

# **Assemblies of God Theological Seminary**

## **MCS 632 AREA STUDIES SEMINAR: AFRICA**

### **COURSE SYLLABUS**

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**Time: 1:00-2:15 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday**

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#### **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

Being more than a cultural or historical overview, this course will emphasize missions and church issues and trends that are being utilized, developed, and considered in today's Africa. The student will encounter theoretical and practical missiological motifs within sub-Sahara Africa. These will be emphasized and treated from a Pentecostal perspective. While this course is designed to be regionally specific in scope, those interested in missions beyond Africa should find these issues challenging and applicable towards developing a global missiological worldview and understanding.

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of this course, the student should have an appreciation and understanding for contemporary mission and church work in Africa. To this end, the student should be able:

To trace the history of Christianity of Africa from the 1400s up to the present time.

To understand the Islamic influence and its migration into various countries of Africa.

To trace the impact of the slave trade and its impact upon Africa

To enumerate the distinctive/overlapping Worldviews between peasant villagers and modern city dwellers.

To distinguish between the various political/governmental ideologies within Africa and the force that drives them.

To study and formulate mission strategies beyond the Indigenous Church Principles that would be applicable to modern African missions.

To appreciate the complexity of the AIDs problem within Africa.

To formulate scenarios for living within countries posing physical danger and persecution to both missionary and nationals alike.

To comprehend present day African missions as practiced through the Assemblies of God Eleventh Hour Institute missionary program.

To develop a holistic mission theology.

To consider African Initiated Churches in the light of Scripture and the African context.

## **TEXTBOOKS**

### **Required:**

Moreau, A. Scott, et al. *Evangelical Dictionary of World Missions*. Grand Rapids: Baker Reference Library, 2000.  
Shaw, Mark. *The Kingdom of God in Africa*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1996.

### **Recommended:**

Johnstone, Patrick. *Operation World: 21<sup>st</sup> Century edition*. Waynesboro, GA: Paternoster Publishing, 2001.  
Guthrie, Stan. *Missions in the Third Millennium*. Waynesboro, GA: Paternoster Publishing, 2000.

## **BASIC OUTLINE**

Culture: Modern vs peasant  
History of Christianity in Africa  
Islam in Africa: an overview  
The slave trade issue  
Political issues and the missionary  
Indigenous church and beyond  
AIDs, the Christian's response  
Living in the midst of Persecution and Physical Danger  
Eleventh Hour Institute: A/G Africa's Response to Missions  
Theological Training  
Holistic/Compassion Ministries  
AICs

## **METHODOLOGY**

Lecture  
Class discussion  
Guest speakers  
Audio/video presentations  
Student presentations

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

### Research paper

The paper should consist of 12-15 pages excluding the bibliography.  
There will be a reduction of one letter grade for papers turned in after the due date.  
The topic must be approved by the professor.  
Two copies will be submitted, the marked one will be returned.  
Details will be provided in a separate handout.  
The style guide must conform to seminary requirements.

### Reading Requirements

Reading all of the Shaw Textbook  
Selected readings from the Moreau Dictionary  
Other assigned readings.

Completion of mid-term and final exams

Active participation in class discussions and interactions

Attendance is required as per the seminary catalog.

Presentation of the research paper in class

The student will effectively utilize the *Human Relations Area Files (eHRAF)* for research and understanding related African cultures.

### **GRADING PROCEDURE**

Required reading of both the textbook and collateral reading: 20%

Research paper: 40%

Two exams 40%

### **SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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### **SPECIFIC DATA**

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