

LIDLAW COLLEGE

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605.715 Biblical and Contemporary Theology of Mission Course Assessment and Delivery Outline

Campus/Delivery Mode: Distance Learning

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NQF Level: 7, 15 credits

CONTENT OVERVIEW

Lesson 1	Missiology – what is it? Mission under Attack
Lesson 2	Mission in the OT, Abraham
Lesson 3	The OT Prophets, Shalom. Isaiah and Jonah
Lesson 4	Matthew
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Lesson 8	Roman Catholic Mission
Lesson 9	20 th Century Conferences – part 1
Lesson 10	20 th Century Conferences – part 2
Lesson 11	Liberation Theology
Lesson 12	Contemporary Issues

ASSESSMENT TASKS AND DUE DATES

There are three assessment tasks that contribute to the final grade (the online discussion, the research report and the exam), and one assessment task that contributes to your research report, but is not graded (the research proposal).

1. Online Discussion Forums

<i>Learning Outcomes</i>	2, 3, 6
<i>Due Dates</i>	Midnight Sunday, end of semester weeks 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8
<i>Percentage Weighting</i>	15%
<i>Length</i>	As specified below

In six lessons there are Assessment Exercises which require you to post a response of 200 words on the Online Discussion Forum to a question about some aspect of that lesson. These questions are found in the course materials. In addition to your initial posting, you will be required to make at least one further posting of at least 50 words, which interacts with what other students have said. The second posting for each assessment exercise must be within 7 calendar days of the due date for the initial posting.

2. Research Proposal

<i>Due Date</i>	Midnight Sunday, end of semester week 5
<i>Percentage Weighting</i>	This exercise does not contribute to the final grade
<i>Length</i>	500 words

This Research Proposal is preparation for the Research Project below. So do this assessment after having read the instructions for *both* assessments. The topic that you choose for this Research Proposal is the same topic that you will address in your Research Report.

Your Research Proposal will outline the areas of debate generated by the topic, and the ways in which the issue is pertinent for mission today. You will also provide a bibliography

of useful, accessible books and articles that will show how you intend to explore the topic, including the scholarly views represented in the debate.

You are not expected to write an introduction or conclusion, or to access all your proposed sources. However, it is likely that you will need to access one or two sources to complete your proposal.

The purpose of this assessment is to equip you to complete the major research report well.

3. Research Report and associated online interaction

<i>Learning Outcomes</i>	2, 4, 5, 7, 8
<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Own summary:</i> Midnight Sunday, end of semester week 9 <i>Responses:</i> Midnight Sunday, end of semester week 10 <i>Report:</i> Midnight Sunday, end of semester week 11
<i>Percentage Weighting</i>	50%
<i>Length</i>	3000 words + about 1000 words for the online discussion

Choose a critical issue from the list of topics given below, and research it using the guidelines given.

Written Report

You must present a written report on your research topic of 3000 words. This report must follow normal essay standards in terms of style and referencing. Please note that while you will need to have most of the research for your project completed prior to the Online Presentation and Discussion (see below), the Written Report is not due to be handed in until after the completion of the online discussion so that you can bring insights from the online discussion to bear on your final Written Report.

Online Presentation and Discussion of Reports

The Research Projects which students undertake will be presented and discussed on the Moodle Online Discussion Forum. You must write a 300 word summary of your research topic, and post it on the appropriate Online Discussion Forum by the date shown above. Your summary should include the key books and/or articles which you found helpful in your research.

Research topic discussions will be “open” for a period of two weeks. During this time, you must make at least one posting of no more than 250 words on each of the initial summaries posted by the other students in this course (or as assigned by the tutor); other students taking this course will also respond to your posting. As the discussion continues on your topic, you must reply to all significant responses made about your research topic within 5 calendar days of each posting. The online tutor for this course will moderate the discussion that takes place on the online forum.

Research Topics

You may choose an issue from the following list, or if you want, you may research another issue if you check with the online tutor first.

- Church Growth
- Church Planting
- Community
- Contextualization
- Conversion
- Dialogue
- Ecology
- Eschatology
- Ethnicity/Ethnic Diversity
- Evangelism
- HIV/AIDS
- Holism
- Holy Spirit
- Hospitality
- Justice
- Money and mission
- Partnership
- Pluralism/Uniqueness of Christ
- Presence
- Principalities and powers

- Salvation
- Technology
- The arts
- Trinity and Mission
- Violence and Peace
- Witness
- Women in Mission

Research Guidelines

- Explain why this issue is important to you and why you have chosen it.
- Give a context and background to your chosen issue.
- Outline the important matters for discussion within the chosen topic.
- Discuss the areas of debate generated by this topic, including and defending your own perspective.
- Discuss why this issue is pertinent for mission today.
- Summarize how your thinking has been changed or expanded by studying this topic.

4. Exam

<i>Learning Outcomes</i>	1, 2, 4, 5
<i>Percentage Weighting</i>	35%
<i>Length</i>	2.5 hours duration
<i>Type of Questions</i>	3 essay style

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT

Online Discussion Forum

Before beginning your first online discussion, please see the grading grid (rubric) on the “online discussion grading guide and mid-semester feedback” for further details on how these criteria will be applied.

- Engagement with material
- Constructive engagement with others
- Structure and presentation
- Timeliness

Research Proposal

- Areas of debate generated by this topic are outlined, together with their relevance
- Bibliography is appropriate for the topic, up to date and reflecting a range of scholarly views on the debate

Research Project

- Coverage of topic chosen
- Depth and breadth of research and reading
- Critical engagement with material covered for project
- Balanced analysis of contemporary positions and thoughtful understanding of own position
- Communication and Presentation: Clarity, format, spelling, grammar; Annotation and bibliography.
- Quality of presentation and depth of engagement shown in feedback on the online forum

Exam

- Answers directed to the question
- Coverage of main points
- Depth of Treatment
- Critical Judgment
- Coherence and presentation

LEARNING HOURS

Course material and associated reading	60 hours
Participation in the Online Discussion Forum	15 hours
Research Proposal	10 hours
Research Topic	40 hours
Exam Preparation (3 questions)	25 hours
TOTAL	150 hours

TEXTBOOK

The required text for this course is:

Bosch, David. *Transforming Mission*. Maryknoll: Orbis, 1991.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

A full bibliography for this course is provided as a separate reading list in the Readings section of your course CD-ROM. You will need to consult this for the research project, and other assessment tasks.

However, in addition to the required textbook for this course, the following are highly recommended resources, and would be valuable additions to your library:

Dorr, Donald. *Mission in Today's World*. Dublin: Columba, 2000.

Engen, Charles Edward Van. *Mission on the Way, Issues in Mission Theology*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1996.

Escobar, S. *The New Global Mission, The Gospel from Everywhere to Everyone*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2003. (Also published as *A time for mission : the challenge for global Christianity*, Leicester: InterVarsity 2003.)

Glasser, Arthur F. *Announcing the Kingdom, The Story of God's Mission in the Bible*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2003.

Kirk, J. Andrew. *What is Mission? Theological Explorations*. London: Darton Longman & Todd, 1999.

In addition to the above resources, a list of internet resources will be given on Moodle which you will find helpful.