WORLD MISSION

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Courses (Credits)
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MSSN505 (2–3)
Christian Responses to Human Needs
Explores biblical models, historical examples, and development paradigms for Christian involvement in incarnational ministries.

MSSN525 (2–3)
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, contemporary theoretical thought about missions, and basic relationships to other faiths.

MSSN546 (3)
Mission in Cultural and Religious Context
Explores missiological principles with an emphasis on the cultural and religious context, and the development of cultural sensitivity and cross-cultural communication skills for Christian witness. Required of all MDiv students.

MSSN546 (3)
Christian Witness and World Religions
Study of the history, writings, beliefs and practices in world religions such as Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism and the development of effective strategies for Christian witness. Required of all MDiv students.

MSSN561 (2–3)
Preparation for Cross-Cultural Workers
An orientation for cross-cultural workers that aims to (1) create an awareness of the actual context of mission today; (2) prepare missionaries to meet this situation; and (3) shape attitudes that are indispensable for fruitful cross-cultural mission service.

MSSN510 (2–3)
Theology of Mission
The biblical foundation of mission—its essence, goals, motives, and the role of the church in mission. Prerequisite: MSSN546 or MSSN561.

MSSN615 (2–3)
Anthropology for Mission and Ministry
The fundamentals of culture, worldview, 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.

MSSN618 (2–4)
Urban Mission
Explores the nature of cities worldwide, noting their history, development, and relationship to the mission of God and the church. Students are exposed to various ministries. Prerequisite: MSSN546 or MSSN561.

MSSN630 (2–3)
Cross-Cultural 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. Prerequisite: MSSN546 or MSSN561

MSSN635 (2–3)
Contemporary Issues in Mission
Current issues in mission and the way they affect the church's outreach in the world. Repeatable. Prerequisite: MSSN546 or MSSN561.

MSSN640 (3)
Advanced Mission Studies
Study of advanced missiological principles and their application. Repeatable. Prerequisites: MSSN546 and MSSN561.

MSSN650 (2–3)
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. Prerequisite: MSSN546 or MSSN561.

MSSN652 (2–5)
Biblical and Qur’anic Studies
The study of the Bible and the Qur’an and other Adventist and Muslim sources of faith such as the Spirit of Prophecy, the Hadith, and Islamic tafsir, with a view to leading a Muslim to faith in Islamic contexts. May be repeated for credit.

MSSN653 (3)
Islamic Culture and Society
The study of Islamic social systems and practices and their implications for mission. Topics include morals and ideals, family life, festivals, religious life and practice, shar’iah law, and female spirituality. May be repeated for credit.

MSSN660 (2–3)
Witnessing to People of Another Religion
Development and evaluation of various forms of Christian witness among the peoples of other religions such as Muslims, Jews, Hindus, and Buddhists. Repeatable. Prerequisite for MDiv students: MSSN546 or MSSN561.

MSSN676 (2–3)
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. Prerequisite: MSSN546 or MSSN561.

MSSN685 (2–3)
Strategies for World Mission
A concentrated study of mission theory and strategy, cultural perspectives of mission service, and basic principles of church growth.
Research Methods in Mission and Ministry
Research methods and procedures as applied to the field of mission and ministry with an emphasis on field-based qualitative research, participant observation and ethnographic interviews.

Individual and Seminar Studies

MSSN690 (1–3)
Independent Study
Individual research on a selected problem in the theory, history, or practice of mission. See general guidelines under Academic Information.

MSSN695
Topics
On themes by preapproval from the student’s program director and the teacher. Repeatable with different topics.

MSSN826 (3)
Seminar in Theology of Mission

MSSN827 (3)
Seminar in History of Mission

MSSN828 (3)
Seminar in Social Sciences and Mission

MSSN829 (3)
Seminar in Other Religions

MSSN830 (3)
Seminar in Strategies and Development in Mission

MSSN890 (2–12)
Directed Reading in Mission Studies
Repeatable. May be graded S/U.