



**THEO 33963/ CSC 33963/CST 33963**  
**The Church and Social Action: Urban Plunge**

**Learning Agreement**

**Course Requirements**

This seminar is a one-credit Theology course (THEO 33963/CSC 33963/CST 33963), graded "Satisfactory" or "Unsatisfactory". Course credit will appear on the May 2010 grade report. Participation in and completion of the course is conditioned upon conduct according to the University policies as set forth in DU LAC. To receive a "Satisfactory" grade, students must complete the following in a satisfactory manner:

1. Attend all four scheduled classes or make-up sessions
2. Complete all readings and seven page paper
3. Attend the 48-hour immersion

**Application and Registration**

The on-line application will become available September 28, 2009. On-line applications must be received by **October 30, 2009** at midnight. By completing the application form, you are agreeing to all requirements of the Urban Plunge Seminar. In addition to completing the Center for Social Concerns application, each student will be required to officially register for the course. You will receive registration information from the Center Registrar.

**Criteria for Site Selection**

The seminar is open to any student in good standing at the University of Notre Dame or Saint Mary's College. Every effort is made to place accepted students at their first choice placement. *Site leaders will be selected based on interest and past participation in the Urban Plunge.*

**Fees and Expenses**

The cost of the seminar is \$100. This fee will be assessed through Student Accounts in January 2010. This fee contributes to incidental cost related to the seminar such as contributions to the sites, speakers, and course packet information. Depending on the site, students may be required to bring \$25-\$60 to assist with the cost of food and/or

transportation. Please be reminded that **transportation to and from the site is the sole responsibility of each student.** Students are encouraged to select a site near their hometown or near their location of residence over Winter Break. Limited financial aid is available through the Center for Social Concerns.

**Note to students/faculty/staff regarding the use of personal vehicles:** If a personal vehicle is used during this seminar, the vehicle owner acknowledges and represents that the personal vehicle is adequately insured and that in the event of an automobile accident, the personal automobile insurance will respond as primary insurance coverage. In addition, the personal automobile insurance should provide coverage for any physical damage (comprehensive and/or collision) loss which may occur to the vehicle. The University will not respond to any claim for damages to the vehicle, whether insured or not insured, including deductibles.

### **Withdrawal from the Course**

Please notify us by e-mailing [uplunge@nd.edu](mailto:uplunge@nd.edu) as soon as possible if extenuating circumstances prevent your participation in the seminar. **The final date to notify the Center for Social Concerns that you will not participate, without the \$40 penalty, is Friday, November 13, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.**

Drops after November 14, 2008 and/or failure to follow proper withdrawal from course procedures will automatically result in a grade of "Unsatisfactory."

This course does not apply to overload. In the case that this course does cause an overload in your schedule, please contact your dean's office. We have spoken to each office and they are aware of this situation and are prepared to grant you permission - please do so as soon as possible, as you will still need to register online by December 2, 2009.

### **Class Attendance**

Regarding class attendance, the Seminar Director is the only person who can approve a class absence. You should email Bill Purcell at [wpurcell@nd.edu](mailto:wpurcell@nd.edu) and not your site leader. Moreover, I have attached information regarding absences from the University handbook:

<http://www.nd.edu/~orlh/dulac/TableofContents/7%20Academic%20Life%20Policies%20-%20Absence.pdf>

A death in the family, illness, specialized University commitments (ROTC, Band, Folk Choir), class review sessions or a job/graduate school interview are all excused absences. Please notify us before class if you will not be in attendance for these reasons.

All other absences are not excused unless prior approval is granted. If you miss a class period, you will be asked to complete an extra written assignment or attend a make-up session later that week. Please contact us regarding absences if you need any further clarification.