

**PMCM2375 Principles for Church Planting
and Revitalization
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Course Description

The course is designed to underline the biblical principles and practices that relate to successful church planting and church revitalization. Biblical and missiological basis, motivation, personal qualification will be emphasized, while context differences will be examined and discussed.

Student Objectives

1. Define “Church Planting” and “Church Movement.”
2. Biblical and theological basis for church planting.
3. Discuss the various components of church planting movements.
4. Understand obstacles to church planting movements.
5. Discover principles in church planting.
6. Understand the importance of God’s call in the life of a church planter.
7. Understand the place of cultural research in understanding the context of church planting.
8. Critical interaction with contemporary church planting thoughts.
9. Understand IMB and NAMB church planting processes.
10. Understand the place of relationship building and evangelism in church planting.
11. Understand church planting checklists and milestones.
12. Legal and financial issues in church planting.

Textbooks

Malphurs, Aubrey. *The Nuts and Bolts of Church Planting: A Guide for Starting Any Kind of Church*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2011.

Ott, Craig and Gene Wilson. *Global Church Planting*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2011.

Steffen, Tom. *The Facilitator: Beyond Pioneer Church Planting Era*. Eugene, Oregon: WIPE & STOCK, 2011.

Selected Reading

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Malphurs, Aubrey. *Planting Growing Churches for 21st Century* Grand Rapids: Bakker Books, 2000.

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Searcy, Nelson and Kerrick Thomas. *Launch: Starting a New Church from Scratch.* Ventur, CA: Regal Books, 2006.

Stetzer, Ed. *Planting New Churches in a Postmodern Age.* Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 2003.

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Woo, Rodney M. *The Color of Church.* Nashville, TN: B&H Publishing Group, 2009.

Course Methodology

Students will learn from reading, field assignments, writing assignments, mentorship relationship with church planters, lectures, and seminars.

Course Requirements

1. **Participation and Attendance.** Because this course will include lectures, small group discussion, team activities, videos, guest speakers, and presentations, students are expected to participate actively in each class. Punctual attendance and full participation is expected. Unexcused absences will affect the student's grade. The seminary's attendance policy is followed for this class.
2. **Reading reports. Reading.** Students are expected to read, *The Nuts and Bolts of Church Planting* and *Global Church Planting*, and write a two page summary of each book. **Book Review.** Students must complete a 5-7 page review of *The Facilitator: Beyond Pioneer Church Planting Era*.
3. **Paper.** Students are to write a 5-7 page critical reflection paper answering the following questions: "What is the Irreducible Ecclesiological Minimum?" In other words, what is necessary for the church to come into existence among any people, in any location, at any time? This assignment will be evaluated on how well the student has thought through his or her ecclesiology and interacts with the Scriptures, readings, lectures, and discussion materials.
4. **Weekly Assignment.** Student will be expected to research and discuss the early churches that are listed out in the Scriptures. The goal of this will be to learn how they started, and what principles one can glean from their history as well as reflecting on Paul's letters to them.
5. Students should follow the seminary's manual of style and form for all written assignments.
6. Letter grades will be in accordance to the NOBTS course catalog. Should a student's final numerical grade come within a fraction of the next higher letter grade, the professor may—at his discretion—consider promoting the student to the next higher grade based on his or her attitude, positive contributions to the field, and preparedness for classroom discussions. The professor reserves the right to employ a bell-curve on grade distribution.

Additional Information

EVALUATION/GRADING:

Participation/Attendance	25%
Reading assignments and Book review	25%
Weekly Assignment	20%

Paper on Ecclesiological Minimum	30%
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Total	100%

Late Assignments

All assignments are due in class on the assigned dates. Late assignments may receive a 15-point penalty per week late. Any work submitted after the final exam will receive a 20-point penalty. Students may petition the Academic Advisor for special dispensation.

Student/Professor Conferences

Chase is available to meet with students by appointment.

DISCLAIMER: This syllabus is intended to reflect accurately the course description, course objectives, general content, grading criteria, course requirements, attendance requirements, and other information necessary for students to appraise the course. The instructor, however, reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus as may appear necessary because of the events and circumstances that change during the term.

Course Schedule

Unit 1-3

1. An overview of the course, assignments,
2. Definition of “Church Planting,” and “Church Movement,” and ecclesiology.
3. Focus on biblical and theological basis for church planting.

Unit 4-6

1. Discuss the various components of church planting movements (contexts, leadership questions, worldviews, and spiritual principles).
2. Understand obstacles to church planting movements (culture, worldview, spiritual issues).

Unit 7-10

1. Study the principles in church planting (vision, leadership, worship, evangelistic methodology, warfare prayers, and relationship building).

2. Understand the importance of God’s call in the life of a church planter, and the family involvement.

Unit 11-14

1. Partnership Development

2. Legal and financial issues in church planting

3. Understand the place of research in understanding the context of church planting, and learning how to conduct a worldview research.

4. Understand IMB and NAMB church planting programs and opportunities in North America and beyond.

5. The importance of church planting checklists and milestones.

6. Questions and Answers

Leavell College Calendar for 2013-14
Spring Semester
(January - May 2014)
Academic Schedule for Spring Semester

Classes Begin (Including Internet Classes)	January 21, 2014
Spring Break (Offices open)	March 24-28, 2014
March Academic Workshops	March 24-28, 2014
Grant Application for Fall 2013 Returning Students	April 1- 30, 2014
Good Friday (Offices closed; no classes)	April 18, 2014
Leavell College Final Examination Period	May 8-13, 2014

Exam Week Schedule

Monday Classes	May 12, 2014
Tuesday Classes	May 13, 2014
Thursday Classes	May 8, 2014

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