

NORTH PORTLAND BIBLE COLLEGE (NPBC)

Theology of Mission

IS 211– 3 Credits

Independent Study

Fall Term 2017

September 25 to December 8, 2017

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to introduce the student to a biblical, theological and historical basis for Christian mission, demonstrating the centrality of mission in the life of a believer.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

After completing this course, students will:

1. Demonstrate the understanding of the relationship between the eternal kingdom promised to David in the Old Testament, the teachings of Jesus on the kingdom of God, and the mission of the church.
2. Understand God's plan to bless the nations through both the Old and New testaments.
3. Personally engage God's call to mission and lead others in the *missio Dei*.

METHODOLOGY:

Students will participate in an independent study-learning environment as designated by the course schedule. In addition, students will explore the above-mentioned objectives through required readings, video sessions, and written assignments.

REQUIRED TEXT:

Ott, Craig, Stephen J. Strauss, and Timothy C. Tennent. *Encountering Theology of Mission*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2010.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND POLICIES

Attendance: Students are required to attend the orientation session. Electronically is the only method for submitting assignments. After the orientation session, email and/or telephone will be means of communication.

Class Discussion: The orientation session is to introduce student to the syllabus, requirements for completing the course, and specific questions needing clarification. Assignments are due as designated by the schedule and will be returned to the student on the following week. Instructor is available by email and telephone.

Reading Reports (5)

Student will read the text *Encountering Theology of Mission* following the schedule below. Student is required to complete each reading report (available on the Populi website) and upload it by the due date. Complete answers to the review questions should result in a paper of 1-2 pages.

Reflection Papers (2)

Student will read the text *Encountering Theology of Mission* following the schedule below. Student is required to write a three page, doubled-spaced reflection paper following NPBC writing guidelines. Each paper will consist of three parts. The first will summarize what idea or concept the author presented. The second will reflect what the student learned from the material and the final section will discuss how the student can use this learning in their ministry.

Reflection papers allow students the chance to reinforce what they have learned through coursework, lectures and personal experience. Although reflection papers focus on the writer's personal feelings and experiences, they often require multiple sources and frequent use of concrete examples. Learning how to write a reflection paper helps you organize your thoughts methodically and gain more from practical experience. (Instructor will provide examples).

Watch “Reading the Whole Bible for Missions” – Christopher Wright (You Tube) Due November 20, 2017.

This lecture is 47 minutes. Student will write a two page, double spaced reflection paper summarizing Dr. Wright's message and what they have learned from it.

NPBC Writing Standards:

All written work must be typed in the format designated by the college. Excessive errors such as grammar, punctuation, format, and spelling will affect your grade.

All written material submitted must be the original work of the student. **Plagiarism** is a violation of academic integrity and constitutes a serious breach of scholarship standards at North Portland Bible College. When quoting the work of an author or an author's ideas are used in your paper, document, document, and document.

After the last day of the course, there will be no further extensions for work in the class, except for extenuating circumstances, such as family emergencies or medical reasons. Any request for an "INC" grade must be discussed with the professor prior to the last day of school. The professor must notify the office manager and provide copy of the work to be completed, or the grade of an "F" will be assigned.

Late Assignment Policy: 10 points will be deducted from grade on all late assignments.

There will not be any further extensions for work after December 8, 2017, except for extenuating circumstances such as family emergencies or medical reasons.

Any request for an "INC" complete grade must be discussed with professor prior to the last day of school. The professor will notify the office manager and provide a copy of work to be completed, or the grade of an "F" will be assigned.

GRADING: (A ten percent penalty will be assessed for late work & attendance)

Orientation Meeting	5
Reading Reports (5)	50
Reflection Paper (2)	40
Wright Video	<u>5</u>
Total	100 Points

GRADING SCALE:

- 90 – 100 A
- 80 – 89 B
- 70 – 79 C
- 60 – 69 D
- 0 - 59 F

SCHEDULE

Sept. 25, 2017

Orientation: Discussion of Independent Study guidelines, syllabus, and setting expectations.

October 9, 2017	Reading Report #1 (Intro thru chapter 2)
October 23, 2017	Reading Report #2 (Chapters 3-4)
November 6, 2017	Reading Report #3 (Chapters 5-6)
November 10, 2017	Reflection Paper #1
November 13, 2017	Reading Report #4 (Chapters 7-8)
November 20, 2017	Wright Video Report
November 27, 2017	Reading Report #5 (Chapters 9-10)
December 8, 2017	Reflection Paper #2

Bibliography – Theology of Missions

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