

**NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
CENTER FOR THE AMERICAS – HIALEAH, FL**

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION II
DISC 5171**

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1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/31, 4/14, 4/28, 5/12

SYLLABUS

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.

Core Values: Focus and Curriculum Competencies:

1. The Curriculum Competencies addressed will include Disciple Making and Servant Leadership.
2. The Core Values of the Seminary include:
Doctrinal Integrity Characteristic Excellence
Spiritual Vitality Servant Leadership
Mission Focus

Each school year one of the core values is highlighted. That annual Core value will be emphasized during the course.

Course Description:

This course is the second of 2 semester-long, pass-fail experiences in a faculty-mentored group. The group will meet for two hours bi-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 immediately following DISC5170.

Course Objectives/ 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 (i.e. basic devotional practices).
3. The learner will develop skills in leading discipleship groups and consider such groups as part of the discipleship strategy of a local Church ministry.

Course Teaching Methodology:

The professor will use dialog and discussion as the main vehicles of the mentoring process. There will be personal and group interchange between students and professor both in class and online. The emphasis is not on lecturing from professor but on student led participation in group discussions of materials of course.

Textbooks:

The Bible (A different translation than the one student always uses);

Jethani, Skye. *The Divine Commodity: Discovering a Faith Beyond Consumer Christianity*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2009.

Paterson, Tom. *Deeper, Richer, Fuller: Discover the Spiritual Life You Long For*. New York: Howard Books, 2010.

Swindoll, Luci. *I Married Adventure: Looking at Life through the Lens of Possibility*. Nashville, TN: W Publishing Group, 2002.

Course Requirements:

The students are required to:

1. Maintain a Daily Bible Reading/Devotional plan for the semester. **Due Date: February 10, 2014.**
2. Write and submit **two** one half-page devotions based on two Bible verses or passage selections. **Due Date: March 10, 2014.**
3. Read the course textbooks and write two page reviews for each. **Due Date: April 28, 2014.**
4. Keep a Reflection Journal for each chapter of the textbooks. Use the study guides in the textbooks as a resource for the journal. **Submit the journal to the professor by April 28, 2014.**
5. Meet with a local "Spiritual" Friend/Mentor once a month for prayer and discussion of the student's reflections in his/her journal. The student should share reflections at an appropriate level of comfort and confidentiality. List the name of the friend/mentor in the front of the journal.
6. Complete a final exam/reflection paper. **Due Date: April 28, 2013.**

7. The learner will complete all reflection and discussion activities on Blackboard.

Course Evaluation:

The course is offered on a pass-fail basis. The student's final grade will be Determined as follows:

Scripture reading certification	20%
Two half-page devotions	20%
Journal on textbook chapters	20%
Blackboard participation	20%
Final exam/reflection paper	20%

Other Important Information:

1. **Assignments turned in past the due date will incur a late penalty of five points, which will be deducted from the assignment grade. Assignments will not be accepted more than one week past the due date without permission.**
2. **Absences:** The maximum number of absences that can be taken without failure are three (3) classroom hours for an one hour course. (see Graduate Catalog, p. 142)
3. **Meeting Places:** At the discretion of the professor the classes will meet in different places to experience different settings. Professor will email notifications of the meeting places in advance and will provide instructions for arrangements for all to participate.
4. **Please note the final exam/reflection paper will be sent to professor via internet by April 28, 2014.**

Important Dates:

Jan. 27 – First day of class
Feb 10 – Skye ch. 1; Paterson ch 1&2;
Feb. 24 – Skye ch. 2&3; Paterson ch 3&4
March 10 – Skye ch. 4&5; Paterson ch 5&6
March 24-28 – Spring Break; No Classes
March 31 – Skye ch. 6&7; Paterson ch 7, 8 &9
April 14 – Skye ch. 8; Paterson ch 10&11
April 28 – Skye ch. 9; Paterson ch 12&13
May 12 – Last class period; Skye Epilogue; Paterson ch 14; Final Exam Day

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