

# MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF PREACING

# WORLD MISSIONS PROGRAM

## CURRICULUM

### FIRST QUARTER

MI511 Biblical History of Missions I  
MI512 Cultural Preparation for Missions  
MI513 Principles of Personal and Professional Ethics  
MI514 Advanced Hermeneutics  
MI515 Effective Communication I  
MI516 Church Planting and Growth

### SECOND QUARTER

MI521 Biblical History of Missions II  
MI522 Family Preparation for Missions  
MI523 Principles of Leadership  
MI524 Understanding World Religions  
MI525 Effective Communication II  
MI526 Evangelism Methods

### THIRD QUARTER

MI531 History of Christian Missionary Efforts I  
MI532 Partnership Preparation for Missions  
MI533 Principles of Service  
MI534 Doctrinal Challenges on the Mission Field I  
MI535 Effective Communication III  
MI536 Destination Research I

### FOURTH QUARTER

MI541 History of Christian Missionary Efforts II  
MI542 Accountability Preparation for Missions  
MI543 Principles of Preaching  
MI544 Doctrinal Challenges on the Mission Field II  
MI545 Effective Communication IV  
MI546 Destination Research II

# DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

(Note: The numbers in the first set of parentheses represent semester hours, and the numbers in the second set represent clock hours.)

## FIRST QUARTER

### **MI511 Biblical History of Missions I (3) (60)**

This course is an overview of the Bible, emphasizing biblical inspiration and authority, providing a strong biblical basis, by demonstrating from both the Old and New Testaments, God's plan for world evangelism, and teaching Biblical principles of mission work.

### **MI512 Cultural Preparation for Missions (3) (60)**

One of the greatest challenges for missionaries is "culture shock." This study will deal with the many facets of living in a different cultural environment, whether in the States, or abroad. Included will be a study of reverse culture shock when missionaries and their families return.

### **MI513 Principles of Personal and Professional Ethics (3) (60)**

This will be a biblical study of personal and professional ethics, especially in view of current ethical problems faced by preachers and their families, and congregations.

### **MI514 Advanced Hermeneutics (2) (40)**

An advanced study of how properly to interpret the Scriptures, in preparation for answering false views, but also for correcting false views in order to bring men to the Truth.

### **MI515 Effective Communication I (2) (40)**

This course will be the beginning of a study of the language of the area where the missionary will labor. For foreign languages, the class will incorporate Rosetta-Stone and instruction from one who speaks the language. For those students planning on working within their native tongue, the course will employ advanced studies, including composition, and effective communication. Additional preparation will include understanding words unique to preaching and teaching the Bible.

### **MI516 Church Planting and Growth (2) (40)**

Methods of establishing congregations, and helping them to grow, develop, and mature will be the focus of this course. Included will be a study of the Indigenous Method versus the Paternal Method of evangelism, and ways of preparing local brethren to continue the work.

## **SECOND QUARTER**

### **MI521 Biblical History of Missions II (3) (60)**

Since the preaching of the remission of sins began in Jerusalem, and spread to the uttermost part of the earth, this course studies the book of Acts, with an in-depth study of missions, especially Paul's missionary journeys.

### **MI522 Family Preparation for Missions (3) (60)**

This course provides vital information for the missionary family's working as a team in God's service. In order to succeed, the entire family must be prepared to face the challenges, and to overcome the obstacles, that they will face spiritually, emotionally, and physically. The goal will be to equip families in order to build family relationships, to develop strengths, and to prevent "burn out."

### **MI523 Principles of Leadership (3) (60)**

On the mission field, the evangelist will have leadership responsibilities, and his work will be to prepare leaders; therefore, he must have the knowledge of leadership principles, and the ability to put those principles into practice in developing leadership in the church.

### **MI524 Understanding World Religions (2) (40)**

The ability of the missionary to understand world belief systems is crucial for his addressing those beliefs; thus, this study of world religions will encompass an investigation of the major religious beliefs and practices of the world.

### **MI525 Effective Communication II (2) (40)**

This course will continue the study of the language of the area where the missionary will labor. For foreign languages, the class will incorporate Rosetta-Stone and instruction from one who speaks the language. For those students planning on working within their native tongue, the course will employ advanced studies, including composition, and effective communication. Additional preparation will include understanding words unique to preaching and teaching the Bible.

### **MI526 Evangelism Methods (2) (40)**

In Evangelism Methods, the missionary will study how effectively to establish Bible studies, as well as how to select and properly use the various methods and materials available. Preparation to use mass media and modern technology, will complement instruction in how to establish personal contacts, as well as developing local members to evangelize.

## **THIRD QUARTER**

### **MI531 History of Christian Missionary Efforts I (3) (60)**

Building upon the basis of Biblical History I and II, this study will investigate early efforts at missions, including restoration movement missions up to the twentieth century. Failures and successes, as well as doctrinal considerations of methods and organization will be discussed.

### **MI532 Partnership Preparation for Missions (3) (60)**

This course provides instruction in the practical aspects of securing a sponsoring congregation, raising support, communicating with supporters. How effectively to work with an overseeing congregation/eldership will be stressed.

### **MI533 Principles of Service (3) (60)**

Understanding the importance of the attitude of humble service will be the goal of this course. How the missionary must view his stewardship of time, funds, duties, and opportunities, in accordance with biblical teaching, will be emphasized, in addition to his training men and women to serve the Lord.

### **MI534 Doctrinal Challenges on the Mission Field I (2) (40)**

This course will enable students to be prepared to face false doctrines encountered on the mission field. From current issues facing the church, to extremes of liberalism and radicalism, and the Christian response to error, this study will prepare the missionary to handle the doctrinal challenges he will face.

### **MI535 Effective Communication III (2) (40)**

This course will continue the study of the language of the area where the missionary will labor. For foreign languages, the class will incorporate Rosetta-Stone and instruction from one who speaks the language. For those students planning on working within their native tongue, the course will employ advanced studies, including composition, and effective communication. Additional preparation will include understanding words unique to preaching and teaching the Bible.

### **MI536 Destination Research I (2) (40)**

In preparing for understanding and effectively working in the missionary's destination, this course will provide guided research into the history, religion, culture, customs, geography, housing, schooling, transportation, currency, safety issues, and governmental requirements of the area to which the student intends to go. Predetermining possibilities of entrance into the chosen mission field and requirements of that country to work and to stay will be considered. This course will include a mission trip to the chosen mission destination.

## **FOURTH QUARTER**

### **MI541 History of Christian Missionary Efforts II (3) (60)**

Building upon the basis of History of Christian Missionary Efforts I, this study mission efforts of the Church of Christ from the twentieth century to the present day. Failures and successes, doctrinal considerations of methods and organization, and emerging and potential future opportunities will be discussed.

### **MI542 Accountability Preparation for Missions (3) (60)**

Separation from home does not mean the missionary must not be accountable. This course will consider the continuing needs for fundraising, communicating with supporters, and stewardship. Included will be instruction on working as a team player, as opposed to being an independent worker, and responsibility to the Lord, the church, his family, and himself. Accountability in preparing for the future will be given importance.

### **MI543 Principles of Preaching (3) (60)**

For the missionary to work effectively, he must have certain qualifications and skills in preaching. This course will be an advanced study of sermon preparation and delivery, including principles of teaching, with emphasis on expository preaching.

### **MI544 Doctrinal Challenges on the Mission Field II (2) (40)**

A continuation of Doctrinal Challenges on the Mission Field I, this course will enable students to be prepared to face false doctrines encountered on the mission field. From current issues facing the church, to extremes of liberalism and radicalism, and the Christian response to error, this study will prepare the missionary to handle the doctrinal challenges he will face.

### **MI545 Effective Communication IV (2) (40)**

This course will continue the study of the language of the area where the missionary will labor. For foreign languages, the class will incorporate Rosetta-Stone and instruction from one who speaks the language. For those students planning on working within their native tongue, the course will employ advanced studies, including composition, and effective communication. Additional preparation will include understanding words unique to preaching and teaching the Bible.

### **MI546 Destination Research II (2) (40)**

In preparing for understanding and effectively working in the missionary's destination, this course will provide guided research into the history, religion, culture, customs, geography, housing, schooling, transportation, currency, safety issues, and governmental requirements of the area to which the student intends to go. Predetermining possibilities of entrance into the chosen mission field and requirements of that country to work and to stay will be considered. This course will include practical experience in evangelism.