

**PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS****THST550** (2-3)  
*Principles of Christian Ethics*

Study of the basic moral guidelines and ethical principles contained in the Bible. Application of these guidelines and principles to contemporary moral issues of special interest for Seventh-day Adventists.

**THST600** (2-3)  
*Christian Personal Ethics*

An application of Christian moral teachings to various personal issues and dilemmas with special emphasis on the moral habits and Christian character.

**THST634** (2-3)  
*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.

**THST643** (2-3)  
*Christian 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 CHMN643.

**THST667** (2-3)  
*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.

**THST676** (2-3)  
*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** (2-3)  
*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.

**THST644** (2-3)  
*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. THST550 strongly recommended (expected for MDiv students) prior to this course.

**THST814** (3)  
*Philosophy and Theology*

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

**THST935** (3)  
*Seminar in Philosophical Theology***THST966***Seminar in Ethics*

Selected issues in ethics from a Christian perspective. Repeatable.

**INDIVIDUAL STUDIES****THST690***Independent Study*

Restricted to advanced students. Selected problems in the field of theology. See general guidelines under Academic Information.

**THST890***Directed Reading in Systematic Theology***THST895***Directed Reading in Historical Theology***THST896***Directed Reading in Christian Ethics***(3) WORLD MISSION**

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**Courses****(Credits)**

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**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, and contemporary theoretical thought about missions. Required of all MDiv students.

**MSSN530** (2-3)  
*Theology and Witness for Other Faiths*

Fosters an understanding of and an approach to other faiths as found in North America. Includes Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, New Age, Bahai, etc. MSSN525 *Mission to the World* prerequisite. Required for all MDiv students.

**MSSN535** (2-3)  
*Applied Missiology for Pastors*

Uses the insights of missiology and the social sciences for the analysis of congregations and society. Forms the base for informed witness and cultural and ethnic understanding and cooperation. MSSN525 *Mission to the World* prerequisite. Required for all MDiv students.

**MSSN584** (2-4)  
*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.

**MSSN610** (2-3)  
*Theology of Mission*

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

**MSSN615** (2-3)  
*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.

- MSSN618** (2-4) **MSSN741 & 742** (4, 4)  
***International 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.
- MSSN627** (2-3) **MSSN741 & 742** (4, 4)  
***Development Community, and Ministry***  
 A study of biblical models, historical examples, and development paradigms illustrating ways that Christian mission has been involved in social change.
- MSSN630** (2-3) **MSSN741 & 742** (4, 4)  
***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.
- MSSN635** (2-3) **MSSN741 & 742** (4, 4)  
***Contemporary Issues in Mission***  
 Current issues in mission and the way they affect the church's outreach in the world. Repeatable.
- MSSN650** (2-3) **MSSN741 & 742** (4, 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.
- MSSN660** (2-3) **MSSN741 & 742** (4, 4)  
***Witnessing to People of Another Religions***  
 Development and evaluation of various forms of Christian witness among the peoples of other religions such as Muslims, Jews, Hindus, and Buddhists. Repeatable.
- MSSN676** (2-3) **MSSN741 & 742** (4, 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** (2-3) **MSSN741 & 742** (4, 4)  
***Strategies for World Mission***  
 A concentrated study of mission theory and strategy, cultural perspectives of mission service, and basic principles of church growth.
- MSSN721 & 722** (4,4) **MSSN741 & 742** (4, 4)  
***Spiritual and Theological Basis for Ministry I, II***  
 Ministry is based on being as well as doing. This course builds the spiritual and theological foundation from which the practice of mission and ministry grows and seeks to lead the student into a self-reflection and examination of life and belief.
- MSSN731 & 732** (4,4) **MSSN741 & 742** (4, 4)  
***Cultural and Religious Analysis I, II***  
 Using the tools of cultural, social, anthropological, and religious analysis, the specific context and challenges of mission will be analyzed and described in depth as a basis for ministry. The course content will be shaped to fit the local situation.
- MSSN741 & 742** (4, 4)  
***Strategy Development - I, II***  
 Study of contemporary strategies of mission as a framework and foundation for the development and practice of a ministry plan for the current situation. The role of leadership in this process is highlighted. Prerequisite: MSSN731 cultural and Religious Analysis.
- 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.
- MSSN797** (1-3)  
***Independent Study***
- 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***