

Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

MCS/PTH 529 FOUNDATIONS OF CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY

COURSE SYLLABUS

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

This interdisciplinary course is designed to prepare the student for effective ministry in the complexities of cross-cultural and subcultural settings. Foundational issues related to applied missions anthropology, intercultural communication, and contextualization will be addressed.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Understand the role of selected facets of social science in cross-cultural ministries
2. Demonstrate an understanding of significant terminology used in the discipline of missiology.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the essential concepts of cultural anthropology, cross-cultural communication, and contextualization.
4. Study the implications of societal typologies for cross-cultural ministry.
5. Identify and discuss the components of culture and various worldviews.
6. Recognize his/her cultural presuppositions and values and their impact on the effective cross-cultural communication of the Gospel.
7. Appreciate the dynamics of theological contextualization.
8. Explore issues that challenge the fullest impact of cross-cultural ministry.

TEXTBOOKS

Required Textbooks:

Heibert, Paul and Meneses, Eloise Heibert. Incarnational Ministry: Planting Churches in Band, Tribal, Peasant and Urban Societies. Baker Book House, 1995 (HHM)

Lingenfelter, Sherwood and Mayers, Marvin. Ministering Cross-Culturally. Baker Book House, 1986 (L-M)

Ramachandra, Vinoth. Faiths in Conflict? Christian Integrity in a Multi-Cultural World. Inter-Varsity Press, 1999 (VR)

Transformation Vol. 16, No. 2. April/June 1999 (TR)

Selected Readings. Compiled by Byron D. Klaus. 2002 (BDK)

Recommended Resources:

Conn, Harvey and Ortiz, Manuel. Urban Ministry. Inter-Varsity Press. 2001 (CO)

Rhodes, Stephen. Where the Nations Meet. Inter-Varsity Press. 1999 (SR)

Class Notes Compiled by Byron D. Klaus – available on CD (Fall 2002)

COURSE SCHEDULE

Preparation for
September 13-14

Readings: BDK Weeks 1-5
VR Chapters 1, 3-5
HMM Intro & Chapters 1-5
(Electronic Reading Report submitted by Sept. 30)

Week One Topics: Biblical Roots for Cross-Cultural Ministry
Religion Matters!
Integrity of Christianity in a Multi-cultural World
Communicating Cross-Culturally
Anthropological lenses
Dynamic nature of communicating cross-culturally
Personal cultural awareness

Preparation for
October 18-19

Readings: BDK Weeks 6-7, 9-10
LM entire volume
VR Chapter 1
HMM 6-9

Week Two Topics: Societal Typologies
Globalization & Urbanization
Immigration

Case Study #1

Preparation for
November 15-16

Readings: BDK Weeks 11-12
TR entire journal
HMM Chapter 10
Recommended CO & SR

Week Three Topics: Poverty Injustice and the Majority World
Missiology for the People of God
The Unfinished Task?

Group Presentations
Case Study #2 due December 9

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- 5% 1. Readings are assigned for each session. Graduate study assumes readings are complete previous to class and you are conversant in the content. Reading reports will be submitted at each session. (Exception – session one due Sept. 30)

- 10% 2. Personal cross-cultural inventory.
Due October 18
- 20% 3. Case study #1
October 19 (in class case evaluation)
- 20% Case study #2
December 9 (take home evaluation)
- 40% 4. Group Project
Presentations Nov. 15-16, as assigned.
All case studies and research on selected topics is due by Nov. 4 for
electronic posting.
- Presentations based on case study development from topical theme
- 5% 5. Attendance

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WEBSITES

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- www.missiology.org - connected to Dr. Gailyn Van Rheenen at Abilene Christian University
- www.gmi.org - site for the Global Mapping project
- www.omsc.org - site for Overseas Ministries Study Center at Yale University.
- www.ad2000.org - site focused on world evangelization plan
- www.gsmweb.org - site for American Society of Missiologists
- www.mislinks.org - site of Scott Moreau, editor of massive Evangelical Dictionary of Mission
- www.ethnicharvest.org - key links to ethnic church planting in the U.S.
- www.gocn.org - site for Gospel and Culture Network