

Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership proudly offers:
Ministering Across Cultures: Building Bridges Through Intercultural Competence

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MARCH 17-19, 2025

REGISTRATION
DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY 10, 2025
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Course Instructor:
Darla Kay Deardorff

This course is available to:

- TRIM/EFSM students-fulfills:
 - ✓ 1 MS Unit
 - ✓ BTS experience
- Those seeking Continuing Education Units (2.0 CEU)
- Anyone seeking personal and spiritual enrichment

Essentially, this course is open to ALL!

Course fee \$300.00

Registration deadline:
February 10, 2025

Course Description:

Within our local communities, we can often find those from "every tribe and tongue," which means we are called to serve those who increasingly reflect a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. How can local churches welcome different people, moving toward achieving the multicultural vision found in Revelation 7:9 of those from every tribe and tongue worshipping God together? This short course explores what it means to be interculturally competent today. It equips pastors and leaders with the skills, knowledge, and insights needed to engage with and minister to our diverse neighbors. Through assigned readings, class discussions and activities, and some online work, we will delve into how to build relationships across differences as Christ calls us to be "one body." As part of this course, students will develop an action plan applying key concepts around intercultural competence within their contexts. No background in intercultural studies is required, though an openness to learning and a commitment to fostering inclusivity are essential.

Course Objectives:

- **Understanding Cultural Dynamics:** Explore foundational concepts of culture and intercultural communication, including how cultural values, beliefs, and practices shape experiences and interactions.
- **Building Cultural Awareness:** Develop an awareness of one's own cultural lens and perspectives while learning to recognize and appreciate the cultural dimensions of others within the community.
- **Developing Intercultural Competence Strategies:** Gain practical skills in intercultural competence to foster meaningful and respectful dialogue, manage conflicts, and build inclusive environments within the church and beyond.

Travel Grant:

The Brethren Academy will provide a travel stipend of up to \$300 for 8 pastors or church leaders who register for this course. The stipend is to offset travel costs, reimbursement upon submission of travel receipts. To qualify for a travel grant, individuals must be currently and actively serving a congregation. Those who wish to apply for a travel grant may email the Brethren Academy at academy@bethanyseminary.edu for an application.

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Course Withdrawal Refund Policy

- 100% of course fee prior to registration deadline
- 50% from the registration deadline to the first day of class
- No refunds will be given once the class has begun
- Exceptions require the approval of the Director of the Brethren

To earn CEU credit

Participant will

- Meet the attendance requirement
- Complete the assigned reading
- Engage in the course through participation

A CEU or PE student is **not** required to complete any assigned papers or exams.

Required Texts

- *Beyond Colorblind: Redeeming our Ethnic Journey* by Sarah Shin (InterVarsity, 2017).
- More books will be included in the syllabus

Participants

During a Brethren Academy course or event, you may be included in photographs or sound /video recording. Such photos and recordings, including quotes from you, may be included and identified in news articles, informational brochures, or social media on behalf of the Brethren Academy and/or Bethany Theological Seminary. If you wish to be excluded from such publications, please contact the Brethren Academy in writing by the start date of the course or event.

Travel & Lodging

Transportation, lodging and meals are the participant's responsibility. The Brethren Academy office will be glad to provide contact information for area lodging.

Meet the Instructor: Darla Kay Deardorff

Darla Kay Deardorff received her B.A. in History and Political Science from Bridgewater College and her master's and doctorate in education from North Carolina State University. She is the UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Competence at Stellenbosch University in South Africa, as well as Founding President of the global nonprofit World Council on Intercultural and Global Competence. She served as Executive Director of the Association of International Education Administrators for 19 years. She is also a Research Scholar at Duke University and holds faculty appointments at universities in South Africa, China, Japan, and Canada. She has taught at Harvard University's Global Education Think Tank and is an advisor for UNESCO, the World Bank, and the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation, among other global organizations. She is author/editor of fourteen books and over eighty book chapters and articles and is an internationally known speaker, giving invited talks and workshops in over fifty countries. She and her husband, Duane, have two young adult children, Kaylee, and Shaun, and they are members of the Peace Covenant Church of the Brethren in Durham, NC.

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[Register online](#) or fill out following information and return, along with payment to:
Brethren Academy * 615 National Road West * Richmond, IN * 47374

Name: _____

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I will be taking this course for: ___ TRIM credit ___ EFSM credit ___ CEUs (2) ___ Personal Enrichment
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