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Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should not be used to purchase course materials.

COURSE SYLLABUS

THEO 605

THEOLOGY FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores a biblical foundation and theology for Christian mission. Beginning with a rigorous interaction with the Old and New Testaments, the key aspects of mission theology will be explored as well as how theology of mission relates to other key themes in theology. The seminar will also consider how theology of mission affects mission practice.

RATIONALE

Rapidly globalizing networks, colliding civilizations, multiplying religious and ideological pluralisms, ongoing explosion of Christian adherents in the non-Western world, and a myriad of other dynamic influences converge to raise daunting issues and pose critical questions to those who wish to glorify God among the nations and be obedient to Christ's Great Commission in the 21st century. Today it is perhaps less important to decipher what needs to change than it is what must remain the same. The Word of God provides certain truths for understanding and assessing the challenges before us. This course burrows back into biblical and theological moorings of God's plan for the ages, lets the Bible speak afresh to key issues in theology, determines fresh ways to address these issues, and suggests practical ways beyond the impasse.

I. PREREQUISITE

For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the [Academic Course Catalog](#).

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE

Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm>

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

- A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
- B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
- C. Microsoft Word
(Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to Liberty University students.)

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- A. Identify the mission of God as the grand narrative in the Old and New Testaments.
- B. Articulate the key themes of theology of mission.
- C. Analyze the relationship between mission theology and other aspects of theology.
- D. Describe practical applications of a biblical theology of mission.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations/notes
- B. Course Requirements Checklist
After reading the Syllabus and [Student Expectations](#), the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.
- C. Discussion Board Forums (7)
There will be 7 Discussion Board Forums throughout this course. The student is required to provide a thread in response to the provided topic for each forum. Each thread is to be a minimum of 400 words in length and demonstrate course-related knowledge. In addition to the thread, the student is required to provide 2 replies. In your replies, state areas of agreement and disagreement with the thread using the textbooks and/or research to support your claims. Each reply must be a minimum of 200 words.
- D. Case Study Project
The student will write a 10–12-page, analytical case study which isolates typical cultural/theological issues in global settings, uses a biblical analytical grid for evaluation, and determines a “way forward” role-playing as the cross-cultural agent in said context. The case study will be in current Turabian format with all sources properly documented. The project must include at least 10 references in addition to the course textbooks and the Bible.
- E. Reading Quizzes (4)
Each Reading Quiz will cover the Reading & Study material for the module/week in which it is assigned. The first 3 Reading Quizzes will be open-book/open-notes, contain 15 multiple-choice questions, and have a 1-hour time limit. The final Reading Quiz will be open-book/open-notes, contain 4 short essay questions, and have a 1-hour time limit.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Points	
Course Requirements Checklist	10
Discussion Board Forums (7 at 60 pts ea)	420
Case Study Project	340
Reading Quizzes (4 at 60 pts ea)	240
	Total 1,010

B. Scale

A = 940–1010 A- = 920–939 B+ = 900–919 B = 860–899 B- = 840–859
C+ = 820–839 C = 780–819 C- = 760–779 D+ = 740–759 D = 700–739
D- = 680–699 F = 0–679

C. Style Guidelines

All assignments for this course are to be formatted in accordance with the [LBTS Writing Guide](#) and the latest edition of the Turabian style manual (*A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*). Discussion assignments and essay examinations may use the parenthetical citation style. All other written assignments should use the footnote citation style. Supplemental writing aids are available via the [Online Writing Center](#).

D. Extra Credit

No additional “for credit” assignments will be permitted beyond those given in the course requirements stated above.

E. Course Changes

Course requirements are subject to change by the administration of the University at any time with appropriate notice.

F. Disability and Academic Support

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.

COURSE SCHEDULE

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Textbooks: Ott et al., *Encountering Theology of Mission* (2010)
 Ott & Netland, *Globalizing Theology* (2006)
 Tennent, *Theology in the Context of World Christianity* (2007)

MODULE/ WEEK	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
1	Ott et al.: chs. 1–6 3 presentations	Course Requirements Checklist DB Forum 1	10 60
2	Ott et al.: chs. 7–10 Ott & Netland: Preface–ch. 3 4 presentations	DB Forum 2 Reading Quiz 1	60 60
3	Ott et al.: chs. 11–13 Ott & Netland: chs. 4–5 2 presentations	DB Forum 3	60
4	Tennent: chs. 1–3 Ott & Netland: chs. 6–8 2 presentations	DB Forum 4 Reading Quiz 2	60 60
5	Tennent: chs. 4–6 Ott & Netland: chs. 9–11 1 presentation 1 lecture note	DB Forum 5	60
6	Tennent: chs. 7–8 Ott & Netland: ch. 12–conclusion 1 presentation	DB Forum 6 Reading Quiz 3	60 60
7	Tennent: chs. 9–10 1 presentation 1 website	DB Forum 7	60
8	1 presentation	Case Study Term Project Reading Quiz 4	340 60
TOTAL			1,010

DB = Discussion Board

NOTE: Each course week begins on Monday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Sunday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.