

**ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**  
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**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course will take place in the City of Chicago. Chicago will be an urban laboratory in which the class will be able to apply readings and class discussions in theology, sociology, ministry, intercultural communications, ethnic/religious diversity, spiritual formation and leadership skills in real time and context.

**EVANGEL UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT**

Evangel University is a comprehensive Christian university committed to excellence in educating and equipping students to become Spirit-empowered servants of God who impact the church and society globally.

**ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary is to equip servant leaders with knowledge, skill, and passion to revitalize the Church and evangelize the world in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Upon successful completion of the course the student should be able to:

1. Explore the diverse contextual issues facing urban ministries.
2. Dissect a theology/missiology of urban mission.
3. Imagine the value of developing ethnic diversity in the local church.
4. Formulate a consistent pattern of spiritual formation to undergird the practice of ministry.

**COURSE TEXTS**

For information on textbook pricing, go to <http://www.bkstr.com/evangelstore/home>.

- Bakke, Ray. *A Theology As Big As the City*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1997. ISBN 978-0830818907.
- Brooks, Christopher W. *Urban Apologetics: Answering Challenges to Faith for Urban Believers*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 2014. ISBN 978-0825442902.
- Keller, Timothy. *Loving the City: Doing Balanced, Gospel-Centered Ministry in Your City (Center Church)*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2016. ISBN 978-0310514084.

McClory, Robert. *Radical Disciple: Father Pfleger, St. Sabina Church and the Fight for Social Justice*. Chicago: Chicago Review Press, 2016. ISBN 978-1613736579.

McDowell, Bruce A. and Anne Zaka. *Muslims and Christians at the Table*. Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reform Publishing Co., 2000. ISBN 978-0875524733.

### **COURSE OUTLINE**

Daily themes for spiritual formation, discussion, and on site visits (Sites may change because of unforeseen reasons):

#### **Monday:**

- Understanding the City Theologically and Historically On site: Chinatown and Chicago History Museum Host: Mark Hausfeld

#### **Tuesday:**

- Racial, Ethnic and Cultural Context On site: St. Sabina's Catholic Church Host: Rev. Dr. Father Michael Pfleger

#### **Wednesday:**

- Constructing a Contextualized Theology and Practice of Mission On site: Maranatha Chapel Evergreen Park, IL Host: Doug Banks **The class will have the afternoon free to rest and/or explore Chicago**

#### **Thursday:**

- Leadership and Vision for Effective Urban Mission On site: New Life Community Church Host: Pastor Mark Jobe

#### **Friday:**

- Ethnic and Religious Diversity in Urban Ministries On site: American Islamic College Host: American Islamic College Administration, Faculty and Students

#### **Saturday:**

- Constructing a Contextualized Theology and Praxis On site: South Asian Friendship Center (contextualized church service for Hindu seekers) Host: David Eckels

#### **Sunday:**

- Worship with the Urban Church On site: New Life Covenant Church and St. Sabina's Catholic Church

### **COURSE METHODOLOGY**

Each morning will begin with spiritual formation and then classroom lecture and discussion. Following lunch at a taste of Chicago, the class will be making afternoon visits to locations throughout Chicago for the purpose of interacting with diverse models of urban ministries and ministers. Class time will be held at our host church, Maranatha Chapel on the Southwest Side of Chicago. Students will have a rewarding cross-cultural experience being housed with a family from Maranatha. Breakfast and supper will be eaten with the host family unless otherwise notified.

The format for each day will be as follows at Maranatha except for Saturday and Sunday:

- Spiritual Formation: Preparing our hearts to love and serve God and His People from 8:00 to 8:45 AM.
- Classroom lectures and discussion on respective themes from 9:00 to 11:30 AM.

- Following class we have lunch. Please bring \$17.00 a day for lunch.
- Following lunch we will go to on site settings to observe, discuss and engage with urban ministries and ministers in real time. Our day together will end at 4:00 or 4:30 PM.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Read the textbooks by Bakke, Brooks, Keller, McClory, and McDowell/Zaka. Prepare a **2-3-page type written reflection paper** on each book noting 4 elements in the text that were most significant to you. **Due Date: Saturday October 14, 2017 by e-mail.**
2. Write a 2-page journal **reflection on each day's** time of spiritual formation, classroom discussion, and on site visit. A minimum of 14 pages is required. Journal entries should be made at the end of each class day to maximize the learning experience. **The final typewritten reflection journal should be submitted, by e-mail, to the instructor by Wednesday October 25, 2017.**
3. Submit a 15-page typewritten research project that focuses on one of the themes covered in classroom sessions and onsite visits. Emphasis should be given to integrating your research into a practical application of urban ministry. **Due Date: Sunday December 3, 2017.**
4. **Any required assignments that are turned in late will be docked a full letter grade without communicating with the Professor.**

### **NON-DISCRIMINATORY LANGUAGE**

Students should use non-discriminatory language in all written and spoken communication in this class. For specific guidelines, see the Student Handbook at:

[http://www.agts.edu/community/student\\_handbook/2010studenthandbook.pdf](http://www.agts.edu/community/student_handbook/2010studenthandbook.pdf)

### **DISABILITY ACCOMODATION**

As defined in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary at Evangel University is committed to the provision of reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If AGTS students believe they qualify for accommodations, they should contact the Student Life Office, Room 202, telephone extension 8881.

### **COURSE EVALUATION**

The final grade for the course will be weighted as follows: Pre-session Reading Reports: 40%  
Session Reflection Journal: 25% Research Project: 35%.

Students are expected to complete all course work in a timely fashion as specified in this syllabus. A grade of IP (In Process) will be issued if the course ends after the AGTS semester ends. A grade of I (Incomplete) may be granted at the discretion of the professor for extenuating circumstances upon the presentation of the Incomplete Grade Request form: <http://www.agts.edu/academics/forms.html>. The approved Incomplete request will extend the due date for up to ninety days, may include a grade reduction, and will be assessed a grade change fee. Students may not register for courses in a new term if carrying more than two IP or I grades.

### **SPECIFIC DATA**

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