

# **Assemblies of God Theological Seminary**

**Springfield, Missouri**

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## **MSSM 643 Church Ministry in a Muslim Context**

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### **COURSE SYLLABUS**

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course will focus on the culture of religious Muslim people and the need for implementing culture-sensitive approaches with regard to evangelism and church planting within an Islamic context.

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Upon the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Recognize various aspects of local Christian culture which present stumbling blocks for Muslims of an Islamic context.
2. Identify scriptural principles which relate to cross-cultural ministry.
3. Implement changes of approach in order to enhance the relevance of the message, the messenger, and the community of believers.
4. Discern the dangers of syncretism in a contextualized approach for church-planting.

#### **REQUIRED READING**

Abdul-Haqq, Abdiyah Akbar. *Sharing Your Faith with a Muslim*. Minneapolis: Bethany Fellowship, Inc., 1980.

Abdullah Bhai. *I Seek Refuge in Allah*. Minneapolis: Noor ul Haq, 1995.

Fernea, Elizabeth Warnock. *A Street in Marakech*. Prospect Heights, IL: Waveland Press, Inc. 1988.

Livingstone, Greg. *Planting Churches in Muslim Cities: A Team Approach*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1993. Mallouhi, Christine A. *Miniskirts, Mothers & Muslims* (revised edition). Grand Rapids: Monarch Books, 2004.

Parshall, Phil. *Muslim Evangelism*. Waynesboro, GA: Authentic Medina, 2005.

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

1. The gift
2. The wrappings of the gift
3. The message of the gift
4. The bearer of the gift
5. The custodian of the gift
6. Case studies

## **METHODOLOGY**

Lecture, discussion, case studies, and group activity

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

### **A. Pre-session**

1. Fulfil the required reading in its entirety and write a two-page report for any four of the textbooks (do not include the booklet, *I Seek Refuge in Allah*), summarizing the material and expressing your impressions.
2. Carefully read and examine the booklet, *I Seek Refuge in Allah*. Write a two-page report that reflects your impressions and your ideas about how this type of material could be used for evangelism among Muslim people. .

**DUE DATE** for all pre-session work: **Tuesday, February 28, 2006**

### **B. Session**

Attend all class sessions and be prepared to participate in discussion and group activity.

### **C. Post-Session**

#### **1. Take-home Exam**

Complete and submit a take-home exam postmarked no later than **March 17, 2006**.

## 2. Course Paper

Write a 15-20 page paper that 1) details how you would plant a church and conduct worship services in the context of orthodox Islam and 2) explains the reasons for the particular aspects of your approach.

**OR**

Write and design a 15-20 page contextualized tract for a practicing Muslim.

This course paper should be forwarded to the instructor for grading and postmarked no later than **July 1, 2006**. Send to:

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**NOTE: Work received after the post-session due date will result in a change of grade fee (\$15.00 additional), even when an extension has been granted by the instructor.**

### GRADING PROCEDURE

Pre-session reading reports	20%
Class participation	10%
Take-home exam	30%
Post-session paper	40%

### SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Dretke, James. *A Christian Approach to Muslims: Reflection from West Africa*. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 1979.

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Love, Fran and Jaleta Eckheart, eds. *Ministry to Muslim Women: Longing to Call Them Sisters*. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 2000.

Love, Rick. *Muslims, Magic, and the Kingdom of God: Church Planting Among Folk Muslims*. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 2000.

Martin, Richard C. *Islam: A Cultural Perspective*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1982.

Mujeeb, M. *The Indian Muslims*. Montreal, Canada: McGill University Press, 1967.

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Mutalib, Hussin. *Islam in Malaysia*. Singapore: Singapore University Press, 1993.

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Stacey, Vivienne. *Women in Islam*. London: Interserve, 1995.

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### **SPECIFIC DATA**

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