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Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form.

MOODY DISTANCE LEARNING

Course Number, Name, and Credit Hours

MS1103 *Christian Missions*, 3 credits

Course Description

A study of the church fulfilling its missionary function in the world. Particular attention is given to the nature of the church of Jesus Christ and its biblical basis for missions, the church's cross-cultural mission, the historical dynamic of its mission today, and the role of the local church in world evangelization.

Course Goals

In this course you will:

- Understand that God has a mission and that the Bible is a missional book
- Understand the major events and people of missions history
- Understand the role of culture in global discipling
- Understand the responsibility of you and your local church in global discipling
- Understand current trends and practices in contemporary missions

Course Objectives

After completing this course, you will be able to:

1. Identify from the Bible the development of the theme of World Missions as God's plan for the ages, giving critical concern to relevant theological issues affecting missionary concerns
2. Summarize the major expansion routes of Christianity from the Apostolic Period to the present, giving special attention to the key ingredients of church growth and expansion
3. Identify and explain the distinctive cultural dimensions of missions work at home and abroad
4. Describe the major contemporary issues uniquely shaping the mission for the church today
5. Summarize the roles and responsibilities of individual Christians and the local church in obedience to the biblical mandate of global discipling

Course Textbook(s) and/or Supplemental Information

Required textbooks for all Moody Online classes can be found on the [Required Textbooks](#) section of the Moody website.

Assignments

All assignments and reading should be completed according to the schedule listed in the Course Schedule.

- A. **READING**
The completion of the course reading is an important component of the course. You will be required to complete a reading report at the end of each week.

- B. **ASSIGNMENTS**
Assignments for each week are explained in the Course Schedule. These assignments are due on the week assigned. For some assignments, further details are given in documents posted in the associated **Week # Assignments >> Lesson # Resources** folder within the **Assignments** section of Blackboard. The point value for each assignment is located in the Course Schedule in parenthesis beside each specific assignment.

All papers must be double spaced.

- C. **CLASS PARTICIPATION**
You must maintain a significant presence in the discussion board. There are seven discussion boards. You will need to participate in at least five of these discussions. Discussion Board #1 (Introducing yourself) does not count towards the required five.

Assessments

Your grade for this course will consist of:

Reading	35 points*
Assignments (17 total assignments. Point value for each specific assignment is noted in the Course Schedule in parenthesis beside each assignment)	55 points
Discussion Board Participation (5 times @ 2 points each)	10 points
Total Points	100 points

* The total possible points for the weekly Reading assignments are multiplied by eight (8) in your Grade Center to show as 280 points, but are divided by eight (8) at the end of the semester to give the total points of 35 as shown in the table.

Letter grades are determined by the following scale:

Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent	Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent
A	96% or higher	C	73 - 76.9%
A-	90 - 95.9%	C-	70 - 72.9%
B+	87 - 89.9%	D+	67 - 69.9%
B	83 - 86.9%	D	63 - 66.9%
B-	80 - 82.9%	D-	60 - 62.9%
C+	77 - 79.9%	F	Below 60%

Course Bibliography

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* Guthrie, Stan. *Missions in the Third Millennium: 21 key trends for the 21st century*, revised & expanded. Waynesboro, GA: Paternoster Press, 2000. ISBN: 1842270427.

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Lingenfelter, Serwood G. and Marvin K. Mayers. *Ministering Cross-Culturally*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2003 ISBN: 0801026474.

* Livermore, David A. *Serving with Eyes Wide Open: doing short-term missions with cultural intelligence*. Grand Rapids, MI: 0801066166.

* *Momentum: State of World Evangelism*, Nov/Dec 2006, vol. 1, no. 8. [PDF available in Lesson 1 Resources folder]

* Olson, C. Gordon. *What in the World is God Doing?* Cedar Knolls, NJ: Global Gospel Publ., 1998. ISBN: 0962485039.

* Pocock, Michael, Gailyn Van Rheenen, and Douglas McConnell. *The Changing Face of World Missions: engaging contemporary issues and trends*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2005. ISBN: 080102661X.

* Winter, Ralph D. and Steve Hawthorne, eds. *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement: a reader*, 4th edition. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library Publ., 2009. ISBN: 9780878083909.

* Indicates supplemental readings required for the course and provided within the lesson resource folder for each individual lesson for when the reading is required or in the XanEdu CoursePack required for purchase.

Web Sites:

www.mislinks.org

<http://www.missionaryresources.com/>

<http://www.joshuaproject.net/>

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

<http://www.gmi.org/research/websites.htm>

www.compassdirect.org

www.Lausanne.org

www.worldmap.org

www.mnnonline.org

www.strategicnetwork.org

www.worldchristiandatabase.org/wcd

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