Missions is a major at Asbury which prepares students for cross-cultural ministry in an international setting or among ethnic groups in the United States. This program seeks to equip students with knowledge and understanding of the issues of intercultural communication in general and cross-cultural communication of the Christian gospel in particular. Using a multidisciplinary approach, students learn to analyze intercultural problems, work within the arena of cultural diversity, and form the conceptual framework and practical skills needed for effective cross-cultural communication and ministry.

**Associated Job Titles:**
Missionary
Church Planter
Bible Teacher
Mission Director
Pastor
Professor
Translator
Relief Worker
Peace Corps Volunteer
Evangelist
Missionary Aviator

**Associated Skills:**
- Ability to communicate one’s faith in a variety of ways and in diverse settings
- Proficiency in reading, writing and speaking
- A knowledge and understanding of the basic tenets of one’s faith
- Ability to persuade and influence others
- Sensitivity to and compassion for those in need
- Ability to adapt and thrive in another country, culture and language
- Ability to relate well and work as part of a team of other missionaries

**Associated Personal Qualities:**
Strong faith and personal relationship with Jesus Christ
A confirmed calling to the ministry in keeping with one’s spiritual gifts and abilities
Wisdom
Integrity
Morality
Desire to be obedient to God’s will
Perseverance
Sensitivity
Humility
Determination

**Career Library Resources:**
Career Opportunities in Religious Service
Careers for Good Samaritans and Other Humanitarian Types
The Global Citizen
Career Planning Today
What Color Is Your Parachute
Do What You Are
The Kuder Book of People Who Like Their Work
Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance
The Enhanced Guide for Occupational Exploration
The Dictionary of Occupational Titles
The Occupational Outlook Handbook
FOCUS Computer Guidance System

**Places To Contact For More Information:**
Interchriso
19303 Fremont Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98133

International Bible Society
1820 Jet Stream Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80921

**Websites To Visit:**
www.cbnworldreach.org
www.billygraham.org
www.csm.org
www.crossworld.org
www.aims.org
www.cfni.org
http://bgm-umc.org
www.airserv.org
www.fh.org
www.worldhelp.net
www.maf.org

**Professors To Contact For More Information:**
Dr. Clair Budd, Chair
Dr. Phil Thornton

**Nearby Employers:**
Check with the Department of Christian Ministries and Career Services for connections with mission organizations.

**Alumni Contacts:**
Schedule an appointment with Career Services to conduct a tailored search for alumni working in the fields associated with this major.

*Note:* For specific information concerning course requirements of this major, please pick up a major sheet at the Registrar’s Office located in the Administration Building.