

Christian Missions in the Context of Chinese Philosophy & Religions for the Chinese Language, Culture and Missions Program

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Required Textbooks: *The Compact Guide to World Religions* by Dean C. Halverson
 Cross-Cultural Servanthood: Serving the World in Christlike Humility
 by Duane Elmer
 Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret by Dr. & Mrs. Howard Taylor
 Missionary Methods: St. Paul's or Ours? By Roland Allen

Course Description: This course has a twofold purpose. First, students will understand the history, basic beliefs and practices of Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism and local folk religions. Emphasis will be placed on the influence and roles these religions currently play in China, Taiwan and other Chinese communities in Asia. Second, students will examine how to share the Christian message to individuals from one or more of these religious backgrounds and participate in and develop various Christian outreach opportunities in order to get firsthand practical experience. Finally, students will take what they have learned from the course (along with the other CLCM courses) to develop a potential ministry to reach Chinese from one of these religious populations.

Assignments	Value	Description
Reading & Reading Response Questions	30%	Complete reading assignments and answer the reading response questions (3% each)
Field Experience Reflective Papers	20%	Participate in four field trips as part of the course and write short reflective papers (5% each) on their experience
Missions Presentation	20%	Give an oral or written presentation (or a combination) on how you would attempt to reach a predetermined target group for Christ.
Exams	30%	Midterm (10%) and final exam (20%). The final will be a cumulative exam.

Course Policies:

1. Assignments must be completed on time. Late work will not be accepted.

2. Attendance is required and roll will be taken each class. Students who miss more than 1/3rd of the classes, for any reason, will not receive a passing grade.