MS 701 Senior Reflections: World, Mission, Evangelism

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Course Syllabus for MS701  
Spring Semester 2005  
1 Credit Hour

**Description:**
The Senior Reflection Seminar for MA’s in World Mission and Evangelism meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. The course consists of senior students leading class discussions related to their personal, academic and mission experience, and their ministry calling. The primary source informing each class discussion is the SM615 Supervised Ministries (MAWE) paper supplied to class members by each student leader a week before his/her class leadership. In addition to the SM615 paper, student leaders are expected to: (1) open class with an appropriate devotional, (2) direct a time of sharing in prayer, and (3) give an autobiographical account of their spiritual journey and their anticipated field of ministry (see attached form). When time permits, the class will compose a list of practical issues that have not been addressed during their time at ATS. They will take turns arranging for speakers, films, journal articles, etc. that address these issues to be presented to and discussed by the class. A closing experience of worship and a service of “commissioning” will conclude the semester.

**Objectives:**
(1) To integrate insights from cross-cultural ministry experience with academic studies.  
(2) To explore with peers the biblical, theological and missiological implications of field experience for ministry in cross-cultural settings.  
(3) To form a community of faith and provide prayer support as students conclude their MA studies and move on to field assignments.  
(4) To review and evaluate the MAWE program and its effectiveness in preparing persons for their anticipated ministries.

**Requirements:**
This is credit/no-credit course required for graduation. Attendance is an important part of the grade. Any class missed will require a make up assignment negotiated with the instructor. SM615 Papers must be copied and ready to be distributed in class one week before the assigned leadership session. A copy of the MS701Presentation Form must be turned in to the instructor by the presenter at the beginning of the assigned leadership session. Full participation in the discussion will require reading ahead of time each paper presented. If you need to contact Mark Lewis for any reason he can be reached at his home by phone (home 858-3500), or by Email ([Mark_Lewis@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:Mark_Lewis@asburyseminary.edu)).
Outline for Personal/Professional Reflection

Name___________________________________           Presentation Date ___ \ ___ \ ___

Lead us in devotions and provide time for Prayer Partners to meet. Then share with us the following and provide opportunity for discussion especially related to items 3, 4 & 5.

1. Devotions (Scripture______________, other resources______________)

2. Personal Christian/Family Background before ATS

3. Conversation about the MS615 Paper.

The MS615 paper should briefly describe two or three important situations, incidents, or experiences, and reflect on these experiences in terms of:
   1. specific insights gained,
   2. biblical/theological principles involved in your assessment of the occurrences described,
   3. cultural and/or cross-cultural principles observed to be at work or absent,
   4. how these insights confirm or contrast with resources studied in at least two Mission/ Evangelism courses in the student’s MA curriculum (documenting sources cited),
   5. recommendations you might make and your rationale for them if you were to serve as a consultant to one of the ministries you encountered, and
   6. how these experiences and your reflection on them will inform your plans for future ministry.

In addition include a section identifying:
   1. ministry questions generated by the experience,
   2. ways the experience has affected your sense of calling, and
   3. personal skills and/or competencies still needing development.

4. Most Helpful Lessons and Discoveries for Ministry from SM615

5. The Challenges/Opportunities/Calling before You

6. “If I could change one thing in the MAWE program it would be….”

7. Personal Concerns and Items for Prayer
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**Closing Worship Celebration**

Message: _____________________________  Music: _____________________________

Prayer Time: _______________________  Communion Elements: ___________________

Liturgy: ___________________________  Location: ____________________________

Meal: (?) __________________________