

Courses Unique to the WTS-Newbigin DL Master of Divinity program

MN107 The Urban Christian

In this course, students will explore the challenges and opportunities that Christians face in an increasingly globalized and urbanized world. The United Nations projects that 70% of the world's population will be urban by 2050, so this is a time of urgency for the church. Implications of the urban context for many issues, including work, family life, education, sexual ethics, evangelism, and more will be explored. 1.5 cr

MN108 The Urban Church

This course will explore the components of a missional ecclesiology for the city, with implications for preaching, worship, spiritual formation, and discipleship. The urban church's involvement in social justice, faith and work, church planting, and other important opportunities for engagement will be explored. The urban environments of North America will be the cultural context for this course.

MN117 Urban Church Planting

In this course, students will explore the unique dynamics of new church development in urban and secular contexts. These contexts require re-thinking communicating the Gospel, forming and leading a worship service, leadership development, faith and vocation, and much more. While exploring the unique features, students will also experience a mini church planting assessment, which exposes them to the rigorous assessment process which would be required later, the personality and leadership features necessary, and the complex realities of reaching a more skeptical missional context.

MN122 Church Revitalization in the Urban Context

Students will explore church revitalization in both a general context and in the specific context of the city. Key issues of revitalization – including leadership, cultivating change, worship for revitalization, navigating conflict, challenges of context, evangelism, and more – will be explored through readings, discussion, and case studies.

FR130 Embedded Internship I

FR131 Embedded Internship II

This ministry internship places the WTS-Newbigin student in an urban ministry setting that gives the student the opportunity to exercise a wide range of ministerial skills. The student will work three-quarters time (approximately 400 hrs in a 14 week semester) in ministry practice and one-quarter time (approximately 15-20 hrs in a semester) in ongoing academic coursework. Integration of the ministry experiences, the coursework, and mentoring from both a seasoned urban pastor and a gifted church planter will be a strong feature of the embedded internship. The two years of the internship will track specific learning outcomes in ministry readiness.