

Module specification

Title	Engaging Our Local Context for Mission				
Code	ML3	Faculty	Education & Theology	Cost Centre	
Level	FHEQ 7 YSJU M	Credits	30	Total Learning Hours	300
Pre-requisites	None			Barred Combinations	CM3, UM3, MS3

Learning and Teaching

Type of Learning Activity	comprises	hours	weeks
Timetabled Contact:	Block learning (+ regional networks)	30	16
Independent Study:	Reading primary and secondary sources, accessing and completing verbatim, researching and preparing assignments	270	16
Total:		300	16

Rationale and Aims

Many leaders in churches and faith-based organisations have been initially trained in the skills of managing the internal life of a church/organisation. Missional leadership implies leading the church in external mission activity beyond the church community. One of the key skills and capacities of missional leadership, therefore, is the ability to lead churches into an engagement with their local communities and contexts.

Aims:

1. To develop critical understandings of how readings of the biblical narrative inspire local culturally-appropriate expressions of mission
2. To explore and critique various approaches to the study of local community
3. To facilitate imagination for mission within their local content
4. To evaluate and critique the concepts and practice of contextual theology
5. To critically reflect on the importance of place and to engage with recent theologies of place

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the module students will be able to:

1. Critically examine ways in which context affects Christian mission
2. Apply advanced skills and critical imagination in missional leadership within their communities
3. Critique the ministry practice of their church or organisation in terms of its sensitivity and appropriateness to context

Assessment *(please include expected word length (for text-based assessment))*

#	description	weighting	learning outcomes
1	3000 word research project	50%	1, 3
2	Presentation	30%	1, 2, 3
3	Personal development task	20%	2, 3

Qualified Failures: in order to pass the module, students must achieve at least:
(for modules with more than one summative assessment component please delete as applicable)

A mark of 20 in each component and an overall pass mark

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Indicative Content
<p>Students will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explore approaches to the theory and practice of contextual theology 2. Address and evaluate the nature of the Christian gospel in relation to practical contextual issues 3. Examine ways in which churches can relate to other local community bodies and political structures to outwork their commitment to justice 4. Research and critically evaluate methodologies suited to the analysis of local contexts

Library Resources
<i>Indicative essential book provision (5 examples):</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gilchrist, A. and Taylor, M. <i>The Short Guide to Community Development</i> (Bristol: Policy Press, 2011) 2. Bevans, S.B., and Tahaafe-Williams, K., <i>Contextual Theology for the 21st Century</i> (Maryknoll: Orbis, 2011) 3. Hiebert, P., <i>The Gospel in Human Contexts: Anthropological Explorations for Contemporary Missions</i> (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2009) 4. Inge J., <i>A Christian Theology of Place</i> (Aldershot: Ashgate , 2004) 5. Sparks, P., <i>The New Parish, How Neighbourhood Churches are Transforming Mission</i> (Downers Grove: IVP, 2014)
<i>Indicative journals / periodicals (3 examples from current subscriptions):</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Journal of Contemporary Religion (Carfax) 2. Cultural Encounters — A Journal for the Theology of Culture (Multnomah University) 3. Transformation – an International Journal of Holistic Mission Studies (Sage)
<i>Audio-visual / non-printed material:</i>
None
ICT Resources
<i>Hardware</i>
N/A
<i>Specialist software</i>
Moodle (online VLE) ATLA database and e-library
Media Resources
<i>AV equipment</i>
Data projectors, DVD player

Title(s) of award bearing programmes to which the module contributes
MA Missional Leadership PG Dip Missional Leadership PG Cert Missional Leadership MA Missional Practice PG Dip Missional Practice

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