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## MAJOR CHOSEN: CHRISTIAN MISSIONS

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### I. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE MAJOR

The Christian Missions major is designed to prepare future missionaries for effective cross-cultural ministry. It seeks to develop understanding of the biblical nature and purpose of missions as well as the biblical, historical and current function of missions. Graduates from this major are able to communicate the unchanging truth of the Bible in other cultural contexts in order to develop fruitful disciples for the Lord in growing indigenous churches.

### II. COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

During your senior year there is a special series of four missions-related classes. Many of these are co-taught by current missionaries who can share the latest cutting-edge techniques that are used on various fields worldwide.

Here are some of the courses you will especially enjoy:

*Principles and Methods of Missions* The course is divided into two semesters. The first semester centers on the preparation side of missions. The course is designed to walk the student from the initial stages of the call to the ministry to the beginning of on-the-field ministry. The second semester focuses on the ministry itself: demographics, cross-cultural communication, contacting people, winning the lost in a different culture, starting a church, training the converts, and turning the work over to the nationals. Special emphasis is given to church planting and evaluating ministries and peoples. The top mission boards consider these courses vital to missionary success.

*Survey of Missions* This course introduces each student to the breadth of missions. The course begins with the Biblical view of missions. Special attention is given to the kinds of ministries and current trends. The course also includes discussions on pertinent historical aspects of missions--successes and failures of the past. Special attention is given to biographical study of great missionaries from the past, focusing on their ministries and devotion to the Lord. Finally, the course concludes with the functions of missions: boards, churches, recruiting, and objectives.

*Christian Masterworks* You will study the lives and read the works of influential thinkers, analyzing by the Bible their writings, significance, and contributions to Christian thought.



### III. A TYPICAL YEARLY COURSE SEQUENCE

This is a suggested program of study for you. Other refinements to your program can be made when you consult your faculty advisor at the time of your enrollment.

*Freshman*

Orientation .....	1
History of Civilization .....	3
Old Testament Messages .....	1
Preparation for Service/Evangelism .....	2
Fundamentals of Speech .....	3
English Composition.....	3
Science, Mathematics, or Computer Science .....	<u>3</u>
Total .....	16

Orientation .....	1
Computer Applications I .....	3
History of Civilization .....	3
New Testament Messages .....	1
Discipleship/Preaching .....	2
English Composition.....	3
Science, Mathematics, or Computer Science .....	<u>3</u>
Total .....	16

*First Summer*

Ministry Practicum .....	2
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*Sophomore*

Biblical Themes .....	3
Music/Youth Ministries .....	2
Methods of Mentoring .....	2
Survey of Missions.....	2
Foreign Language .....	<u>3</u>
Total .....	12

Biblical Themes .....	3
Missions/Ministry of Prayer.....	2
Fundamentals of Interpretative Speech .....	3
English Literature.....	3
Foreign Language.....	3
Old Testament Elective .....	<u>2</u>
Total .....	16

*Second Summer*

Ministry Practicum .....	2
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*Junior*

The Gospels & Acts .....	2
The Letters .....	3
Ministry & Law/Church Education .....	2
Principles & Methods of Missions .....	2
Practical Missionary Skills.....	2
Current Issues/Stewardship.....	3
Foreign Language .....	<u>3</u>
Total .....	17

Ethics .....	3
Christian Family Forum .....	1
Old & New Testament Prophecy.....	2
Pulpit Speech I .....	3
Practical Missionary Skills.....	2
Pulpit Speech II .....	3
Baptist History or History of Christianity .....	2
Foreign Language .....	<u>3</u>
Total .....	18

*Third Summer*

Missions Internship .....	3
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*Senior*

Descriptive Linguistics .....	3
Cultural Anthropology .....	3
Biblical Church Leadership .....	2
Philosophy .....	3
Heritage of Fundamentalism/Cults .....	2
Ministry & Media .....	2
Christian Masterworks .....	<u>2</u>
Total .....	17

Field Methods in Linguistics .....	3
Public Ministry/Ministry Relations .....	2
Principles & Methods of Missions .....	3
Cross-Cultural Discipleship .....	2
Current Issues in Missions .....	1
World Religions .....	2
The Biblical Minister .....	<u>2</u>
Total .....	15



## IV. FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND OPPORTUNITIES

**Missions Internship** One summer you will be required to serve an 8-12 week internship with a missionary on the field. This will enable you to experience real mission work with its cultural adjustments, language barriers, and joys and sorrows.

### **Local Church Extension Ministries:**

The extension program provides for the development of student leadership and experience in various types of Christian ministries, such as church visitation, jail services, retirement home ministries, youth work, and child evangelism.

Various ministries recruit students from the University each year, especially during the summer months. These outreaches provide opportunities for students to gain valuable and rewarding experience. Some of these groups are the Minutemen Evangelistic Team, Neighborhood Bible Time, numerous camps, and summer mission teams.

Through the summer extension program, you will continue to receive guidance and practical experience in Christian service throughout the summer months. These courses carry two hours credit each summer, and you may take them wherever you may reside during the summer.

**Each week approximately 500** ministerial students and those interested in the ministry receive instruction and inspiration about various aspects of the Christian ministry from the University President and other experienced men of God. Twice each week the ministerial students meet separately by classification and receive specialized instruction in soulwinning, preaching, the music ministry, the youth ministry, missions, cults and trends, the church educational program, church finance, the family, and pastoral counseling. Each school year pastors are brought in to teach ministerial students.

**In the Ministry Resource Center** you will find a Christian periodical and tape library, duplicating equipment, complete topical files, and a wide variety of audiovisual materials and equipment. This laboratory is maintained for your class and extension use.

**Mission Prayer Band** is a campus organization designed to stimulate missionary zeal and vision. Students gather four times weekly to systematically pray for the needs of the missionary cause around the world, and to hear speakers challenge them on mission themes.

**The Office of Missions** on campus is here to advise students concerning missionary careers, and to coordinate the many different mission activities of BJU: Mission Prayer Band, Missionary Emphasis Week, missionary speakers, and summer mission teams. Four times per year the Office of Missions sponsors a special Missions Spotlight program when a certain field and its needs are specifically in focus.

**Davis Field House**, with over 87,000 square feet and seating for 3,000 people, contains 4 full-sized courts; auxiliary courts; indoor and outdoor tracks; swimming pool; café; and a fitness center with fully-equipped exercise room, aerobic room, sauna, and whirlpool.

**Completely equipped computer laboratories** are available for your use. There are many academic computer labs conveniently located all over campus. They consist of various types of PCs, Apple PowerMacs, and laser printers and are all interconnected via a Novell computer network.



**Chapel** is a central feature of Bob Jones University. This 35-minute service is held every morning, Monday through Thursday. These services are a source of great inspiration to students. Four days a week the Chapel message is brought by the President or by selected speakers. Each Friday the Chapel period is devoted to the meetings of various literary societies.

**The Mack Library**, with 90,000 square feet of floor space and seating for over 1,300 students, gives you access to 294,000 volumes, 1,100 current periodical subscriptions, and more than 17,000 music, speech, and language recordings. Mack Library offers access to over 65 electronic databases on the library web site. An interlibrary loan program is available through OCLC, a national database, for books not held in our library. Other prominent features include the Jerusalem Chamber, a replica of the room in Westminster Abbey in London in which work was done on the 1611 King James Bible, and the University Archives Room which displays materials about the Founder and history of the University.

**If you are planning to live on campus**, you will be glad to know that all of our residence halls are air-conditioned, have wall-to-wall carpeting, and have a phone in each room. You will be able to make long-distance calls directly from your room and have them automatically placed on your school bill. Computer network connectivity is available in all residence halls, as well.

All of our classrooms are air-conditioned, and there are awnings over the sidewalks to keep you dry when it is raining. The Dining Common serves 8,500 delicious meals a day, and the Snack Shop and Bookstore in the Student Center carry just about anything you'll need.

You will find the finest Christian young people in the country are your fellow students, and without trying too hard, you may end up making a life-long friend!

## V. ABOUT THE FACULTY

The missions faculty is comprised of people with both the academic qualifications and practical knowledge of missionary service. Several teachers in the program spend their summers on the mission field directing mission teams from the University. The school has two linguists and offers a summer course in linguistics. We want to maintain well-informed home base personnel who keep up with the overall picture of missions today while we also periodically bring to campus missionary specialists who serve in different areas of the world.

## VI. CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND PLACEMENT

The School of Religion extension office and the Office of Missions will assist you in finding positions for Christian service. We work with students to help them select a mission board, and a number of mission board recruiters come to the campus each year. Pastors, camp directors, mission board directors, and other recruiters often visit the campus to find personnel for their ministries.



## VII. BJU: AN AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

Enclosed is an expense sheet detailing the cost of attending Bob Jones University. When you compare our charges to those of other private colleges, we think you will be pleasantly surprised. We believe we offer a student more value for his dollar than anyone else in America. And to help you see how affordable "the Opportunity Place" can be for you, we have enclosed a financial aid brochure that you can use to evaluate your own situation. Your Admissions Counselor or the Director of Student Financial Aid would be happy to discuss this with you if you have any questions.

### HOW TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP . . .

If you can see yourself in the career described in the profile, then a great opportunity awaits you at Bob Jones University. It is the opportunity for the premier Christian college experience in all the world. It is the opportunity for learning, for fun, and for developing new friendships. It is the opportunity to prepare for a lifetime of service for the Lord . . .

The Opportunity Place . . . God's Special Place for You.