

**EVSR9301 Supervised Reading Colloquium:
History and Theology of Evangelism**
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Division of Pastoral Ministries
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I. NOBTS 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.

II. Purpose of the Course, Core Value Focus, and Curriculum Competencies Addressed

The purpose of this course is to expose students to the significant literary works on the history and theology of evangelism. The core value focus for the 2015-2016 academic year is **Mission Focus**. This course will address the competency of disciple making.

III. Course Description

This colloquium is designed to direct Ph.D. students majoring in Evangelism and Great Commission Studies in the foundational reading related to the history and theology of evangelism.

IV. Student Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of the colloquium students will be able to:

1. Identify foundational works related to the history and theology of evangelism.
2. Identify the significant events, groups, and personalities that have contributed to the historical development of evangelism in the Christian Church.

3. Articulate the biblical basis of evangelism and discuss the theological issues that currently impact evangelism.
4. Discern and discuss the relationship between sound doctrine and evangelistic methodology.
5. Demonstrate acceptable knowledge of the history and theology of evangelism in their doctoral qualifying and oral exams.

V. Course Methods

This colloquium is a resource-driven learning experience in which students will be guided by the professor through basic foundational reading and writing assignments. Those enrolled in the colloquium will 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.

VI. Textbooks

There are no required textbooks for this course. Students are to obtain the works necessary to accomplish the course objectives and assignments. A selected bibliography will be provided for students by the professor.

VII. Course Requirements

Students are required to do the following assignments:

1. Prepare for the colloquium discussions by completing the assigned reading.
2. Prepare to lead discussions concerning the particular assigned books for the colloquium.
3. Prepare an annotated analysis of each book read through the semester. The analyses should be three to five pages in length, double spaced, for each book assigned for a particular colloquium session. Each analysis should contain the following elements: a brief summary of the book, an evaluation of the book, a discussion of the significance of the book concerning the history and/or theology of evangelism, and the value of the book for evangelism in the contemporary church.
4. Write a brief paper (three to five pages, double spaced) discussing the relationship between sound doctrine and evangelistic methodology.
5. Develop a detailed outline of the history of evangelism in the Christian Church from the New Testament to the 21st Century. The outline should include significant events, dates, groups, personalities, and literary works that have contributed to the historical development of evangelism.

VIII. Grading

The pass/fail grade for the colloquium will be determined by the extent to which the student accomplishes the objectives for the course. This will be assessed largely by the completion of the course requirements by the student. The professor will use a variety of accountability instruments such as written assignments, oral presentations, involvement in discussions, and other appropriate means to determine the student's accomplishment of the course objectives.

Books to Be Reviewed:

October 1, 2015

Green, Michael. *Evangelism in the Early Church*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1970.

Finke, Roger and Rodney Stark. *The Churching of America, 1776-1990*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 1994.

Kelley, Charles S. Jr. *How Did They Do It? The Story of Southern Baptist Evangelism*. New Orleans: Insight Press, 1993.

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Abraham, William J. *The Logic of Evangelism*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1989.

Sanders, John. *No Other Name: An Investigation into the Destiny of the Unevangelized*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992.

Johnston, Thomas Paul. *Examining Billy Graham's Theology of Evangelism*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2003.

Paper Due: Relationship Between Sound Doctrine and Evangelistic Methodology

December 3, 2015

Student's Choice of History of Evangelism Book

Student's Choice of Theology of Evangelism Book

Outline Due: History of Evangelism in the Christian Church

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Taylor, Mendell. *Exploring Evangelism: History, Methods, Theology*. Kansas City, MO: Nazarene Publishing House, 1964.

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Weidserger, Bernard A. *They Gathered at the River: The Story of the Great Revivalists and Their Impact Upon Religion in America*. Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1958.

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