

16. Intercultural Study Program (ISP)

a. Purpose of the Program

This program is designed to provide an opportunity to study theology and culture in an Asian context. The primary target group for this program is exchange students from our various partners overseas, but the program is also open to other individuals who comply with our application requirements.

b. Primary Goals of the Program

The multicultural student body and faculty of LTS provide an ideal base for studying theology in an intercultural setting. In classes, worship and daily life, students are exposed to different cultural experiences that will help them broaden their understanding of theology, culture, and Asian churches.

c. Requirements for Admission

Admission to this program can be granted to three categories of applicants: i) Applicants who are sent by an LTS exchange program partner. The application must include an official acknowledgment by the partner, and be in compliance with the requirements of the partnership agreement. ii) Applicants from other educational institutions who are enrolled at their home institution. These applicants should have completed at least the second year of a bachelor's program, or the first year of a master's program, or show proof of an equivalent level of education. iii) Ministers with a theological degree during their sabbatical leave. For more information, see VI. Enrollment Procedures.

d. Content

This is a full-time boarding program and students are expected to fulfill all the requirements of a full-time student. All courses are electives and students can make their choices according to their interest and under the guidance of their adviser at LTS. Field study is a required part of the program. It includes exposure to local and international churches.

e. Credits

Full-time students in the ISP normally take 18 credits (upper limit) in each semester.

f. Duration

This program requires at least one semester of full-time study.

g. Requirements for Completion

Students in the ISP must satisfactorily meet the standard or requirements of LTS.

h. Remarks

Students who finish the program in the Spring semester may attend the graduation service in June.