

**MASTER OF ARTS IN CROSS-CULTURAL STUDIES**

2017-2018 Graduate Degree Plan

The interdisciplinary graduate program Cross-Cultural Studies leads to the Master of Arts (MA) degree. The program prepares students for careers in cross-cultural institutional environments with corporate, religious, legal, educational, grass-roots community and non-profit organizations, in international non-governmental settings, or for doctoral studies. A unique feature of the program is the focus on conflict resolution and mediation skills, in addition to development of a comprehensive understanding of cultural diversity. Students select courses from a variety of disciplines that focus on how diversity based on race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexuality, and other factors structure difference and inequality.

Students can elect foundation courses that focus on human rights, health, gender, or religion and culture. Other options include exploration of area studies (overviews of cultures in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East) or topics such as refugees and immigration, health disparities, and urban studies, among others. The program faculty are actively engaged in applied research and community organizations within and beyond Houston.

**Core Degree Requirements (9 hours):**

CRCL 5031/ANTH 5031	Theories of Cultural Diversity
CRCL 5037/SOCI 5037	Theories and Practices of Meditation
CRCL 5631	Cross-Cultural Methods

**Area Studies (3 hours):**

(Area courses address cultural and historic aspects of populations in a specific geographic region as well as immigrants and refugees living in Houston and the U.S.)

CRCL 5232/ANTH 5333	Cultures of Mexico and Central America
CRCL 5534	Native Americans
CRCL 5535/ANTH 5535	Cultures of Asia
CRCL 5537/ANTH 5537	Topics in African Studies
CRCL 5538/ANTH 5538	Cultures of the Middle East

**Foundation Requirements (9 hours):**

CRCL 5033/SOCI 5033	Religion and Community
CRCL 5035/ANTH 5035	Human Rights and Social Justice
CRCL 513/ANTH 5131	Gender, Culture and Power
CRCL 5533/ANTH 5533	Community Health in Cross Cultural Perspectives
CRCL 5733	Program Seminar: Contemporary Issues

**Program Requirement Courses (9 hours):**

CRCL 5032/ANTH 5032	Political Economy
CRCL 5039	Environment and Society
CRCL 5132	Women of Color
CRCL 5531/ANTH 5531	Families, Communities and Diversity
GEOG 5134	Geographic Information Systems
HIST 5232	U.S. Social Movements
HIST 5432	Studies in European History
HIST 5434	Studies in Latin American History
LITR 5831	World/Multicultural Literature
PSYC 5333	Psychology of Gender, Race and Sexuality
SOCI 5333	Minorities and Majorities

SOCI 5537  
SOCI 5633

Urban Problems  
American Immigration Studies

**Electives (3 hours):**

Any of the Program Requirement courses or a course approved by faculty advisor.

**Faculty:**

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**Graduate Admission Requirements:**

1. Submit official transcripts so Admissions can determine if your GPA in the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework is 3.0 or higher. If so, you'll be granted admission to UHCL and to the program with no additional testing requirement.
2. Even if your undergraduate GPA was not a 3.0 or higher in the last 60 hours, you can still be admitted to the program by meeting the GRE requirements for the College of Human Sciences and Humanities. Have your GRE test scores sent to Admissions. They will use the following formula to determine admission eligibility:  
To be admitted into degree candidacy in HSH under this option, students must have a minimum score of 2050 on the GRE taken before August 2011 using the following formula:  $(\text{GPA in the last 60 hours} \times 500) + \text{GRE Verbal} + \text{GRE Quantitative}$ , or a minimum score of 350 on the GRE taken after August 2011 using the following formula:  $(\text{GPA in the last 60 hours} \times 24) + \text{GRE Verbal} + \text{GRE Quantitative}$ .  
  
UHCL offers exemptions for applicants who have an earned doctorate degree from an accredited U.S. institution or an earned M.D., D.D.S. or J.D. with a license to practice in the United States.
3. Our program does not require applicant statements, recommendation letters or writing samples. Additionally, you don't need an undergraduate degree in the social sciences to be admitted. Our program is designed to have you immediately begin graduate-level coursework.

If you have questions about the admissions process, please contact Mr. B.J. Simon, HSH's dedicated Graduate Enrollment Management Counselor at [simonb@uhcl.edu](mailto:simonb@uhcl.edu). If you have questions about the MA-Cross-Cultural Studies degree program, please contact the program director, Dr. Maria Curtis at [curtis@uhcl.edu](mailto:curtis@uhcl.edu).