UNDERGRADUATE COURSE UNITS
(Mission)

M7100 Introduction to Mission
This course unit introduces students to missiology as an academic discipline, providing them with an overview of key biblical, cultural, historical, and strategic aspects of mission. It furnishes students with data to assess various expressions of Christian mission, and alerts them to the challenges of communicating the gospel message and enlisting the sending churches in this task.

At the end of this unit students will be able to:

1. explain the biblical basis of Christian mission and identify critical issues in contemporary theologies of mission as espoused by major branches of the Christian Church;
2. outline key historical, cultural and strategic perspectives related to the practice of world mission;
3. suggest strategies to strengthen local church commitment to and involvement in world mission;
4. identify ways in which Australian churches might address cultural and religious diversity in their outreach to the local community.
5. apply perspectives covered in this unit to the contemporary practice of mission and evangelism.

M7109 Introduction to Discipleship
This unit will introduce students to Biblically grounded and culturally adapted approaches to following Jesus in the contemporary context. It will investigate theories and practices of discipleship, spiritual transformation and disciple making for the 21st century.

At the end of this unit students will be able to:

1. analyse the Biblical material and theological issues relating to discipleship
2. explain why and how different approaches to making disciples are employed in differing cultural and contextual situations.
3. explain the role and place of a disciple in the public arena
4. develop a discipleship pathway for a given setting
5. reflect upon the foundational importance and practical application of discipleship to Christian life and ministry.
M7285 Introduction to Cross Cultural Mission

This course unit explores worldview and intercultural communication from theological and practical perspectives. It will help students understand their own worldviews and those of others, and assist them in effective cross-cultural ministry and mission at home or abroad.

At the end of this unit students will be able to:

1. explain the concept of culture and foundational principles of cross-cultural communication;
2. demonstrate a broad understanding of the theological and theoretical foundations of cross cultural ministry;
3. evidence developing skill in analysing cross-cultural situations and discerning underlying assumptions and values;
4. develop strategies to cope with the complexities of cross-cultural ministry or mission;
5. apply a growing understanding of culture and worldview to the communication of Christian faith across cultural barriers

M7205 Paradigms for Contemporary Mission

This course unit aims to introduce the student to the paradigm shifts required to recast the church in a genuinely missional stance in western cultural contexts.

At the end of this course unit students should be able to:

1. demonstrate a broad understanding of the significant cultural shifts that have occurred over the last few centuries, and the various responses of the church to these
2. demonstrate a developed understanding of a genuinely missional ecclesiology
3. display a well-developed ability to analyse culture and identify points of contact with the gospel
4. articulate a genuinely missional ecclesiology and show a commitment to achieve greater relevance to today’s non-Christian world.
5. Critically discuss the ‘remissionalisation’ of the church.

M7320 Anthropology for Christian Mission

This course unit provides students with an understanding of culture and key insights from anthropology. It will help them use this knowledge in the service of Christian ministry and mission.

At the end of this unit students will be able to:

1. demonstrate familiarity with key anthropological concepts, categories, and terminology;
2. examine current methods of anthropological research, comparing these with research methods in other social sciences;
3. utilise anthropological research methods;
4. explore the relevance of anthropological perspectives to Christian mission, and to their own cross-cultural relationships and ministries;
5. apply anthropological concepts and research methods to the production of an ethnography based on field research.
M7372 Mission and Justice

This course unit explores the implications of biblical teachings on poverty, wealth, justice and compassion for a Christian response to the needs of the global poor. It will identify dynamics of international trade, oppression and exploitation, including the problems of debt, poverty and powerlessness.

At the end of this unit students will be able to:

1. identify important dimensions of an integral mission response to the needs of the poor and marginalised
2. articulate the biblical and theological convictions which underlie such a response
3. think strategically regarding how to mobilise the local church in integral mission
4. Critique and analyse the responses of God’s people around the world as an advocate for and work with the poor
5. understand the need to put into practice Jesus’ teaching involving injustice and compassion