

**I. COURSE TITLE:
HUM381 GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES**

II. LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: ENGLISH

III. AUDIENCE: VERITAS CHRISTIAN STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS

IV. CONTACT HOURS: 45

V. COURSE DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this course is to survey the mission activity of God in the world, past, present and future. The course material and lectures will cover the biblical and the historical basics of God's global purposes, missions strategies, cultural issues and contemporary missiological issues. The material will be presented through lectures, class and group discussions, video, guest speakers, reading assignments and work sheets.

VI. COURSE OBJECTIVE

The student will:

- Demonstrate a solid biblical understanding of God's global purposes
- Become aware of the activity of God in the last two thousand years as He leads His church to accomplish His global purpose
- Research the unreached peoples of the world
- Be introduced to the basic principles of intercultural communication of the gospel
- Develop an understanding of an indigenous church planting movement
- Outline a personal strategy for lifestyle development that reflects God's global agenda
- Develop a mobilization strategy for their church

VII. COURSE PRE-REQUISITES: NONE

VIII. REQUIRED READINGS, TEXTS, AND CALENDAR

Textbooks: Perspectives on the World Christian Movement, Third Edition edition. Edited by Ralph Winter & Steve Hawthorne, (Pasadena: William Carey Library)

Biblical

Week 1 &2	The Living God is a Missionary God Israel's Missionary Call The Bible in World Evangelization The Biblical Foundation for the Worldwide Mission Mandate The Story of His Glory Let the Nations Be Glad
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Week 3&4	Witness to the World Jesus and the Gentiles
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The Master's Plan
A Man for All Peoples
A Violent Reaction to Mercy
Mandate on the Mountain
Discipling All The Peoples
Acts of Obedience
The Apostle Paul and the Missionary Task
A Church for all Peoples

Week 5&6

The Gospel of the Kingdom
D-Day before V-E Day
God at War
Beyond Duty
A Church in God's Plan
Prayer: Rebelling Against the Status Quo
Strategic Prayer
The Supremacy of Christ
Suffering and Martyrdom: God's Strategy in the World
Apostolic Passion

Cultural

Week 7&8

Cultural Differences and the Communication of the Gospel
Culture, Worldview and Contextualization
The Role of Culture in Communication
Redemptive Analogy
Why Communicate the Gospel Through Stories
Social Structure and Church Growth
Communication and Social Structure
Towards a Cross-Cultural Definition of Sin

History

Week 9&10

The Kingdom Strikes Back: Ten Epochs of Redemptive History
The History of Mission Strategy
Four Men, Three Eras, Two Transitions: Modern Missions
A History of Transformation
An Enquiry...
The Call to Service
The Gory of the Impossible
The Responsibility of the Young People for the Evangelization of the World
The Bridges of God

Strategy

Week 11&12

Finishing the Task: The Unreached Peoples Challenge
The Mission of the Kingdom
On the Cutting Edge of Mission Strategy
Covering the Cities
The Challenge of the Cities
From Every Language
Healing the Wounds of the World
The Spontaneous Multiplication of Churches
His Glory Made Visible: Saturation Church Planting
Strategy & World Christian Discipleship

Week 13&14

Going to Far & The C1 to C6 Spectrum

Must all Muslims Leave “Islam” to Follow Jesus?
 Context is Critical: A Response to Phil Parshall’s “Going to Far”
 Going Far Enough: Taking Some Tips From the Historical Record
 What it Means to Be a World Christian
 Reconsecration to a Wartime, Not a Peacetime, Lifestyle
 The Power of Integrated Vision
 Tentmakers Needed for World Evangelization

IX. Evaluation Criteria

Reading Assignments: The reading assignments listed below include answering the questions at the end of each chapter assigned. Your answers are due at the beginning of class on the day indicated. Your reading assignments are worth 50 points each. **Total points 400.** Late assignments will not be accepted.

Research Project: Students will choose an unreached people group to research and write a paper from their findings. Specific guidelines will be discussed in class. The paper will be a minimum of 6 pages. The research project is worth **150 points.**

Mobilization Strategy: Each student will develop a mobilization strategy for the church they are active in. The guidelines for this paper will be discussed in class. **Total points 100 points**

Map Quizzes: Four continents (Africa, Asia, South America and Europe) map quizzes will be given this semester. Each quiz is worth 25 points. **Total points 100**

Week 3	Africa
Week 5	Asia
Week 7	South America
Week 9	Europe

Group Participation: At the beginning of the semester students will be assigned to a small group for the processing of reading assignments and class lectures. You will remain in the group that you are assigned to for the entire semester. These groups will meet during class for periodic discussion and interaction. At the end of the semester your group members will grade your participation on a scale from 1 to 10. Students will be evaluated for their group involvement and enhancing the group’s dynamics. Students will be negatively evaluated for noninvolvement or dominance that detracts from the group’s dynamics. **Total points – 50**

Grading Scale:

Total points	Grade	Percentage
800-752	A	94%-100%
751-720	A-	90%-93%
719-696	B+	87%-89%

695-672	B	84%-86%
671-640	B-	80%-83%
639-616	C+	77%-79%
615-592	C	74%-76%
591-560	C-	70%-73%
559-536	D+	67%-69%
535-512	D	64%-66%
511-480	D-	60%-63%
Below 479	F	0%-59%

X. Attendance Policy

An attendance sheet will be passed around at the beginning of each class session for students to sign. Students are responsible to make sure that they have signed the attendance sheet. You can miss no more than 2 classes and still pass this class. Please advise the professor if you know in advance that you will not be in class.

XI. Description of Special Assignments/Activities

Peoples Research Paper

Background	30
History	
Location	
Present Situation	
Demographics	10
Population break down (by country)	
Age Groups	
Social Structure & Culture	50
Religion	
Family life	
Language	
Customs	
Marriage	
Authority structure	
Economics	10
Skills	
Kingdom advancement	20
Personal impact	20
Vision	
Bibliography/Miscellaneous	10