



The University of Manchester



**School of Arts, Languages & Cultures, Faculty of Humanities
Course Unit Descriptor**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Credit Rating	10
Course Unit Title	Introduction to Mission
Unit Code	150 (8150 distance learning version)
Unit Level	1
Contact Hours	22 (n/a for distance learning)
FHEQ Level	4
Teaching Period	Flexible delivery
Teaching Staff	Rev Seidel Abel Boanerges
ECTS	5

EXTERNAL FACING COURSE UNIT OVERVIEW

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AIMS

To introduce students to theological, biblical, historical and contemporary themes and issues in the study of mission.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Knowledge and Understanding

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- Describe significant theological themes and biblical teaching relevant to the theory and practice of mission

Intellectual Skills

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- Identify the influence of biblical and theological understanding and cultural context on shaping missional praxis

Practical Skills

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- Critically apply biblical, theological and cultural analysis to missiological issues
- Design and write an essay on a missiological subject

Transferable Skills and Personal Qualities

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- Demonstrate a cross-disciplinary approach to missiological understanding

Employability Skills

The ability to identify the interplay between theory, practice and context in Christian mission and, thereby offer a constructive contribution to the development of future strategy

SYLLABUS

1. Theological Perspectives on Mission
2. Biblical Perspectives on Mission
3. Historical Perspectives on Mission
4. Contemporary Perspectives on Mission
5. A Survey of the Global Church
6. Contextualisation
7. Holistic/Integral Mission
8. Mission in a post-Christian culture
9. Introduction to postmodernism
10. Mission in the light of postmodernism
11. Mission and Spirituality

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS

150: Interactive lectures

8150: Distance learning

Unit materials are available at Spurgeon's *Online* to support student learning

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Assessment task	Length	Weighting within unit
Formative:		
• 150: Group work task	Notional 500 words	n/a
• 8150: Presentation	Notional 500 words	n/a
Summative:		
• 150: An essay	2,000 words	100%
• 8150: An essay and a learning journal*	2,000 words	100%
		Pass/fail*

* Distance learning students are required to pass this element. So long as this element has been passed, they will be eligible for compensation if the overall unit mark is within the compensation zone (30-39%), and the compensatable credit allowance as set out in the Degree Regulations has not been exceeded.

FEEDBACK METHODS

- Oral feedback in class (150 only)

- Written feedback on formative and summative written submissions within 15 working days

REQUISITES

Available on which programme(s)?	BA in Theology
Available as Free Choice (UG) or to other programmes (PG)?	Core unit (UG)
Pre-requisite units	n/a
Co-requisite units	n/a

RECOMMENDED READING

Barnett, Mike, *Discovering the Mission of God: Best Missional Practices for the 21st Century* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2012)

<https://www.perlego.com/book/971023/discovering-the-mission-of-god-best-missional-practices-for-the-21st-century-pdf>

Bosch, David J., *Transforming Mission* (New York, NY: Orbis, 1991)

Chester, Timothy, *Justice, Mercy and Humility* (Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2002)

Goheen, Michael W., *Introducing Christian Mission Today: Scripture, History and Issues* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2014)

Hesselgrave, David J. & Edward Rommen, *Contextualization* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1980)

Ma, Julie C. & Wonsuk Ma, *Mission in the Spirit* (Oxford: Regnum, 2010)

Murray, Stuart, *Post-Christendom* (Carlisle: Paternoster Press, 2004)

<https://www.perlego.com/book/882225/postchristendom-church-and-mission-in-a-strange-new-world-second-edition-pdf?>

Smith, James K. A., *Who's Afraid of Postmodernism* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2007)

Smith, Pam, *Online Mission and Ministry: A Theological and Practical Guide* (London, SPCK, 2015)

<https://www.perlego.com/book/1469864/online-mission-and-ministry-a-theological-and-practical-guide-pdf>

Spencer, Stephen, *Christian Mission* (London: SCM, 2007)

<https://www.perlego.com/book/1436997/scm-studyguide-christian-mission-pdf>

Wright, Christopher J. H., *The Mission of God* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2006)

SCHEDULED ACTIVITY HOURS

22 contact hours (n/a for distance learning version)

PLACEMENT HOURS

n/a

INDEPENDENT STUDY HOURS

78 hours (100 hours for distance learning version)
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ADDITIONAL NOTES

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APPROVAL

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