



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	Evangelism and the Local Church
Unit Code	256
Unit Level	2
Contact Hours	22 hours
FHEQ Level	5
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 the theory and practice of evangelism in the context of the local church, and to cultivate skills in developing and deploying an appropriate evangelistic strategy.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Knowledge and Understanding

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

- Summarise the range and substance of contemporary evangelistic practice in Britain

Intellectual Skills

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

- Evaluate the theological and practical strengths and weaknesses of a variety of evangelistic approaches and programmes

Practical Skills

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

- Develop an evangelistic strategy that is appropriate to a given local church context

Transferable Skills and Personal Qualities

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

- Locate, analyse and utilise information
- Work together collaboratively in groups

Employability Skills

The unit develops students' ability to analyse context and existing strategies in the light of biblical and theological understanding to develop context specific approaches to proselytising that stand ethical scrutiny

SYLLABUS

1. What is Evangelism? The nature of the gospel in Christian preaching
2. Why Evangelism? The contemporary experience of evangelism in the churches
3. Damascus Road or Emmaus Road: becoming a Christian in C21; understanding the Christian conversion experience
4. Contemporary evangelistic practice: Five broad approaches; ethical practice in proselytising
5. Strategies for Evangelism 1 - Generational Profiling: The Baby-Boomers
6. Strategies for Evangelism 2 - A Black-majority/Pentecostal Church Approach
7. Strategies for Evangelism 3 - Street Evangelism
8. Strategies for Evangelism 4 - Strategies in Pre-Evangelism; a student led workshop
9. Strategies for Evangelism 5 - Training in Personal Evangelism; a student led workshop
10. Strategies for Evangelism 6 - Programmes in Process Evangelism; a student led workshop
11. Mosaic evangelism: The Challenge to Reach All

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS

Interactive lectures and student led workshops

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

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Assessment task	Length	Weighting within unit
Formative: • A group presentation in class	15 minutes	n/a
Summative: • An essay	2,500 words	100%

FEEDBACK METHODS

- Oral feedback in class
- 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)?	Available as Free Choice (UG)
Pre-requisite units	150 Introduction to Mission
Co-requisite units	n/a

RECOMMENDED READING

Adeney, Frances S., *Graceful Evangelism* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2010)

Booker, Mike & Mark Ireland, *Evangelism – which way now?* (London: Ch Ho Publ, 2003)

Brueggemann, Walter, *Biblical Perspectives on Evangelism* (Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 1993)

Chilcote, Paul, *Making Disciples in a World Parish: Global Perspectives on Mission & Evangelism* (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2011)
<https://www.perlego.com/book/880686/making-disciples-in-a-world-parish-global-perspectives-on-mission-evangelism-pdf>

Chilcote, Paul C. & Lacey C. Warner, *The Study of Evangelism* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2008)

Croft, Steven J. L. et al, *Evangelism in a Spiritual Age* (London: Church House, 2005)

Hollinghurst, Steve, *Mission Shaped Evangelism* (Norwich: Canterbury, 2010)

Newbigin, Lesslie, *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society* (London: SPCK, 2014)
<https://www.perlego.com/book/1469933/the-gospel-in-a-pluralist-society-pdf>

Packer, JI, *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2020)
<https://www.perlego.com/book/1470247/evangelism-and-the-sovereignty-of-god-pdf>

Santos, Narry and Mark Naylor, *Mission and Evangelism in a Secularizing World: Academy, Agency, and Assembly Perspectives from Canada* (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2019)
<https://www.perlego.com/book/950800/mission-and-evangelism-in-a-secularizing-world-academy-agency-and-assembly-perspectives-from-canada-pdf>

Standing, Roger, *Mosaic Evangelism* (Cambridge: Grove, 2013)

Stone, Bryan, *Evangelism after Pluralism: The Ethics of Christian Witness* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2018)
<https://www.perlego.com/book/1277842/evangelism-after-pluralism-the-ethics-of-christian-witness-pdf>

Thiessen, Elmer John, *The Ethics of Evangelism* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2011)

SCHEDULED ACTIVITY HOURS

22 contact hours

PLACEMENT HOURS

n/a

INDEPENDENT STUDY HOURS

78 hours

ADDITIONAL NOTES

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