
WORLD MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM COURSES

In view of the explicit command of Christ, the entire curriculum at The Master's Seminary is permeated with a thematic emphasis on worldwide evangelism. In addition, specific courses have been designed to highlight this emphasis. The purpose of these courses is to equip students with a biblically based concern for the world mission of the church and to expand their understanding of missions activities, needs, and opportunities. The goal is to better prepare some for lifetime involvement in missions and others for lifetime support for missions in both their personal and pastoral roles.

MI 682 • Intercultural Communication

A study of the principles, processes, and pitfalls of communicating from one culture to another, designed to assist the student in working effectively across cultures. Emphasizes the importance of understanding the world-view of both the source culture and the receptor culture. Includes a treatment of diverse perceptions, values, expressions, logic, and linguistic difficulties.

Two hours.

MI 701 • Apologetics and Evangelism

A careful biblical and theological development of a consistent presuppositional apologetic. The course provides a basis for the evaluation of various empirical systems as well as a working knowledge of presuppositionalism for use in all aspects of practical ministry. Evangelism is then studied within a presuppositional framework to present the student with a consistent gospel presentation for biblical evangelism (see TH 701).

Four hours.

MI 758 • Church Planting

Evaluates various kinds of church planting opportunities and methodologies. Offers step-by-step procedures, and calls upon successful local church planters for suggestions from their own experiences (see PM 758).

Two hours.

MI 778 • Theology of Missions

A study of the biblical teaching and principles defining and undergirding the reality of missions, as well as a consideration of the missionary practices which arise therefrom. Includes an examination and critique of those issues affecting missions today, namely religious pluralism and ethnotheology, contextualization and indigenization, and power-encounter and spiritual warfare (see TH 778). Prerequisite: TH 606.

Two hours.

MI 783 • History of the Expansion of the Christian Church

A study of the history of Christian outreach from the apostolic age to the present, with special emphasis on contemporary growth dynamics in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Also evaluates historical methodologies and changing strategies in world missions. Prerequisite: TH 508.

Two hours.

MI 784 • Major Religions

Surveys the origins, growth, doctrines, and practices of the major religions of the world. Also examines their historical relationships and confrontations with Christianity, as well as suggested strategies for effective evangelism.

Two hours.

MI 785 • Cross-Cultural Ministry Practicum

Through the lens of theological study and cross-cultural research, this course focuses on developing an applied theology of missions. The worldview of various foreign cultures and their understanding of soteriology will be identified and examined by personally engaging different ethnic people groups within the Los Angeles area. Visits to ethnic churches in Los Angeles will afford students the opportunity to consider how the church can make disciples among different people groups. (See PM 785.)

Two hours.

MI 789, 790 • Internship in Missions

A specialized field involvement program designed to encourage interest and experience in cross-cultural ministries. Each student will be accountable to both on-campus and off-campus supervision and will be given exposure to as many aspects of missions as possible in view of the particular field assignment and the maturity of the student. Mission internship programs may be sponsored by The Master's Seminary, Grace Community Church, or other approved mission agencies. In all cases preparatory study is required with both reading and writing assignments, an agreed upon subject will be researched while on the field, and a report or research paper must be submitted after the internship. No more than four hours of credit may be granted unless the internship program requires actual course work on the field. When such course work is involved the student may register, with the permission of the Vice President for Academic Administration, for the specific courses involved.

On demand, one to four hours each.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES COURSES

Because the local church serves as God's primary agency for Christian worship and nurture, pastoral ministries courses begin to translate the information and skills learned in biblical and theological studies into relevant application for pastoral ministry. Whether this application is to be demonstrated by public ministries in the pulpit, in the evangelistic and educational ministries of the church, in the ordinances and ceremonies of the church, in church worship and music, in administrative leadership in the church, or by the more private modeling of personal godliness in the private devotional life, in counseling sessions, in leadership within the family, and in all other relationships, careful and prayerful preparation is necessary. In all of these settings there is no necessary dichotomy between thorough preparation and prayerful reliance on the Holy Spirit. Though many of these courses necessarily focus on skills and methodologies, all are also concerned with the preparation of the inner person with the development of those character qualities necessary for effective ministry and spiritual leadership.

Expository Preaching courses are designed to channel the student's academic training, personal giftedness, and individual personality toward effectiveness in expositional preaching from God's Word. This training often interfaces with the Hebrew and Greek courses so as to take full advantage of