

THST676

(2–3)

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)

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)

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

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THST966

(3)

Selected issues in ethics from a Christian perspective. Repeatable.

INDIVIDUAL STUDIES**THST690**

(1–3)

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

THST890

(1–6)

Repeatable. May be graded S/U.

THST895

(1–6)

Repeatable. May be graded S/U.

THST896

(1–6)

Repeatable. May be graded S/U.

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Courses**(Credits)**

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MSSN525**(2–3)**

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. Required of all MDiv students.

MSSN530**(2–3)**

Fosters an understanding of and an approach to other faiths as found in North America. Includes Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, New Age, Bahai, etc. Prerequisite: MSSN525.

MSSN535**(2–3)**

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. Prerequisite: MSSN525. Required for all MDiv students.

MSSN584**(2–4)**

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)**

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

MSSN615**(2–3)**

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.

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| MSSN618 | (2-4) | MSSN828 | (3) |
| 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. | | MSSN829 | (3) |
| MSSN627 | (2-3) | MSSN830 | (3) |
| A study of biblical models, historical examples, and development paradigms illustrating ways that Christian mission has been involved in social change. | | MSSN890 | (2-12) |
| MSSN630 | (2-3) | Repeatable. May be graded S/U. | |
| 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) | | |
| Current issues in mission and the way they affect the church's outreach in the world. Repeatable. | | | |
| MSSN650 | (2-3) | | |
| An introduction to the history, beliefs, writings, personalities and current developments in religions such as Islam, Judaism, Hinduism and Buddhism. Repeatable. | | | |
| MSSN660 | (2-3) | | |
| 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) | | |
| 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) | | |
| 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) | | |
| Individual research on a selected problem in the theory, history, or practice of mission. See general guidelines under Academic Information. | | | |
| MSSN826 | (3) | | |
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