

PERSONAL AND CORPORATE OUTREACH
3 credits

| Class Information | | Instructor Information | | First day of classes: | N/A |
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| Days | Directed Study: Katie Bowler | Instructor | Dr Dan Ibsen | Last day to add/drop: | Sept 17, 2017 |
| Time: | N/A | Email: | Dan.Ibsen@ambrose.edu | Last day to request revised exam: | n/a |
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| Final Exam day | | Office: | L2111 | Last day to apply for time extension for coursework: | na/a |
| None | | Office Hrs: | Mon- Fri 2:00-4:00 pm | Last day of classes: | Dec 11, 2017 |
| Textbooks | | | | | |

Little, Don. *Effective Discipling in Muslim Communities*. Downer's Grove, IL: Intervarsity Press, 2015. (349 pages)

Course Description:

This course seeks to integrate evangelism and evangelistic practice with the purpose of developing a wholesome biblical lifestyle conducive to personal and community outreach. Participants will be encouraged to improve their effectiveness in personal communication of the Gospel. Skills and techniques will be learned to enhance the participant's style of communicating the Gospel. Principles and approaches for developing disciples will be explored in an effort to help new believers as they are incorporated into a local fellowship.

This course is a directed study so the syllabus has been crafted by the student in consultation with the professor in order to tailor the course to the student's needs. This process also allows consideration of the student's past experience and background in missions.

Expected Learning Outcomes:

- 1) Develop a greater knowledge of evangelistic and discipleship strategies suitable in a West African context.
- 2) Cultivate a better awareness of the issues impacting women coming to faith and living out their faith in a West African context.

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- 3) Foster a deeper empathy for Muslim background believers.
 - 4) Become more proficient in talking about spiritual topics important to Muslims.
 - 5) Grow in her ability to apply natural personality and gifting to evangelism in a West African context.

Requirements and Evaluation:

- All assignments are **due by midnight on the specified date**. Assignments should be submitted in **digital format** as an attachment to an email.
- The student is expected to meet at least monthly with the professor to discuss the course content and her progress on the learning activities.
- **Extensions** may be granted on written assignments in exceptional circumstances, but must be arranged in advance. The **late penalty** is one refined letter grade per class day late. Moreover, late assignments will be graded and returned later than on-time submissions.
- **All assignments** must be submitted to receive a passing final grade.

Participation – 10%

Participation is based on the visible engagement with and understanding of the material under consideration. The student will meet with the professor at least 4 times during the course (September 8, October 31, November 21 and December 5). The October meeting will include a debrief of the Senegal trip, discussion of progress on the major paper, and a discussion of sharing faith in a Muslim context. The November meeting will focus on particularities of sharing faith with women in the Muslim context, and the student's perception of how her particular gifts and personality can best engage in that context. The December meeting will focus on discipleship in West Africa with Muslim background believers and a review of the development of the student's understanding of evangelism and discipleship through this course. We will also discuss her direction for future ministry. The student will also participate in two forums with other students doing directed study for this course.

Syllabus Development Exercise 10% DUE: September 15, 2017

This exercise will be graded on the basis of the quality of the submitted syllabus preparation guide. Criteria will include how thoroughly the student responded to the questions asked in the guide, the quality of learning learning outcomes, learning strategies and evaluation procedures. The finished paper should be at least 4-6 pages in length. The student will also be expected to have made the amendments suggested during her interview with the professor prior to submission of the assignment.

Summary paper on Don Little's book Effective Discipling in Muslim Communities 15% DUE: Oct. 13, 2017

After reading Dan Little's book a 2-3 page paper summarizing five of the issues related to discipling Muslim communities and how these issues shaped her thinking on this topic. This assignment will be graded according to the rubric discussed with the student.

Evangelism Practicum assignment 5% DUE: November 21, 2017

The student will do two practice presentations of the Gospel message to either Muslim contacts she has or to IWs who have recently lived and worked in a Muslim context. She will especially seek to address the sensitive issues in conversations with Muslims. The student will then submit a 1-2 page summary of this experience.

Giftedness and Evangelism Reflection Paper 15% DUE: November 21, 2017

The student will write a 4-6 page reflection paper that considers the convergence of her personality/gifting and the West African context. This paper will specifically focus on the areas of evangelism and discipleship. The paper will be evaluated according to guidelines discussed with the student in the syllabus guide assignment.

Major Research Paper 40% DUE: December 12, 2017

The student will explore the topic of evangelism and discipleship in the West African context. She will include a discussion of the differences in evangelism of women and men. She will interview 6-8 IWs who have experience in that context and consult journal articles and books. Her paper will include the interview questions she used and an anthropological/observation guide that she used to assess where evangelism and discipleship is a challenge among women. This paper will be evaluated according to the rubric discussed with the student in the syllabus guide assignment.

Reading Log 5% DUE: December 12, 2017

The student will submit a reading log indicating that she has read all of the assigned readings and the dates for completion of these readings. This log will follow the pattern discussed with the student.

Further directions and clarification for these assignments may be given in consultation with the professor before they are due.

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| Grade Summary |
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| Letter Grade | Percentage | Description |
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| A+ | 96-100 | Excellent |
| A | 91-95 | Excellent |
| A- | 86-90 | Excellent |
| B+ | 82-85 | Good |
| B | 75-81 | Good |
| B- | 72-74 | Good |
| C+ | 68-71 | Satisfactory |
| C | 63-67 | Satisfactory |
| C- | 60-62 | Satisfactory |
| D+ | 56-59 | Poor |
| D | 50-55 | Minimum Pass |
| F | 0-49 | Failure |

Because of the nature of the Alpha 4.00 system, there can be no uniform College-wide conversion scale. The relationship between raw scores (e.g. percentages) and the resultant letter grade will depend on the nature of the course and the instructor's assessment of the level of each class, compared to similar classes taught previously. Please note that final grades will be available on student registration system. Printed grade sheets are not mailed out.

Ambrose University Policies

Communication

All students have received an Ambrose e-mail account upon registration. *It is the student's responsibility to check this account regularly as the Ambrose email system will be the professor's instrument for notifying students of important matters* (cancelled class sessions, extensions, requested appointments, etc.) between class sessions. If students do not wish to use their Ambrose accounts, they will need to forward all messages from the Ambrose account to another personal account.

Registration

During the **Registration Revision Period** students may enter a course without permission, change the designation of any class from credit to audit and /or voluntary withdraw from a course without financial or academic penalty or record. Courses should be added or dropped on the student portal by the deadline date; please consult the List of Important Dates. After that date, the original status remains and the student is responsible for related fees.

Students intending to withdraw from a course after the Registration Revision Period must apply to the Office of the Registrar by submitting a "Request to Withdraw from a Course" form or by sending an email to the Registrar's Office by the **Withdrawal Deadline**; please consult the List of Important Dates on the my.ambrose.edu website. Students will not receive a tuition refund for courses from which they withdraw after the Registration Revision period. A grade of "W" will appear on their transcript.

Exam Scheduling

Students wishing to withdraw from a course, but who fail to do so by the applicable date, will receive the grade earned in accordance with the course syllabus. A student obliged to withdraw from a course after the Withdrawal Deadline because of health or other reasons may apply to the Registrar for special consideration.

Students, who find a conflict in their exam schedule must submit a Revised Examination Request form to the Registrar's Office by the deadline date; please consult the List of Important Dates. Requests will be considered for the following reasons only: 1) the scheduled final examination slot conflicts with another exam; 2) the student has three final exams within three consecutive exam time blocks; 3) the scheduled final exam slot conflicts with an exam at another institution; 4) extenuating circumstances. Travel is not considered a valid excuse for re-scheduling or missing a final exam.

Academic Policies

It is the responsibility of all students to become familiar with and adhere to academic policies as stated in the Academic Calendar. Personal information (information about an individual that may be used to identify that individual) may be required as part of taking this class. Any information collected will only be used and disclosed for the purpose for which the collection was intended. For further information contact the Privacy Compliance Officer at privacy@ambrose.edu.

Appeal of Grade

An appeal for change of grade on any course work must be made to the course instructor within one week of receiving notification of the grade. An appeal for change of final grade must be submitted to the Registrar's Office in writing and providing the basis for appeal within 30 days of receiving notification of the final grade, providing the basis for appeal. A review fee of \$50.00 must accompany the appeal. If the appeal is sustained, the fee will be refunded.

Academic Integrity

We are committed to fostering personal integrity and will not overlook breaches of integrity such as plagiarism and cheating. Academic dishonesty is taken seriously at Ambrose University as it undermines our academic standards and affects the integrity of each member of our learning community. Any attempt to obtain credit for academic work through fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest means is academic dishonesty. Plagiarism involves presenting someone else's ideas, words, or work as one's own. Plagiarism is fraud and theft, but plagiarism can also occur by accident when a student fails or forgets to acknowledge to another person's ideas or words. Plagiarism and cheating can result in a failing grade for an assignment, for the course, or immediate dismissal from the university college. Students are expected to be familiar with the policies in the current Academic Calendar that deal with plagiarism, cheating, and the penalties and procedures for dealing with these matters. All cases of academic dishonesty are reported to the Academic Dean and become part of the student's permanent record. In order to discourage plagiarism, papers submitted for this course will be subjected to an originality analysis by *Turnitin* software. For more information, see http://turnitin.com/en_us/features/originalitycheck.

Note: Students are strongly advised to retain this syllabus for their records

