

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.

THST814 (3)***Seminar in Philosophy, Theology and Ethics***

The interrelation between philosophical, theological and ethical thought-forms and issues considered in the light of the biblical perspective. Available for PhD/ThD, MA, and select MDiv students.

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

Selected issues in ethics from a Christian perspective. Repeatable.

Individual Studies**THST690 (1-3)*****Independent Study***

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

THST890 (1-6)***Directed Reading in Systematic Theology***

Repeatable. May be graded S/U.

THST895 (1-6)***Directed Reading in Historical Theology***

Repeatable. May be graded S/U.

THST896 (1-6)***Directed Reading in Christian Ethics***

Repeatable. May be graded S/U.

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Courses**(Credits)**

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MSSN 505 (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.

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.

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.

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)

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)

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)

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)

Contemporary Issues in Mission

Current issues in mission and the way they affect the church's outreach in the world. Repeatable.

MSSN 646 (3)

Ministry 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.

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.

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.

MSSN 661 (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.

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.

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.

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.

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.