

MISS9404 History of Christian Missions Ph.D. Seminar
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Division of Pastoral Missions
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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.

Course Purpose, 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 ways:

Core Values

1. Mission focus-The course will deal with the historical context of missions.
2. Servant Leadership- The professor will teach that servant leadership is a crucial aspect of missions throughout Christian history

Core Competencies- The seminar will address five of the seven competencies.

1. Disciple Making- Students will consider disciple making as a part of missions.
2. Servant Leadership- Students will examine leadership styles of mission leaders through history.

Course Description

A survey is made of the history of the expansion of Christianity throughout the world. Beginning with Pentecost, emphasis is placed upon missionary events, personalities, and fields. Modern evangelical missions and the unfinished task of world missions are included.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. The student will become familiar with the history of the Christian mission endeavor.
2. The student become familiar with the unique needs, obstacles, and opportunities of the history of Christian missions.

3. The student will gain experience in analyzing the mission strategies used throughout Christian history.
4. The student will become familiar with the broad outlines of Christian Missions history, **and will be able to analyze current trends in light those broad outlines.**

Textbooks

Moffett, Samuel H. *A History of Christianity in Asia*. Volume 1: Beginnings to 1500. San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1992.

Moffett, Samuel H. *A History of Christianity in Asia*. Volume 2: 1500-1900. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2005.

Bosch, David J. *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1991.

Estep, William R. *Whole Gospel--Whole World- the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention: 1845-1995*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1994. (Out of print)

Niell, Stephen. *A History of Christian Missions*, rev. for 2nd ed. B Owen Chadwick. London: Penguin Books, 1986.

IV. Seminar Requirements

1. Read each of the required textbooks and be prepared to participate in seminar discussion related to the readings.
2. Read assigned books and write a critical review of the book. The review should be six to eight pages in length, containing biographical information on the author, a summary of the book, and an evaluation. The student should be prepared to discuss the assigned book in seminar on the date assigned.
3. Write a major paper related to an assigned topic.
4. On assigned weeks give a brief discussion of assigned volume of Latourette's work. No written work is necessary.
5. Prepare an outline of the history of Christian Missions. Due on Dec. 4. Be prepared to share briefly about missions history in any time period on Dec. 4.

Copies of all papers, with the exception of the book reviews required of all the class, should be made for all seminar participants. Papers are due on the day assigned for presentation except for the major papers which are due one week before they are to be presented.

V. Seminar Grading

Seminar Participation	15%
Book Reviews	30%
Seminar Paper	40%
History Outline	15%

Absence of over one seminar meetings will result in a non-passing grade.

VI. Seminar Schedule

Week 1, August 21: Introduction 12:30-1:30 PM

Weeks 2 and 3, Sept 4: 12:30-2:30 PM-- Niell, Stephen. *A History of Christian Missions*
Discuss first half of book
Latourette, v. 1

Weeks 4 and 5 , September 18: 12:30-2:30 PM
Discuss second half of book and turn in review of Niell book
Latourette, v. 2

Weeks 6 and 7, September 25: 12:30-2:30 PM
Estep, William R. *Whole Gospel--Whole World- the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention: 1845-1995*. Discuss and book review turned in
Latourette, v. 3

Weeks 8 and 9, Oct. 9 12:30-2:30 PM
Moffett, Samuel H. *A History of Christianity in Asia*. Volume 1: Beginnings to 1500. San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1992.- Discuss and turn in reviews
Latourette, v. 4

Weeks 10 and 11 , Oct. 30: 12:30-2:30 PM
Moffett, Samuel H. *A History of Christianity in Asia*. Volume 2: 1500-1900. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2005.- Discuss and turn in reviews
Latourette, v. 5

Weeks 12 and 13 Nov. 13: 12:30-2:30 PM
Bosch, David J. *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1991.-Discuss and turn in reviews

Week 14 Nov. 20: 12:30-1:30 PM Major Paper

Weeks 15 and 16 Dec. 4 12:30-3:00 PM Major Paper and Missions History Outline

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