

Master of Arts in Intercultural Communication

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The MA in Intercultural Communication (MAICC) program, delivered by the Translation and Interpreting Institute (TII), is the first degree of its kind in Qatar. Students in this program will engage in research, education, and outreach with a view to understand the challenges of today's changing intercultural settings in Qatar and worldwide.

The program aims to prepare graduates and researchers to explore new research in a relatively new discipline and to lead and manage transformative change in Qatar and globally. It will operate as a research-driven, interdisciplinary program with the aim of proposing sustainable solutions for effective intercultural communication in today's and tomorrow's Qatar. The program will offer courses on intercultural communication across settings and market sectors geared towards achieving effective intercultural communication in an inclusive and accessible society. Additionally, research in the intercultural communication field will generate sociopolitical, institutional, and technological innovation to drive societies towards greater intercultural dialogue and social justice.

Graduates of this program will be equipped to:

- ▶ demonstrate a broad and critical understanding of the main theoretical approaches of intercultural communication and relevant fields in the humanities and social sciences for the creation of original research.
- ▶ judge the relevance of research methods and tools based on their appropriateness to a given context of intercultural communication.

- ▶ apply appropriate strategies to solve intercultural problems in communication settings and integrate the tools and techniques for managing intercultural communication in organizations within the private, public, and non-governmental sectors.
- ▶ possess and apply the communication skills required in interlinguistic and intercultural communication settings in view of adequacy, norms, and appropriate quality and ethical standards.
- ▶ acquire the technological literacy and tools required for postgraduate research and professional intercultural communication.

Structure

The program offers core courses, including Foundations, Critical Approaches and Future Challenges in Intercultural Communication, Managing Communication in Intercultural Settings, Discourse and Communication Analysis, Research in Intercultural Communication: Tools and Methods, Intercultural Communication in the Community: Mediation & Interpreting, and Intercultural Communication in Organizations: Consulting & Management.

Moreover, MAICC students will be able to register for elective courses across college programs, namely the Master of Arts in Digital Humanities and Societies (MADHS), the Master of Arts in Women Society and Development (MAWSD), the Master of Arts in Audiovisual Translation (MAAT), and the Master of Arts in Translation Studies (MATS).

Curriculum

The MAICC consists of 39 credits. The degree program can be undertaken as two years full-time and three years part-time study. Students must complete the MA degree requirements within four years of program commencement.

Total of 39 credits hours

Six core courses (18 credits)

- ▶ ICC 600 Foundations, Critical Approaches and Future Challenges in Intercultural Communication
- ▶ ICC 601 Research in Intercultural Communication: Tools and Methods
- ▶ ICC 602 Managing Communication in Intercultural Settings
- ▶ ICC 603 Intercultural Communication in the Community: Mediation & Interpreting
- ▶ ICC 604 Discourse and Communication Analysis
- ▶ ICC 605 Intercultural Communication in Organizations: Consulting & Management

Three elective courses (9 credits)

- ▶ Three elective courses (3 credits each) will be selected from current (and future) CHSS programs, including the Digital Humanities, Translation, Women and Society Studies, Literature, Media, and Middle Eastern Studies, etc.

Internship (3 credits)

- ▶ ICC 690 Internship or Independent Research Project

Thesis (6 credits)

- ▶ ICC 690 Internship or ICC 669 IRP

Non-Course Requirements

- ▶ ICC 699 Thesis Defense

Admission and Application Requirements

Applicants seeking admission to the MAICC should have a bachelor's degree in a relevant field with a strong academic record (minimum 3.0 GPA out of 4) from a recognized university.

Applicants are required to submit an IELTS score of 6.5 or a TOEFL score of 79 in order to demonstrate their proficiency in English. Applicants can be exempt from this requirement if they meet one of the conditions listed below:

- ▶ The applicant completed their studies at an institution in a country where English is the official language.

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- ▶ The applicant provides an official letter from the university where they completed their studies confirming that they obtained their degree from an institution where the medium of instruction is English (if not otherwise exempt).
 - ▶ The applicant's first language is English.

Application requirements

A completed online application form:
admissions.hbku.edu.qa

Academic transcripts

Official electronic copies of transcripts should be submitted as part of the online application. Final transcripts and graduation statements are required for all previous university studies. All transcripts submitted should include an explanation of the grading system. For those who have not completed their current studies, transcripts must include results from the last completed semester of coursework. Transcripts in languages other than English or Arabic must be accompanied by an official translation. Applicants who are admitted to the program based on copies of or incomplete transcripts will be required to provide original transcripts upon enrollment in order to register for courses.

Standardized test results:

Official copies of standardized test results must be sent directly to HBKU. Please refer to the institutional codes below:

- ▶ TOEFL: 4981
- ▶ IELTS: No code required. Students should ask the IELTS center where they tested to send the IELTS TRF to Hamad Bin Khalifa University.

Applicants should also submit copies of their test scores with the online application.

Personal statement of interest

Applicants to the Master of Arts in Intercultural Communication program are asked to submit a personal statement (500-800 words) with two sections:

Section I: About the applicant, their journey, motivations, and goals:

- ▶ Introduce themselves and talk about their general interests.
- ▶ Their motivation to join a graduate program in intercultural communication .
- ▶ Their career objectives.

Section II: Achievements and the skills which make them a good fit for the program:

- ▶ Their volunteer/professional work experience.
- ▶ Their personal or academic achievements.
- ▶ How the points mentioned above may relate to intercultural communication.

Applicants are welcome to add any other points that they find relevant.

Resume/Curriculum vitae

Applicants should submit a copy of their current resume or curriculum vitae as part of the online application.

Identification document

All applicants should submit an electronic copy of their passport as part of the online application. Nationals and residents of Qatar should also submit their valid Qatari ID.

Student funding

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences provides opportunities for funding on a competitive basis. Further information will be provided to applicants who are admitted to the program.

Admission inquiries

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