

**Urban Missiology**  
**M. Christopher White School of Divinity**  
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DSMS 302 A  
Lindsey 105 Monday, 1:30-5:00 PM  
3 credit hours

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**Course Description**

The course will enable the student to understand the unique challenges and mission opportunities in an urban setting. The student will learn about profound impact of global urbanization throughout the world and explore how one can make an impact in these areas.

**Course Objectives**

1. Assist the student to understand the biblical and theological framework of urban mission.
2. Assist the student to understand the tremendous opportunities and challenges of urban mission.
3. Assist the student to understand the key issues involved in global urbanization and current migratory trends.
4. Assist the student to understand the importance of demographic studies.
5. Provide models for urban mission strategies for two urban settings.
6. Challenge the student develop an urban strategy of their own for a city with 100,000 + population.
7. To assess one's own gifts and calling as it relates to urban mission opportunities.

**Texts**

The Urban Face of Mission: Ministering the Gospel in a Diverse and Changing World, Harvie Conn, et al.  
Signs of Hope in the City: Ministries of Community Renewal, Robert Carle and Louis Decaro, Jr.  
A Heart for the City: Effective Ministries to the Urban Community, John Fuder

**Course Requirements**

1. Readings. Each student will be expected to complete all assigned readings **before** the topic will be discussed in class. The **Class Schedule** will provide the reading assignments and the topics for each class period.
2. Examinations. The students will take a midterm examination and a final exam. The dates of the midterm can be found in the **Course Schedule**.
3. Urban Ministry Project. The Urban Ministry Project will be a 12-15 (12 point font) page paper that will include: demographic research, evaluation of the current situation, consideration of models, and a plan for implementation. Understanding something about the cities history, demographics and the social/ethical/religious concerns of the city are vitally important.

**Grading**

Midterm Examination	100	A =	282-300
Urban Ministry Project	100	B =	255-281
Final Examination	<u>100</u>	C =	210-254
<b>Total</b>	<b>300</b>	D =	180-209
		F =	Under 180

## Class Policies

1. Attendance: Attendance will be taken each day. The student is responsible for being at each class and acknowledging their presence in class. The university policy holds that a student must attend 75% of the classes to receive a passing grade and credit for the course. Four absences for this course will mean a failing grade. A tardy student will be counted absent unless they inform the instructor of their presence. When a student is late three times, then it will become one absence. When a student misses more than twenty minutes of a class, they will be receive one-half of an absence.
2. Academic Honesty: The work done for this course must be done by the student. Using others work and handing it in as your own work is a very serious offense. Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. The student handbook is very clear on the punishment for these offenses.
3. Support Services & Special Needs: For information about the Writing Lab and Tutorial Services, please contact the instructor. If you require accommodations for a special need, please contact the instructor.

## Class Schedule

01/06	Introduction to the Course, Global Urbanization and Migration	
01/13	Biblical and Theological Foundations of Urban Mission	<b>Fuder</b> , chs 1-4; <b>Conn</b> , ch 2; <b>Carle</b> , chs 1-2
01/20	Globalization, Theology, and the 2/3 World	<b>Conn</b> , chs 5-8
01/27	Justice and the City	<b>Fuder</b> , ch 5; <b>Conn</b> , chs 9-11
02/03	Homelessness and Refugees in the City	<b>Fuder</b> , chs 20-24
02/10	Youth and Children in the City	<b>Fuder</b> , chs 25-29
02/17	Pluralism and the City	<b>Fuder</b> , chs 15-19
02/24	MIDTERM EXAMINATION	
03/03	SPRING BREAK	
03/10	Tools and Educating for Urban Mission	<b>Conn</b> , chs 1, 4, 12-14
03/17	Training for Urban Mission	<b>Fuder</b> , chs 6-9
03/24	African-American Ministry in the City	<b>Conn</b> , ch 15; <b>Carle</b> , chs 3-7
03/31	Latino Ministry in the City	<b>Carle</b> , chs 8-9
04/07	Korean Ministry in the City	<b>Conn</b> , ch. 16; <b>Carle</b> , chs 13-14
04/14	Evangelism and Church Planting in the City	<b>Fuder</b> , chs 10-14; <b>Conn</b> , chs 2-3
04/21	EASTER BREAK	
04/28	Holistic Ministry	<b>Carle</b> , chs 10-12, 15-16

Final Examination time to be announced