



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	Theologies of Mission
Unit Code	8363
Unit Level	3
Contact Hours	n/a
FHEQ Level	6
Teaching Period	Flexible delivery
Teaching Staff	Dr Roger Standing
ECTS	5

EXTERNAL FACING COURSE UNIT OVERVIEW

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AIMS

To identify some of the resources needed for the construction of a contemporary paradigm of mission and to examine issues facing the church as it engages in mission in a postmodern, religiously plural world.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Knowledge and Understanding

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

- Evaluate critically the significance of recent developments in mission theology

Intellectual Skills

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

- Discuss the significance of varied mission paradigms

Practical Skills

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

- Develop and justify a contemporary theology of mission

Transferable Skills and Personal Qualities

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

- Manage their time effectively

Employability Skills

Students having undertaken this unit will be able to offer leadership in mission in a pluralistic, multi-cultural context by drawing on missiological insights from the world church and theologies of mission that have their roots in the global south.

SYLLABUS

1. Setting out on the journey
2. What is mission?
3. Transforming mission?
4. Reading Scripture missiologically
5. Good News to the poor
6. Missiology in the context of World Christianity
7. Mission in the midst of global diversity
8. Working on the frontier?
9. Enlarging our vision: Mission and creation
10. Unfinished agenda

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS

Distance Learning

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

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Assessment task	Length	Weighting within unit
Formative: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An essay plan	750 words	n/a
Summative: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An essay• A learning journal*	3000-3500 words	100% Pass/fail*

* Distance learning students are required to pass this element.

FEEDBACK METHODS

- 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	n/a
Co-requisite units	n/a

RECOMMENDED READING

Bediako, Kwame, <i>Christianity in Africa</i> (Edinburgh University Press, 1995)
Bevans, S.B., and R.P. Schroeder, <i>Constants in Context: A Theology of Mission for Today</i> (New York: Orbis, 2004)
Bosch, David J., <i>Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in the Theology of Mission</i> (New York: Orbis, 1992)
Chester, Tim (ed.), <i>Justice, Mercy and Humility: Integral mission and the poor</i> (Carlisle: Paternoster, 2002)
D'Costa, Gavin, <i>The Meeting of Religions and the Trinity</i> (Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 2000)
Heim, S.M., <i>The Depth of the Riches: A Trinitarian theology of religious ends</i> (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2001)
Hiebert, Paul G. <i>The Gospel in Human Contexts: Anthropological Explorations for Contemporary Missions</i> (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2009)
Jenkins, Philip, <i>The Next Christendom: The coming of global Christianity</i> (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002)
Kirk, Andrew, <i>What is Mission?</i> (London: Darton, Longman and Todd, 1999)
Morisy, A., <i>Journeying Out: a New Approach to Christian Mission</i> (London: Continuum, 2004)
Peskett, H., and Vinoth Ramachandra, <i>The Message of Mission</i> (Leicester: IVP, 2003)
Smith, D., <i>Mission After Christendom</i> (London: Darton, Longman and Todd, 2003)
Standing, Roger. <i>As a Fire by Burning: Mission as the Life of the Local Congregation</i> (London: SCM, 2013)
Wright, Christopher J.H., <i>The Mission of God's People: A Biblical Theology of the Church's Mission</i> (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2010)

SCHEDULED ACTIVITY HOURS

n/a

PLACEMENT HOURS

n/a

INDEPENDENT STUDY HOURS

100 hours

ADDITIONAL NOTES

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APPROVAL

Date approved by UGC	
Valid from Date (Publishing Date)	