

# Master of Arts with Major in World Arts (MA-WA)

Master of Arts degree with a major in World Arts and concentrations in Applied Arts, Arts and Islam, Arts and Scripture Engagement, and Linguistics

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## Purpose

This degree prepares students to work cross-culturally alongside singers, musicians, actors, dancers, storytellers, and visual artists, researching the arts of their community. Using these insights, student spark artistic creations with artists to respond to their community's needs in trauma healing, community development, revitalization and documentation of language and arts, justice, literacy, Bible translation, spiritual formation, worship expressions, and other areas, depending on the application courses chosen by the student.

## Program Learning Outcomes

MA with a major in World Arts graduates will be able to:

1. Use appropriate research methodologies and anthropological approaches when collecting and analyzing primary ethnographic data concerning the arts.
2. Analyze formal characteristics of artistic genres.
3. Serve with communities and organizations, sparking the creation of new artistic works in local styles in order to meet their spiritual, physical, and societal goals.
4. Provide training and consulting for local partners in the basic concepts and theory of World Arts.

## Prerequisites

Prior to admission to the degree, students are required to demonstrate competency in at least one artistic domain (music, drama, dance, visual arts, etc.), but an undergraduate arts degree is not required.

**AA4370 Cultural Anthropology** (or equivalent) is a prerequisite for several core courses in the World Arts program. AA4370 is offered every term at DIU and online during the summers. Incoming World Arts students will be advised to take this course early in their studies if they do not already have a comparable equivalent.

## Core Courses

### **Degree Core Courses (15 hours)**

WA5339 Research Methods for World Arts

WA5384 Expressive Form Analysis

WA5382 Applied Arts

WA5381-IN Arts for a Better Future

WA5386 Directed Practicum in World Arts

## Concentrations

The MA with a major in World Arts offers students four options for a concentration. Each concentration has its own requirements, including a required number of Application courses. These are the pre-approved Application courses, although a student may arrange for other DIU courses to fill this category in consultation with the student's advisor:

WA5380-IN Theory and Practice of Ethnodoxology (intensive)

WA5383-IN Arts and Trauma Healing (intensive)

WA5350-IN Conference Course in World Arts

WA5399 Special Project Independent Study

AA5387 Training Across Cultures

AL5303 Foundations of Translation

AL5308 Oral Bible Translation

AL5316 Theory and Practice of Translation

AL5317 Language Documentation

AC5316 Dynamics of Contextualization

AL5329 Readings: Hebrew Poetry

AA5333 Principles of Literacy

AA5353 Language Development and Planning

AA5343 Principles of Multilingual Education

AA5355 Scripture Engagement Strategy and Methods

AA5362 Language Survey Methods

AA5373 Religion and Worldview

AA5374 Christianity Across Cultures

## **Applied Arts Concentration**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Degree Core Courses	See list of Core Courses	<b>15</b>
<b>Two</b> from among these <b>Arts Analysis</b> options	AA5357 Oral Tradition and Literature AL5312 Discourse Analysis WA5389 Advanced Form Analysis	<b>6</b>
<b>Two</b> from among the list of <b>Application</b> courses	See list above	<b>6</b>
<b>Applied Arts Concentration</b> - <b>Thesis Option:</b>	Thesis (6 hours)	<b>9</b>
	Elective (3 hours)	
(or) - <b>Non-thesis option:</b> (Comprehensive Exam)	Electives (9 hours)	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36</b>

## Arts & Islam\* Concentration

Category	Courses	Hours
Degree Core Courses	See list of Core Courses	15
<b>Two</b> from among these <b>Arts Analysis</b> options	AA5357 Oral Tradition and Literature AL5312 Discourse Analysis WA5389 Advanced Form Analysis	6
<b>One</b> of the Application options	See list above	3
Concentration in <b>Arts and Islam</b>	AC5310 Core Components of Islam AC5316-SL Dynamics of Contextualization Electives from Abrahamic Studies (6 hours)	12
Thesis* or Comprehensive Exam		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36</b>

*\*Note: For concentrations in Arts and Islam, students intending to do a thesis option may need to take more than 36 hours to complete the degree. Otherwise, a comprehensive exam can be taken to complete the requirements to graduate.*

## Arts and Scripture Engagement\* Concentration

Category	Course	Hours
Degree Core Courses	See list of Core Courses	15
<b>Two</b> from among these <b>Arts Analysis</b> options	AA5357 Oral Tradition and Literature AL5312 Discourse Analysis WA5389 Advanced Form Analysis	6
<b>One</b> of the Application options	See list above	3
Concentration in <b>Arts and Scripture Engagement</b>	AA5355 Scripture Engagement Strategy and Methods AA5356-OL Current Issues in Scripture Engagement AA5392-OL Scripture Engagement Practicum	9
	Choose <b>one</b> :* WA5383-IN Arts & Trauma Healing (intensive) AA5373 Religion & Worldview AA5374 Christianity Across Cultures  <b>*These Three courses may also serve as application options.</b>	3
Thesis* or Comprehensive Exam		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36</b>

*\*Note: For concentrations in Arts and Scripture Engagement, students wishing to do a thesis option may need to take more than 36 hours to complete the degree. Otherwise, a comprehensive exam can be taken to complete the requirements to graduate.*

## Linguistics\* Concentration

Category	Course	Hours
Degree Core Courses (15 hours)	See list of Core Courses	15
Linguistics Concentration	AL5406 Field Methods AL5207 Field Data Management AL5312 Discourse Analysis AL5315 Semantics & Pragmatics	12
<b>One</b> of these Application options (or other option approved by advisor)	AL5316 Theory and Practice of Translation AA5355 Scripture Engagement Strategy and Methods AA5357 Oral Tradition and Literature AA5333 Principles of Literacy	3
Thesis Option	Thesis (6 hours)	6
Non-thesis (Comprehensive Exam)	Electives (6 hours)	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36</b>

*\*Linguistics prerequisites are 13 ush.*

Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) and DIU have a cooperative agreement that permits DTS students to earn academic credit toward their degree at DTS by participating in the following courses offered by DIU: WA5381-IN Arts for a Better Future and WA5380-IN Introduction to Ethnodoxology. Students register for these courses through DTS.

