

**THST657** (2-4)  
**Directed Studies in Science and Religion**  
 The investigation by field and laboratory study of scientific evidences that relate to the theological issues. Attention given to the topics of creation-evolution, catastrophe-uniformity, and time. Admission by written permission of instructor.

**THST658** (3-4)  
**Professional Ethics**  
 An inquiry into the field of professional relations, dilemmas, and decision making within the context of Christian ethics. Emphasis on the identity, activity, and influence (witness) of a Christian professional, primarily in the caring professions. Identical to CHMN658.

**THST667** (3-4)  
**Postmodernism and the Church**  
 A critical study of the nature and ideological origins of the postmodern mind as it relates to both the theology and the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**THST670** (3-4)  
**Principles of Christian Ethics**  
 Study of the process of ethical decision making illustrated in the application of biblical principles to contemporary personal and social issues of special significance for Seventh-day Adventists.

**THST674** (3-4)  
**Christian Personal Ethics**  
 An application of Christian norms to evaluating various ethical systems, making personal decisions, and solving moral dilemmas.

**THST675** (3-4)  
**Christian Social Ethics**  
 An exploration of selected issues currently confronting the church, such as ethnic relations, the role of women, nationalism and liberation theology, poverty and hunger, and relations with civil governments.

**THST676** (3-4)  
**History of Philosophy**  
 An overview of classical, medieval, modern, and contemporary philosophy: an introduction to key figures such as Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Descartes, Hume, and Kant; and a survey of recent developments such as process, existentialist, and analytical philosophy.

**THST678** (3-4)  
**Science and Religion**  
 The relation of scientific information and theory to Christian doctrines; theories of origin, geologic time, uniformity, and organic evolution as developed in the fields of historical geology and biology.

**THST679** (3-4)  
**Theological Ethics**  
 Discussion and application of biblical teachings and normative models to decision making and standards of Christian behavior in the context of praxis of ministry. THST670 strongly recommended (expected for MDiv Students) prior to this course.

**THST814** (4)  
**Philosophy and Theology**

The interrelation between philosophical and theological thought-forms considered in the light of the biblical perspective.

**THST935** (4)  
**Seminar in Philosophical Theology**

**THST966** (4)  
**Seminar in Ethics**  
 Selected issues in ethics from a Christian perspective. Repeatable.

## INDIVIDUAL STUDIES

**THST690** (1-4)  
**Independent Study**  
 Restricted to advanced students. Selected problems in the field of theology. See general guidelines under Academic Information.

**THST890** (1-8)  
**Directed Reading in Systematic Theology**

**THST895** (1-8)  
**Directed Reading in Historical Theology**

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**MSSN560** (3-4)

### *Mission to the World*

A broad introduction to Christian world missions. Includes aspects of mission history, the theological foundations of mission, intercultural perspectives of mission service, and contemporary theoretical thought about missions. Required of all MDiv students.

**MSSN584** (3-6)

### *Preparation for Mission Service*

A general orientation for missionary candidates that aims to (1) create an awareness of the actual missionary situation today; (2) prepare mission appointees to meet this situation; and (3) shape attitudes that are indispensable to a fruitful mission service.

**MSSN585** (3-4)

### *Cross-Cultural Communication*

A study of the impact of culture on communication and the ways cultures influence values and perceptions. Attention given to developing sensitivity when communicating with people of other cultures. Identical to CHMN585.

**MSSN606** (2-4)

### *Church Growth in World Mission*

Study of the principles of church growth in the practice of mission, including biblical foundations and current contributions from the social sciences.

**MSSN610** (3-4)

### *Theology of Mission*

The biblical foundation of mission—its essence, goals, motives, and the role of the church in mission.

**MSSN612** (3-4)

### *Urban Mission*

Explores the nature of cities, noting their history, development, and relationship to the mission of God and the church. Students are exposed to various ministries dealing with the hungry, homeless, battered, addicted, and the alienated. Identical to CHMN612.

**MSSN615** (3-4)

### *Anthropology for Mission and Ministry*

The fundamentals of culture, social structure, group organization, and social change studied as a basis for intercultural understanding and communication. Attention given to issues which constitute challenges and opportunities to cross-cultural workers.

- MSSN620** (3-4) *Development, Community, and Ministry*  
An introduction to the concepts and personalities involved in the development process at the community level with a people-centered emphasis in the context of the mission work of the church.
- MSSN623** (3-4) *Innovative Evangelism*  
Seeks to stimulate new ideas for evangelizing population groups that may be difficult to reach with more traditional methods. This may involve a review of unique approaches that have been tried by others as well as the development of original plans.
- MSSN627** (3-4) *Seminar in Christian Mission and Development*  
A study of biblical models, historical examples, and development paradigms illustrating ways that Christian mission has been involved in social change.
- MSSN630** (3-4) *Leadership Development*  
A study of leadership emergence, selection, and training in missionary churches with particular attention paid to strategic issues of various training models and the relationship between formal, informal, and non-formal leadership development. Identical to CHMN630.
- MSSN635** (3-4) *Seminar in Current Issues in Mission*  
Current issues in mission and the way they affect the church's outreach in the world. Repeatable.
- MSSN647** (3-4) *Applied Anthropology*  
Principles and findings of anthropology applied to the tasks of the missionary and the pastor to facilitate cross-cultural communication. Attention given to the missionary as an agent of change, to the analysis of social change and conflict, and to practical research methodology. Prerequisite: MSSN615 or equivalent.
- MSSN650** (3-4) *Introduction to a World Religion*  
An introduction to the history, beliefs, writings, personalities, and current developments in religions such as Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, and Buddhism. Repeatable.
- MSSN651** (3-4) *Islam and the African-American Experience*  
Introduction to Black Islam in the African-American context, and implications for Black churches.
- MSSN656** (3-4) *History and Philosophy of World Religions*  
Study of the major world religions, especially in their contemporary forms and settings, with the aim of facilitating understanding of the religious experience of those who are potential recipients of the gospel.
- MSSN660** (3-4) *Witness to People of Other Religions*  
Development and evaluation of various forms of Christian witness among the peoples of other religions such as Muslims, Jews, Hindus, and Buddhists. Repeatable.
- MSSN665** (3-4) *Models of Mission with the City*  
A study of various approaches for urban mission.
- MSSN670** (3-4) *Christianity and Other Religions*  
A brief overview of selected features of the major world religions, followed by concentrated theological study of the relationship between these religions and Christianity. The missiological search for ways of communicating the gospel is a primary concern.
- MSSN674** (3-4) *Phenomenology of Religions*  
A study of the institutions, structures, essence, and meanings of religious phenomena, and of the methodologies of the phenomenological and history-of-religions approaches to this investigation.
- MSSN675** (3-4) *Christianity and Primal Religions*  
Study of the major elements in primal belief systems, functions of religion in tribal societies, interaction between Christianity and primal beliefs, and ways of communicating the gospel in primal societies.
- MSSN676** (3-4) *History of Christian Mission*  
History of the expansion of the Christian church, from the first century until the present. At the discretion of the Department of Church History, this course may fulfill a Church History elective requirement.
- MSSN685** (3-4) *Principles and Practice of World Mission*  
A concentrated study of mission theory and strategy, cultural perspectives of mission service, and basic principles of church growth.
- MSSN705** (3-4) *Theology and Praxis in Mission and Ministry*  
Theological and theoretical undergirdings for practices in mission and ministry. Identical to THST705.
- MSSN735** (6) *Strategies for Church Growth*  
A study of factors that promote or hinder church growth, followed by a strong emphasis on developing specific strategies for the local church. Identical to CHMN735.
- MSSN737** (3-4) *Seminar in Theology of Mission*  
Analysis of the theological bases for mission and of the implications for mission of patterns of thought on such topics as human nature, eschatology, the church, and concepts of salvation.
- MSSN825** (3-4) *Seminar in Mission Studies*  
Contemporary issues in mission. Repeatable.
- INDIVIDUAL AND SEMINAR STUDIES**
- MSSN690** (1-4) *Independent Study*  
Individual research on a selected problem in the theory, history, or practice of mission. See general guidelines under Academic Information.
- MSSN797** (1-6) *Independent Study*
- MSSN890** (1-8) *Directed Reading in Mission Studies*