WORLD CHRISTIANITY AND WITNESS (WOCW)

WOCW 7376 The Story of the Missionary Expansion of Christianity (3)  
Pre-requisite(s): WOCW 7385 recommended  
A survey of the advance of Christianity from the early church to the present. Literature, documents, and principles of this expansion will be examined and evaluated in order to gain a perspective of when and how Christianity progressed and to make contemporary application.

WOCW 7377 Church and Witness (3)  
Pre-requisite(s): WOCW 7385 recommended  
A study of the church as source and base for faithful witness to the world. Attention is given to the essence and nature of the local church as it crosses boundaries and represents Christ within cultures.

WOCW 7378 Church Planting (3)  
Pre-requisite(s): WOCW 7385 recommended  
An overview of theory and principles of church planting for domestic and international ministry. Emphasis will be given to models of church and ways urban churches were initiated in the New Testament period and subsequent periods of church history, as well as special challenges for today.

WOCW 7379 Models and Practice of Christian Social Innovation (3)  
An overview of historical and contemporary models of social innovation and an exploration into skills and best practices required for social transformation and Christian witness.

WOCW 7380 Biblical and Theological Themes for Witness (3)  
Pre-requisite(s): WOCW 7385 recommended  
A biblical and theological evaluation of classical and current themes in the church’s witness that address issues such as contextualization, the church growth movement, indigenous theologies, and universalism.

WOCW 7381 Religion and Worldviews (3)  
Pre-requisite(s): WOCW 7385 recommended  
A study of ancient and modern rites, traditions, and ideas that form religious and worldview perspectives for the peoples of the world and the Christian’s response to these perspectives.

WOCW 7382 Cross Cultural Living and Communication (3)  
Pre-requisite(s): WOCW 7385 recommended  
An introduction to cultural anthropology for the task of cross-cultural witness. Attention is given to principles and resources necessary for initial entry, life, witness, and productive ministry in the cross-cultural setting.

WOCW 7383 Ethnographic Research Methodology (3)  
Pre-requisite(s): WOCW 7385 recommended  
Practical skill training and field techniques in the gathering, comparison, and analysis of data related to cultures, religions, and history of a people, city or region.

WOCW 7384 Introduction to Christian Witness and Mission (3)  
A study of the biblical foundation and historical progress of the church’s witness around the world and the church’s contextual relationship with the world and with God in light of the gospel. Special attention is given to the relationship between culture and witness, contemporary thought and practice, the place of the local church in Christian witness, the minister’s role in developing a global consciousness within the church, and the reciprocal nature of worldwide witness.