

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is an introductory course for the D. Miss. program. Basic understanding of the field of missiology and historical review of Christian missions are essential elements for this course.

COURSE GOALS:

After taking this course, the student will:

1. understand the biblical, theological, cultural, communicative and historical dimensions of Christian mission/ministry.
2. understand God's unchanging worldwide mission for the Church, from the book of Acts onward..
3. appreciate the historical precedents which have brought us to where we are today.
4. internalize the concept of the importance of prayer in any ministry.
5. be able to use these concepts in designing the 'program focus' of your doctoral study.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Federal law now requires institutions to provide the ISBN numbers and retail prices for all required books. Western Seminary encourages students to visit our campus bookstore, Windows Booksellers, in order to obtain these titles at a reduced rate.

- John Mark Terry (Editor), Ebbie C. Smith (Editor), Justice Anderson (Editor). *Missiology: An Introduction to the Foundations, History, and Strategies of World Missions (Paperback)*. B&H Publishing Group, ISBN: 9780805410754, Price: \$39.99
- Neill, Stephen. *A History of Christian Missions*. Penquin, 1986, ISBN: 0140137637, Price: \$18.00
- Tucker, Ruth. *From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya*. Zondervan, ISBN: 0310239370, Price: \$32.99

RECOMMENDED REFERENCES:

- Barrett, David B. & Johnson, Todd M. (eds) *World Christian Trends, AD 30 - AD 2000*. William Carey, 2001.
- Barrett, David B. (ed.) *World Christian Encyclopedia*. Oxford University Press, 1982.
- Johnstone, Patrick. *Operation World*. Zondervan, Michigan, 2001.
- Latourette, Kenneth Scott. *A History of Christianity, 2 vols*. Harper and Row, 1975
- Latourette, Kenneth Scott. *A History of the Expansion of Christianity, 7 vols*. Zondervan, 1978.
- Various missionary biographies of your choosing.
- Winter, Ralph (Ed). *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement*. William Carey, 1999.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- Research paper (50%) – One of the key components of your D. Miss. program at Western Seminary is your individual “program focus” from which you design your curriculum, decide on the topic for your field work, map out your research design, form your dissertation-project committee, leading to the writing of the proposal and dissertation-project.
Therefore, it is highly recommended that you carefully identify a specific aspect of Christian mission or missiological study to be your tentative “program focus.” Use this tentative “program focus” to be the theme for your following assignment for this course. Present your proposal draft in class with an outline so that there is helpful interaction to you. Write a proposal draft that will be foundational to your future research and dissertation by further reflection after class with refinement, research and incorporating input from class mates. The decision on your own “program focus” is crucial for your subsequent studies in the D. Miss. Program.
- Read the required texts. Be prepared to discuss implications. (10%)
- Write a 10 page, carefully researched paper, with bibliographic information, focusing on the history of mission as it relates to your field of ministry. How did the Gospel reach that part of society, using what strategies, with what results? In view of what happened in the past, what are the implications for present and future ministry there? How does the past inform and shape the present? (40%)

COURSE POLICIES:

- Course work for all D.Miss. modules is due to the professor 12 weeks after the last day of each module course. Please make sure all work has been submitted to the professor on/or before this date; otherwise it will result in a failing grade and possible removal from the program. If an extension is needed, please contact your professor as soon as possible. Please contact the Administrative Assistant (joy@westernseminary.edu) for the appropriate form.
- Writing standards can be found in the D.Miss. Handbook. Email the Administrative Assistant or visit the D.Miss. Online Community for a copy of the Handbook.

CLASS SCHEDULE:

Day 1. Introduction; Biblical, cultural and communicative foundations of Christian Mission.
Day 2. Introduction, Apostolic missions, Roman Empire (AD 100-500), Dark Ages (AD 500-1500), Roman Catholic missions, early Protestant missions.
Day 3-4. The Great Century – India, China, Africa
Day 5. Student volunteer movement. Women's' missionary movements. Modern missionary movements.

Dr. Wan will do the first day on the foundations for ministry. Dr. Wilder will do the 4 days on the history of mission. Each of the four days of mission history will begin with a brief presentation from a student regarding their field of ministry, and corporate prayer for them and their ministry. After all, prayer is the means God has ordained to carry on His program.

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Dr. Wilder: mhwilder@westernseminary.edu; 503 - 517 - 1902

HELPFUL WEBSITES:

[2001 Christian Resource Index](#) - A comprehensive listing of Christian sites in a startling number of categories for both the average surfer and those looking to do research.

[Acts Christian Directory](#) - Directory with links to Christian sites including chat, singles, entertainment, churches, theology, teens, music, and Bible study.

<http://www.asweb.org/>

Site of The American Society of Missiology which includes the journal [Missiology: An International Review](#)

[CrossSearch](#) - A searchable directory of Christian Web sites, CrossSearch aims to provide quick, easy access to all manner of Christian resources and information on the Web.

[Crosswalk Christian Search Engine and Directory](#) - Daily devotionals, Bible study tools, Christian messageboards, classified ads, and daily religion news coverage of church-state issues, religious freedom, missions, persecution, evangelism, and revival.

[FishNet](#) - Over 1400 web sites of interest to Christians, categorized and searchable.

[Global Christian Network](#) - Directory of Christian sites and businesses.

[Virtual Christianity](#) - Catalogue of major Christian resource web pages including: Bible resources, commentaries, devotionals, Christian literature and other pages devoted to Christianity.

<http://bgc.gospelcom.net/emis/>

Evangelism and Missions Information Service site includes the EMQ journal

<http://bgc.gospelcom.net/emis/emqpg.htm>

<http://www.omsc.org/index.htm>

The Overseas Ministries Study Center site includes the [IBMR Journal](#)

<http://www.refdesk.com/factrel.html> with 138 related websites

<http://www.religionreview.com/> Religion News provides up to date information and latest Arab country headlines with global coverage.

<http://www.interfaith.org/links.html> A not-for-profit cooperative association of religious and spiritual organizations. This site helps bring local spiritual organizations to the attention of the world community.

<http://www.GlobalMissiology.net>

Global Missiology is a quarterly publication and a venue for electronic, interactive exchanges among researchers, practitioners and scholars with international scope and global concerns.

<http://www.mislinks.org/>

A Web-based Missions Directory with helpful resources in areas such as academic research, practical missions, etc.

<http://www.missiology.org/>

Monthly missiological reflection with a built-in dictionary

HELPFUL REFERENCES:

[Missiology: An Ecumenical Introduction : Texts and Contexts of Global Christianity](#) by L.A. Hoedemaker, et al

[Missiology: An Ecumenical Introduction, Texts and Contexts of Global Christianity. \(book reviews\) : An article from: International Bulletin of Missionary Research \[HTML\]](#) by James A. Scherer

[Missiology: An Ecumenical Introduction - Texts and Contexts of Global Christianity.\(Review\) : An article from: Journal of Ecumenical Studies \[HTML\]](#) by Charles C. West

[Ecumenical Missiology: Contemporary Trends, Issues, and Themes. \(Book Reviews\).\(Book Review\)\(Brief Article\) : An article from: International Bulletin of Missionary Research \[HTML\]](#) by Norman E. Thomas

[Believing in the Future: Toward a Missiology of Western Culture.\(Review\) : An article from: Journal of Ecumenical Studies \[HTML\]](#) by Charles C. West

[Missiology: An Introduction to the Foundations, History, and Strategies of World Missions](#) by John Mark Terry (Editor), et al

[Missiology: An Introduction to the Foundations, History, and Strategies of World Missions](#) by John Mark Terry (Editor), et al

[Issues in missiology, an introduction](#) by Edward C Pentecost

[Contemporary missiology: An introduction](#) by Johannes Verkuyl

[Introduction to Missiology](#) by Alan R. Tippett

[Missiology: An Ecumenical Introduction : Texts and Contexts of Global Christianity](#) by L.A. Hoedemaker, et al

[Missiology: An Ecumenical Introduction, Texts and Contexts of Global Christianity. \(book reviews\) : An article from: International Bulletin of Missionary Research \[HTML\]](#) by James A. Scherer

[Missiology: An Ecumenical Introduction - Texts and Contexts of Global Christianity.\(Review\) : An article from: Journal of Ecumenical Studies \[HTML\]](#) by Charles C. West

[An Introduction to Ecclesiology: Ecumenical, Historical & Global Perspectives](#) by Veli-Matti Karkkainen

[The Open Secret: An Introduction to the Theology of Mission](#) by Lesslie Newbigin

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