

Mission Principles and Methods
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Seminary Mission:

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-12) and the Great Commandments (Matthew 22:34-40) through the local church and its ministries.

Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to help equip those studying at NOBTS to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 16-20) through the local church and its ministries.

Core Value Focus

Our seminary has five core values: doctrinal integrity, spiritual vitality, mission focus, characteristic excellence, and servant leadership. This course relates in some way to all five core values but especially mission focus which states in part: “We are here to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.” Characteristic excellence **is the emphasized core value of 2011-2012 at NOBTS:** “We want everything we do to be characterized by offering the utmost of our abilities and resources as a testimony to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” This should especially be true in missions involvement.

Curriculum Competencies Addressed

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has seven basic competencies guiding the NOBTS curriculum. This course supports and relates to various competencies such as servant leadership, interpersonal skills, and spiritual and character formation. The disciple making competency which stated is “to stimulate church health through mobilizing the church for missions, evangelism, discipleship, and church growth” is especially addressed in the curriculum of this course.

Course Description

An in-depth study of changing trends in missions at home and abroad is pursued, with special analysis of the newer approaches. Emphasis is placed on philosophy and methodology.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. The student will become familiar with current trends in missions in relationship to North America.
2. The student will become acquainted with current trends in missions in relationship to the international setting.
3. The student will gain an understanding of current approaches being applied to mission work.
4. The student will demonstrate the ability to articulate concerning current mission philosophy and methodology.
5. The student will demonstrate research and writing skills.
6. The student will demonstrate the ability to teach mission methods and principles.

Course Teaching Methodology

1. The primary course method will involve student research and reporting of that research in papers and seminar presentations. Students are expected to be knowledgeable of basic research methodologies and to hone their research skills beyond the basic level.
2. Presentations and small-group discussions will be utilized to enhance and promote personal assimilation and integration of course concepts and content. Students are expected to be active participants in seminar discussions.
3. Student interaction with peers, resource persons, seminary faculty members, and the course instructor are encouraged during the duration of this class to facilitate insights about current mission methods and principles. Conferences with the instructor are invited and may be accomplished via telephone, e-mail, or office visits.

Course Textbooks

McGavran, Donald A. *Understanding Church Growth*. Revised and edited by C. Peter Wagner. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1990.

Winter, Ralph D. and Hawthorne, Steven C., editors. *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement*. Fourth Edition. Pasadena: William Carey Library, 2009.

Other books as required during the course of the seminar.

In addition to the required textbooks, members of the seminar will be asked to read various articles, journals, or internet resources as required by the instructor.

Course Requirements

1. Read each of the assigned texts, articles and other reading assignments.
2. Prepare each week to participate in seminar discussion related to readings, guest presentations, or presentations by members of the seminar. A portion of the individual's seminar grade will be based on one's degree of weekly participation in seminar discussions.
3. Write and submit a critical review of the third edition of McGavran's *Understanding Church Growth*. The review should be eight to ten pages in length, double-spaced, and written with proper Turabian form. The review should include these elements: (1) Summarize briefly the six parts of the book in two to three pages. (2) Evaluate the book's content from a biblical, theological, and missiological perspective. (3) Discuss two or more key concepts from the book with which you agree or disagree. Explain logically and supposed with Scripture, theology, and missiological foundations why you agree or disagree with a concept. If you disagree, explain how you would correct what has been written. The review will be due on the first seminar meeting.
4. Be prepared to give an overview of assigned chapters the day the review is due. Plan to use approximately one hour to discuss one's evaluation of the book and key concepts from the book as presented in # 3 above (2) and (3).
5. Write and submit a critical review of a second assigned book. Follow the same steps as # 3 and 4 above. The second critical review will be due for the second seminar meeting.
6. On assigned dates be prepared to lead the seminar discussion related to the seminar assignments of the day. Example- Prepare a medium paper of a minimum of fifteen pages of text double-spaced pages to help guide our discussion. The paper should follow proper Turabian form.
7. Read assigned chapters from *Perspectives*. Prepare a summary and application of two pages for selected chapters as assigned by the professor.
8. Prepare an annotated bibliography of a minimum of thirty and maximum of forty books relating to missions methods and principles. Each page of the bibliography may contain three to five books. The annotated bibliography will be due for the third seminar meeting.
9. Write and present a major paper related to an approved topic relating to contemporary methods or principles. A proposal and outline must be submitted and the topic approved. The major paper should be in correct Turabian format with footnotes, cover page, blank page, contents, selected bibliography, and at least three chapters (introduction, body, and conclusion.) The paper should be typed, double-spaced, and a minimum of thirty pages in length of the introduction, chapters, and conclusion with a maximum of fifty pages in total page count.

Lead an oral presentation of the paper which should be approximately one hour in length and based on the paper's contents. It is required that one read the paper verbatim. The major paper will be due one week prior to the fourth seminar meeting.

10. Complete other seminar assignments according to guidelines given by the professor.

11. Each member of the seminar will submit a typed final exam on the last seminar meeting of the semester. The final exam should include the following: (1). A two to three page statement of the seminar member's personal philosophy related to missions methods which reflects an assimilation and integration of the seminar's concepts, principles, and research relating to the field. (2) A summary of two key concepts exposed to in the seminar of appropriately three pages (3) An outline and explanation of how you would teach a missions principles and methods to master's level students at NOBTS of at least two pages. Be prepared to discuss your answers and dialogue during the final seminar meeting of the semester.

Research and Writing Guidelines

1. All research should be documented from original sources as much as possible.
2. The use of secondary sources for documentation should be limited to reputable writers, researchers, and publishers. Use discretion related to internet websites.
3. Dissertations and theses may be referenced, but they should not constitute the majority of the resources consulted nor of the content formulated in written reports.
4. Interviews may be utilized for content formulation and documentation with regard to original and secondary documentation, but should not constitute the majority of the resources consulted nor of the content formulated in written reports without permission of the seminar leader.
5. Written papers should conform to the current or 6th edition of *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* by Kate L. Turabian and *A Manual of Style* published by the University of Chicago Press.

Seminar Grading

Critical Book Review 1 & Presentation	10%
Critical Book Review 2 & Presentation	10%
Other Seminar Assignments and Seminar Leadership	25%
Annotated Bibliography	5%
Major Paper and Presentation	25%
Final Exam and Presentation	10%
Seminar Participation	15%

Absences

Students enrolled in the seminar are expected to attend each meeting of the seminar. Absence of over two hours of seminar meetings will result in a non-passing grade unless special permission is granted due to extraordinary circumstances.

Seminar Schedule*

First Seminar Meeting:

Introduction to the Seminar

Class Presentations on Critical Book Review # 1 and other assignments

Other Assignments: Medium Paper and *Perspectives* chapters summaries and reflections

Second Seminar Meeting:

Class Presentations on Critical Book Review # 2 and other assignments

Tentative other assignments: Assigned Chapters from *Perspectives*

Medium paper of at least fifteen pages of text in the body of the paper

Third Seminar Meeting

Discussion of Annotated Bibliographies and other assignments

Tentative other assignments: Assigned Chapters from *Perspectives*

Medium paper of at least fifteen pages of text in the body of the paper

One Week Before Fourth Seminar Meeting

Pass out copies of Major Papers.

Fourth Seminar Meeting

Major Paper Presentations and other assignments

Tentative other assignments: Book Critique

Fifth Seminar Meeting

Final Exam Discussion and other assignments

Tentative other assignments: Assigned Chapters from *Perspectives*

Book Critique

*The seminar schedule may be adjusted as deemed appropriate by the professor.

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Internet Resources

- Brigada <http://www.xc.org/brigada/brigada.html>
- Caleb Project <http://www.goshen.net/calebproject>
- Christian Information Network <http://www.christian-info.com/>
- Crosswinds <http://www.crosswinds.net>
- International Mission Board <http://www.imb.org>
- Global Evangelization Movement <http://www.gem-werc.org>
- North American Mission Board <http://namb.net>
- Profiles of Unreached People Groups <http://www.bethany-wpc.org>
<http://www.heartofgod.com> <http://www.geocities.com>