

Bachelor Courses in English 2011/12 – Course Descriptions

31.Oct.- 03.Nov. 2011 **Multicultural Teams**

Lecturer: Regina Waschko

BA-Credits: 3

€: 430 (AEM: 370)

What a surprise: You have prepared yourself extensively for the country you will be working in, but you are not prepared for the differing cultures and lifestyles within your own international team. Does this force you into a crisis or do you see this as an opportunity? How can you achieve a good cooperation and learn to solve conflicts instead of stirring them up? What special challenges face the Team Leadership? This course can serve as preparation for a missions trip and also help to reflect on past experiences

18.-20.Nov. 2011

The Arts in Missions

Lecturer: Allison Régniers

BA-Credits: 1,5

€: 215 (AEM: 185)

Would you like to hear and see examples of creative ministry in a cross-cultural context? Would you like to learn how to cultivate your own creativity for the glory of God? This course will encourage and challenge you to embrace all the gifts of human creativity and expression as vital to the life of the church and to the full expression of the gospel. You will learn how to cultivate your own creativity and to encourage and release others with creative gifts by recognizing and validating their potential in God's service so that they can become powerful agents of cultural transformation

28.Nov – 01.Dec 2011 **Progress of Redemption**

Lecturer: Michael König

BA-Credits: 2

€: 290 (AEM: 250)

The Bible - 66 books and yet one book; ca. 40 authors and yet one story; penned over a span of 1400 years and yet one central theme throughout this book. From Genesis, chapter 1 to Revelation chapter 22 the world's most fascinating love story unfolds. It is the Rescue Operation, that God launched with a promise to Abraham after the fall of mankind, finding its culmination in Jesus Christ. This course will enlarge your biblical knowledge and set a good foundation for personal study of the Bible as well as the preparation of Bible studies.

06.-09. February 2012 **At Home with God (The Lord's Prayer)**

Lecturer: Hans-Peter Rüegg

BA-Credits: 2

€: 290 (AEM: 250)

Do you long to deepen your personal relationship with God? Would you like to pray more passionately, faithfully and effectively? In the Lord's Prayer Jesus has given us a simple, yet remarkable model for prayer. Step by step, we will learn from His example, taking a rather unusual approach (by Max Lucado: *The Great House of God*). Looking at the Lord's Prayer as a blueprint, we will discover it as a place where God dwells, and where we can also reside and be at home. We will have focused time for individual and corporate prayer as we seek "Father God" together and trust him for all areas of our lives.

13.-16. February 2012 **Theology of the Sermon on the Mount**

Lecturer: Markus Kläusli

BA-Credits: 2

€: 290 (AEM: 250)

In this course you will explore the main themes of the Sermon on the Mount in relation to the context of Matthew's Gospel, the ministry of Jesus, and the message of the New Testament. Together we will examine key background issues and develop strategies for exegeting difficult texts. The goal of this study is not only to understand the biblical text, but to be impacted, challenged and inspired by its message so that our lives are transformed by the Holy Spirit.

23.-26.April 2012

Living, Learning, and Working Cross-Culturally

Lecturer: Hans-Peter Rüegg

BA-Credits: 2

€: 290 (AEM: 250)

What are the academic requirements, values and goals of the Intercultural Studies BA Program at the AWM? Why is it important for adults to continue developing their skills and competencies or pursue higher education? This course reflects on these questions and gives an introduction and foundation to the BA Program. The concept of "Lifelong Learning" is introduced and the students are given time to assess themselves personally in light of their biography. The challenges and limitations of learning in a cross-cultural setting are also explored and discussed. Lastly, this course will give instruction and support in understanding adult learning education, writing academic papers and doing literature research.

18.-21. June 2012

Communication and Culture

Lecturer: Yassir Eric

BA-Credits: 2

€: 290 (AEM: 250)

All communication is cultural: it draws on ways we have learned to speak and give nonverbal messages. Even with all the good will in the world, miscommunication is likely to happen, especially when there are significant cultural differences between communicators. The course will explore general principles of cross-cultural communication derived from theories of communication, cultural anthropology, and models of communication found in the Bible. The role of worldview and culture of both the communicator and the receptor will be discussed. Interactive activities, case studies, and discussion will be used to train participants to communicate more effectively in a cross-cultural context.