

**MISR9301 Supervised Reading Colloquium  
Biblical and Theological Basis of Missions  
Fall Semester 2014**

**Seminary Mission**

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 16-20) 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.” The course would be most directly related to the disciple making competency. The focus core value for 2014-15 is spiritual vitality.

**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 biblical exposition when evaluating missionary concepts by the Scriptures. The disciple making competency which is 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. The course would be most directly related to the disciple making competency.

**Course Description**

This colloquium is designed to direct students majoring in Missions in the Doctor of Philosophy program in the foundational reading related to the biblical and theological basis of missions of the gospel.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

At the conclusion of the colloquium, the student should be able to:

1. Relate to a broad range of significant works related to the biblical basis of missions and critique these works in terms of strengths and weaknesses.
2. Relate to a broad range of significant works related to the theological basis of missions and critique these works in terms of strengths and weaknesses.

3. Articulate a clear understanding of foundational issues related to addressing the biblical basis of missions.

4. Articulate a clear understanding of foundational issues related to issues of the theological basis for missions.

### **Course Teaching Methodology**

This colloquium is a resource-driven learning experience in which students will be guided by a professor through basic foundational reading assignments. Those enrolled in the colloquium will arrange a time to meet as a group in monthly accountability sessions with the professor to discuss the assigned readings. Other accountability arrangements will be clarified by the professor at such meeting times.

### **Course Requirements**

1. Attend each session.

2. Prepare for the colloquium discussions by completing the assigned reading carefully.

3. Prepare to lead discussions concerned particular assigned books for the colloquium as assigned by the professor.

4. Prepare an assessment of each text read through the semester according to the following guidelines:

a. Read each book that is chosen in its entirety.

b. Write a review of the book which should include the following elements: (1) Briefly summarize the contents of the book.. Include the bibliographical information about the book and its length. (2) Evaluate the book from a biblical, theological, and missiological perspective. (3) Discuss one or more concepts useful to understanding issues relating to missions and/or missiology. Use headings for each section: Summary, Evaluation, Discussion. (4) The minimum length for each review should be seven to ten double-spaced typed pages. (5) A major purpose of writing the review will be for your own usage in the future.

c. Prepare a hard copy of each review to submit to the professor supervising your reading study seminar. Maintain an electronic or hard copy for your use. These reviews will be helpful in preparing for Qualifying and/or Oral Exams.

5. Prepare an annotated bibliography of a minimum of thirty to fifty books related to the biblical and theological basis of missions. Each page of the annotated bibliography may contain three to five books. The annotated bibliography will be due the last colloquium meeting.

## Grading

The grade for the colloquium will be determined by the extent to which the student accomplishes the course objectives. This will largely be determined by accomplishing the course requirements.

## Reading List

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