

## **Christian Responses to Islamic Cultural Differences**

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### **Seminary Mission Statement**

The mission of the 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.

### **Purpose, Core Value Focus, and Curriculum Competencies of this Defend the Faith Special Event Course**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. This course addresses all five of the seminary core values; however, this year it focuses on Mission Focus. The student will be challenged to develop the means to address diverse Muslim worldviews with Biblical truth. The delivery of this course within the context of the Defend the Faith conference and special event provides the student with many intellectual and practical apologetic tools to accomplish the task of being a competent witness to the risen Lord to all people but especially Muslims.

### **Course Description**

This course provides an overview of the mosaic of Muslim worldviews with a brief survey of significant historic and modern Islamic movements and individuals representative of each Islamic movement. A major element in examining each Islamic Worldview will be exploring ways to present Christian truth to adherents of the Islamic value system and movement.

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completion of the workshop the student will

- Be familiar with the major Islamic communities and worldviews.
- Understand the historical interaction between Islamic worldviews.
- Understand elements of sharing Biblical truth with Muslims adhering to each of the explored worldviews.
- Be better equipped to integrate theology and evangelism in addressing Islam.

### **Course Teaching Methods**

The course will involve the following methodologies:

- The material for each lesson will be introduced in a lecture format.

- Students will read material in the assigned textbooks and journal articles
- Students will view video presentations of various Muslim proponents.
- Students will research a topic and write a major paper on a Muslim movement.

### **Textbooks**

The Holy Bible

The Qur'an

*The Insanity of Obedience*, "Nik Ripkin," Nashville: B&H, 2014.

*A Wind in the House of Islam: How God Is Drawing Muslims Around the World to Faith in Jesus Christ*, David Garrison, Monument, CO: WigTake Resources, 2014.

*The Emergence of Islam: Classical Traditions in Contemporary Perspective*, Gabriel Said Reynolds, Minneapolis: Fortress, 2012.

### **Requirements**

1. Lecture Attendance: Students are required to attend all plenary sessions as well as breakout sessions either in person or by listening to the recordings. **30%**
2. Texts: A working knowledge of three Text books will be needed. Each student will provide a 8 page critical review of the three text books. No more than 2 pages shall be used to summarize the book. The remainder of the review shall be used to analyze the strategy and purpose of the book. **30%**
3. Selected Theme Project: The student will research a selected theme. Themes must be submitted to Dr. Edens in writing for approval by January 8, 2016. No two students will be allowed to research the same theme, and approval for the theme will be given on a first-come basis. **40%**

### **Class Schedule**

**Monday Plenary Session: Nik Ripkin**

**Tuesday Plenary Session: David Garrison**

#### **Breakout Sessions**

- The evidences of the wind of the Holy Spirit blowing through the Eastern Islamic World. David Garrison

- Persecution and the Gospel in the Far East.-Nik Ripkin

- The evidences of the wind of the Holy Spirit blowing through the Middle Eastern and Western Islamic World.- David Garrison

- Persecution and the Gospel in the Middle East and Europe.-Nik Ripkin

- Islamic Cultural Barriers and Strategies to over come them.-Mike Edens

- Islamic Cultural Opportunities and Strategies to Maximize them.-Mike Edens

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