

**DISC5171, Spiritual Formation 2**  
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Division of Pastoral Ministries  
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

**PASTORAL MINISTRIES DIVISION MISSION STATEMENT**

To prepare leaders by the development of the skills necessary for performing pastoral ministries, primarily within the context of the Church, and to assist churches, organizations, and individuals through the gifts and skills of Division members.

**CORE VALUE FOCUS**

The core value focus for this year is *spiritual vitality*. We are a worshiping community emphasizing both personal spirituality and gathering together as a Seminary family for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word. Specifically, Spiritual Formation focuses on spiritual vitality and the way it should be incorporated into a believer's life.

**CURRICULUM COMPETENCIES ADDRESSED**

Spiritual and Character Development

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This is a 2 semester-long, pass-fail experiences in a faculty-mentored group. The group will meet an hour weekly for accountability, mentoring, discussion, and spiritual formation in the company of others. It will include specific assignments from a variety of Christian devotional practices. This course is designed to be taken during a student's first Fall semester.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. The learner will grow in his/her biblical understanding of spiritual maturation (i.e., what is often referred to as 'discipleship').
2. The learner will be challenged to develop a strong personal commitment to a discipling lifestyle.
3. The learner will develop skills in leading discipleship groups and consider such groups as a part of the discipleship strategy of a local church ministry.

## **COURSE TEACHING METHODOLOGIES**

Methodology will include but is not limited to student presentations, class/group discussions, faculty dialogue, and intense periods of personal preparation through the accountable exercising of spiritual habits, practices, and disciplines.

### **Textbooks:**

Foster, Richard J. and Emile Griffin. *Spiritual Classics: Selected Readings on the Twelve Spiritual Disciplines*. New York: HarperCollins, 2000.

Holy Bible. The following translations are acceptable: NIV, HCSB, ESV, NKJV, RSV.

### **Course Requirements:**

1. Keep a journal of his or her spiritual journey throughout the course.
2. Participate in all class discussions and meetings.
3. Read the assigned readings and lead a class discussion of one chapter (as assigned by the professor).
4. Lead one devotional period in class.

### **Course Evaluation:**

The course is offered on a pass-fail basis as follows:

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| • Textbook discussion leadership | 33% |
| • Journal                        | 33% |
| • Devotional leadership          | 33% |

### **Absences and Late Assignments**

In accordance with seminary policy, a student will automatically *fail the course* if he or she incurs three absences. When emergencies exist, the student may petition the academic advisor for permission to remain in class with excessive absences. Being late to class three times equates to an absence. Moreover, students, **not the instructor or grader**, are responsible for having their presence in class recorded on the class roll when they are tardy in attendance.

**Assignments turned in past the due date are not acceptable.**

### **Course Schedule**

Course topics include:

- Fundamentals of Spiritual Formation
- Class Devotions and Discussions
- Leading Others in Spiritual Formation

Assignments are due at the beginning of the class period. Exact dates will be negotiated during the first class session.

### **Blackboard Course Enrollment**

The following are the student enrollment instructions for Blackboard:

1. Open your web browser to the seminary home page at <http://www.nobts.edu>

2. Click on the **Blackboard** link in the left-hand column. **(If you already have a Blackboard account, log in and skip to step 6. You need only one Blackboard account.)**
3. When the new page opens, choose the **Create Account** button on the left.
4. Enter in your information. (Note: Fields with a red asterisk are required fields). When finished entering your information, click **Submit**.
5. When the next page loads, confirming your registration, click **OK**.
6. Now, your personal Blackboard home page should appear. To enroll in a class, click on the **Courses** tab at the top of the page.
7. Click the **Browse Course Catalog** link on the right-hand side of the page.
8. You will see all courses for which you can register. Scroll down the page and choose to register for **Spiritual Formation** by clicking on the **Enroll** button beside the course's name.
9. Enter the access code provided by the Professor. The code is **iamatheologian**. (Note: The access code is case sensitive).
10. Click **OK** when the confirmation page appears.

**EMERGENCY PLAN:** In case of a hurricane or serious event (disease, terrorist attack, etc.) occurring, all class work will be moved online. It is imperative for every student to have Blackboard access. Should such an event occur, students should log on to Blackboard to follow any announcements that may be posted. Students should ensure their current email address is updated in Blackboard.

### **Book and Chapter Schedule:**

Week 1- Aug 25

Foster- Thomas Merton p. 17

Scazzero ch 1

Week 2- Sept 1- Jeremy Poe

Foster- Huggett p. 10

Scazzero ch 2

Week 3- Sept 8- Shelly Wilton

Foster- Thomas More p. 5

Scazzero ch 3

Week 4- Sept 15- Robert Parkin

Foster- Marguerite Porete p. 22

Scazzero ch 4

Week 5- Sept 22- Jeremy Poe

Foster- Adolfo Quezada p. 246

Scazzero ch 5

Week 6- Sept 29- Erin M

Foster- Martin Luther p. 119  
Scazzero ch. 6

Week 7- Oct 6- Allison Cook  
Foster- Clare of Assisi p. 134  
Scazzero ch. 7

Week 8- Oct 20- Shelley Wilton  
Foster- The Cloud of Unknowing p. 43  
Andrew Murray p. 271  
Scazzero ch. 8

Week 9- Oct 27- Ben deBell  
Foster- Dorothy Day p. 211  
Scazzero- ch. 9

Week 10- Nov 3- Ryan Melson  
Foster- Ignatius p. 291  
Scazzero ch. 10

Week 11- Nov 10- Dusty Rigby  
Foster- Augustine p. 67

Week 12- Nov 17- Joshua Piper  
Foster- Trotter p. 86

Week 13- Dec 1- Dr. Brooks  
Foster- John Wesley p. 337

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CHAPTER PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

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