

MISS9404 History of Christian Missions Ph.D. Seminar
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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
3. Doctrinal Integrity- The course will follow the confessional commitments that are outlined in the Articles of Religious Belief and the Baptist Faith and Message 2000

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.

Yates, Timothy. *Christian Mission in the Twentieth Century*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996.

Seminar Requirements

1. Read each of the required textbooks and be prepared to participate in seminar discussion related to the readings. Write a critical review each textbook (and of one of the two assigned Latourette volumes along with a missions history book that you choose to review). For the Latourette volume include an outline of the book and be able to point out broad sweeps and major insights. Reviews should be six to eight pages in length, containing biographical information on the author, a summary of the book, and an evaluation. Since the Latourette book review will contain an outline it will be longer. Students should be prepared to discuss the assigned book in the seminar on the dates assigned.

3. Write a major paper related to an assigned topic. Submit a mini-prospectus related to your paper by Nov. 11. Submit your paper to the professor and other participants no later than the Friday before the date papers are to be presented. Be thoroughly prepared to critically assess the major papers of your colleagues as to form, style, and content.

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.

Seminar Grading

Seminar Participation	10%
Book Reviews	35%
Seminar Paper	35%
Final Exam	20%

Absences of any seminar meeting will result in a non-passing grade.

Seminar Schedule

Meeting 1, Sept. 6: Introduction
 Niell, Stephen. *A History of Christian Missions*
 Latourette, Kenneth Scott. *A History of the Expansion of Christianity, Vol. 1, The First Five Centuries*. New York: Harper, 1937. (One student will present this book).

The student not presenting the Latourette volume will choose another book from the bibliography to read, review, and present in class. A book other than one on the bibliography can be chosen with the approval of the professor.

Meeting 2, Oct. 4: Latourette, Kenneth Scott. *A History of the Expansion of Christianity, Vol. 2, The Thousand Years of Uncertainty, A.D. 500 - A.D. 1500*. New York: Harper, 1938. (One student will present this book).

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

Estep, William R. *Whole Gospel--Whole World: The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention: 1845-1995*.

The student not presenting the Latourette volume will choose another book from the bibliography to read, review, and present in class. A book other than one on the bibliography can be chosen with the approval of the professor.

- Meeting 3, Nov. 11: Yates, Timothy. *Christian Mission in the Twentieth Century*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996.
Discussion of chapter in Rob Wilton's dissertation on the history of the Lausanne Movement.
Moffett, Samuel H. *A History of Christianity in Asia*. Volume 2: 1500-1900. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2005.
Discussion of paper topics.
Discussion of Bosch's *Transforming Mission* through Part 1
- Meeting 4, Dec. 6: Discussion of Bosch's *Transforming Mission* through remainder of book and turn in review.
Major papers
- Tues., Dec. 10: Take-home Final Exam due by 11:39 PM

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