

CMCM 2380-01 Practice of Evangelism
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Purpose Statements

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.

The Extension Centers of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary operate within the parameters of the purpose statement of the Seminary. The specific purpose of the extension centers is to fulfill the purpose of the Seminary by providing a program for quality theological and practical education in the extension centers of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The purpose of this course is to explore the ministry of evangelism through the local church and its ministries. In addition, the Biblical mandate for the individual Christian to be an evangelist will be examined. In addition to a summary of various approaches to evangelism in local churches, the Biblical, theological and historical aspects of evangelism will be highlighted.

Core value focus and curriculum competencies addressed

The purpose of this course is to carry out the mission of NOBTS as is reflected through the core values and the core competencies in the following areas:

1. Spiritual vitality- evangelism is a part of the spiritual vitality for the individual Christian and for the church body as a whole.
2. Mission focus- carrying out of the Great Commission is consistent with the value of mission focus.
3. Characteristic excellence and servant leadership –each evangelistic effort needs to be carried out with excellence and in a manner consistent with the servant leadership model of Jesus.

Learning outcomes:

As a result of the course, the student will:

1. Be familiar with the historical and biblical basis of evangelism.
2. Know how to use a variety of approaches to carry out the Great Commission in their local church.
3. Develop an appreciation for evangelism and ministry needs in the Greater Miami area.
4. Become equipped to go to any setting and practice the work of both an evangelist and a disciple maker.
5. Become familiarized with various instructional materials [videos/handouts/booklets/tracts] for

their devotional, evangelistic, and practical worth—especially within the local church.

6. A variety of evangelism methodologies will be introduced, including:
 - A. *Evangelism to Family members*—Michael Green
 - B. *Evangelism Explosion*—D. James Kennedy
 - C. *FAITH*—Bobby Welch; trained Faith individuals will present material
 - D. *Four Spiritual Laws*—Campus Crusade for Christ
 - E. *People Sharing Jesus*—Darrell Robinson
 - F. *Relational Evangelism*—Wayne McDill
 - G. *Share Jesus without Fear*—Bill Faye
 - H. *Tell the Truth*—Will Metzger
 - I. *Three Circles*—Larry Moyer
 - J. *Way of the Master*—Ray Comfort and Kirk Cameron

Course teaching methodology:

A variety of teaching methods will be used such as power point presentations, video, multimedia, and outside ministers (especially those with experience in unique or pace-setting evangelistic endeavors). Some outside class assignments will allow on-site visits when evangelism and ministry is in process—with active participation a desired goal.

Textbooks:

Piper, John. *Let the Nations Be Glad: The Supremacy of God in Missions*, 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2003. ISBN: 0-8010-2613-X.

Reid, Alvin. *Introduction to Evangelism*. Broadman and Holman, 1998. ISBN: 0-8054-1143-7.

Class assignments:

1. Read both textbooks and complete a book review of one. 3-5 pages, double-spaced. Use the Turabian tutor as a guide for doing a book review. The book review should include a bibliographical entry, a few sentences about the author, summary of contents, and an analysis of its strengths and weaknesses. 25%
2. Each student will commit to memory (58 verses) related to evangelism/missions. Four verses per class session. Verses will be provided on a handout sheet. Each class will begin with a scripture memory quiz. 25%
3. Engage in four witnessing encounters and submit a worksheet that summarizes the encounter. (Witnessing work sheet will be provided.) 25%
4. One midterm exam and a final will be administered and will deal primarily with the information in the textbooks and in the class presentations. 25%
5. Inside the class, students will role play conversation points and look for ways to ‘guide’ a conversation to speak of spiritual things, ultimately leading to an opportunity for salvation. Later in the term this experience will expand as teams move into the streets around the campus to

witness and report on their encounters.

6. Different evangelistic materials and methodologies will be introduced. If students have been trained in one and can offer insights from their personal experience, that will enhance the course greatly.

7. Develop a listing of web sites and addresses that will assist in witnessing and discipleship:
www.wayofthemaster.com www.persecution.org (Voice of the Martyrs)

8. Reading through the Bible in a year: download the reading schedule from Blackboard on the Leavell College page.

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