



# Master's in Global Development & Justice

## Course Descriptions

### **GLS 501 - Foundations in International Development Practice (3)**

This course focuses on understanding the history of international development work and the primary theories (both macro and micro) associated with the practice of development in the majority world. Includes work among the poor in developing societies including economic development, poverty alleviation, food security, urban complexities, and sustainable change. Emphasis is placed on maintaining a Christian witness and Christ-centered transformation in the lives of individuals and their communities.

### **GLS 505 - Introduction to Advocacy and Justice Studies (3)**

This course examines biblical justice in relation to contemporary issues in both North American and international contexts. Issues such as race, immigration, human trafficking and sexual exploitation, poverty, violence, gender, creation care, and human dignity will be considered along with how to advocate for those who are oppressed and marginalized in society.

### **GLS 615 - Conflict, Refugees, and Complex Disasters (3)**

Survey of the contributing factors and intervention practices for responding to people impacted by conflict and natural disaster with emphasis on the unique needs of refugees and internally displaced persons. This course explores the role of the Church and faith-based agencies in responding to these needs.

### **GLS 618 - Holistic Mission with Children at Risk (3)**

This course focuses on children and youth, in domestic and international contexts, living in at-risk conditions spiritually, physically, and emotionally, and targets preventive and restorative interventions from a Christian perspective. Mission and justice responses include a survey of best practices that lead children toward restoration of a relationship with God and others.

### **GLS 621 - Non-Profit Leadership and Administration (3)**

Nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and other faith-based organizations are increasingly being looked to by both governments and citizens to provide services that would otherwise go unmet. This course covers topics such as fundraising, financial management, marketing, board development, and program planning, which are all foundational aspects of creating sustainable agencies that care for people. Emphasis will be placed on the development and management of faith-based organizations with a focus upon effective leadership.

### **GLS 624 - Applied Field Research Methodology (3)**

This course provides a comprehensive overview of current research methodologies in international development work drawing from social science research. Both quantitative and qualitative approaches are examined. Emphasis is placed in research techniques that provide the students with knowledge and hands on training in the field.

### **GLS 632 - Community Development in Practice (3)**

This course explores both theological and biblical principles in community development highlighting holistic ministry responses. Emphasis is placed on incarnational living, empowerment and community participation in bringing about sustainable change and transformation to a variety of complex problems.



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### **IS 642 - Theology of Cultural Engagement (2)**

An analysis of biblically informed, Christ-centered Trinitarian engagement of culture. This course highlights the Institute for the Theology of Culture: New Wine, New Wineskins' paradigm, and gives special attention to the postmodern cultural context.

### **IS 612 - Biblical Theology of Missions (2)**

This is an expository course on God's missionary intent from Genesis to Revelation. Emphasis on the theme of missions in Scripture and the scope and current challenges of cross-cultural ministry.

### **GLS 660 - Topics in Global Development and Justice (3)**

Subject matter for this course varies. Each time this course is offered it is further defined with a subtitle. Possible topics include ministry to street children, trauma, human trafficking, HIV/AIDS crisis, or other specialty areas.

### **GLS 711 Public Policy, Human Rights, Law and Ethics (3 credits)**

This course explores the issues related to advocating for social change through international human rights mechanisms and philosophies. It also discusses the role of non-governmental organizations in civil discourse and public policies that affect the lives of the poor and others marginalized in society. This course covers Christian ethics and evidence based models and research provide the fundamental guidelines in developing policies.

### **GLS 714 - Approaches to Economic Development (3)**

Business as mission and micro-finance projects are examined in light of contemporary efforts to create sustainable projects and community development. The course will review concepts related to tent-making in restricted access contexts, micro-loan methodologies, customer needs, product design, and the ongoing need to maintain high quality standards in business within global contexts.

### **SF 511 - Principles of Spiritual Formation I (2)**

Examines a theology of the spiritual life and the factors that contribute to a balanced spiritual life.

### **GS 630 - 150-hour Internship I (2) and IS 640 - 150-hour Internship II (2)**

Internships are to be completed either over the summer or during second year of the program. For those with three years of experience in international or community development work, an in-field research project in conjunction with a non-profit organization can substitute this requirement. Online program includes an internship or collaborative research project (300 hours of practicum or for working practitioners with experience, a research project in conjunction with an organization or church may be completed). This will take 2-3 months to complete.