for humans, the reality of sin, God's redemption of humanity, and the ultimate realization of glory. Students will also learn how the church historically has faced these issues and how these issues have shaped the church. *This course is offered through Taylor University Online (TUO).*

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.*