



ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

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Mission Statement

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.

Core Value Focus

The seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. The core value focus for this academic year is Doctrinal Integrity, which states in part, “Knowing that the Bible is the Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit to it. Our confessional commitments are outlined in the Articles of Religious Belief and the Baptist Faith & Message 2000”.

Curriculum Competencies Addressed

All graduates of NOBTS are expected to have at least a minimum level of competency in each of the following areas: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual and Character Formation, and Worship Leadership. This course supports and relates to various competencies such as Servant Leadership, Interpersonal Skills, and Spiritual and Character Formation. 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.

Course Description

This colloquium is designed to direct students majoring in Great Commission Studies or 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. Email the professor **in advance for approval** of the four books to review for the first, second, and fourth meetings of the SRC.
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. A book review or executive summary will be prepared for each book.
 - c. Guidelines for a book review:

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. This section should be approximately three to four pages.
 - (2) Evaluate the book from a biblical, theological, and missiological perspective. Include a minimum of two to three paragraphs for each perspective. For example, the biblical evaluation would examine if and how the book uses Scripture. This section should be a minimum of two to three pages.

(3) Discuss a minimum of two or more concepts useful to understanding issues relating to the biblical and/or theological basis of missions. Examples include one or more of the following: impact on mission methods; impact on witness to those who follow other religions; impact on cross-cultural missions and ministry; and the relationship between theology of missions and the practice of missions. This section should be approximately two to three pages.

Use headings for each section: **Summary, Evaluation, and 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 such as in teaching.

d. Guidelines for writing an executive summary. Write an executive summary of the book which includes the following: Begin with bibliographical information (author, title (subtitle, if it has one), place of publication, publisher, and year of publication).

Present the major thesis or themes of the book in two to three paragraphs. Highlight what was learned in the summary (use numbers to list). Write the main idea or ideas of the book. Discuss, including citations or source, several key principles found in the book. Include at least two pages of application about biblical and theological basis of missions impacts a mission ministry context such as witness to those who follow other religions; cross-cultural missions and ministry; or missiology; and the relationship between theology of missions and the practice of missions.

The minimum length for each executive summary should be seven to ten double-spaced typed pages. A major purpose of writing the executive summary will be for student's own usage in the future such as in research and teaching.

Use heading for each section such as **Summary; Main Ideas; Key Principles; Application.**

e. Prepare one hard copy of each review which you turn in to the professor supervising your Reading study seminar. Preserve one copy for your use. These reviews will be helpful in Preparing for Qualifying and/or Oral Exams.

f. Read **four books per colloquium meeting** for the **first, second, and fourth meetings** of the colloquium. Prepare a book review or executive summary using the above guidelines for each book.

5. Prepare an annotated bibliography of a **minimum of thirty books** and maximum of fifty books related to the biblical and theological basis for missions. Each page of the annotated bibliography should have a minimum of two paragraphs with summary and application for each book. Each page of the annotated bibliography may contain three to five books. The annotated bibliography will be due at the **third colloquium meeting**. Choose what you consider the ten most important books in your annotated bibliography to highlight during the third 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. The professor may use a variety of accountability instruments such as oral presentations, written assessments, involvement in discussion, and other appropriate means to assess the participant's accomplishing of course objectives.

Meeting Times

The ReDoc office recommends the SRC meet the evenings of Sept. 13; Oct. 11; Nov. 8; and Dec. 13. These dates are subject to adjustment as needed by the professor and SRC members.

Reading List

The list of books may be adjusted at the discretion of the professor. Books not assigned for a critical review may be included in the Annotated Bibliography assignment.

Reading List

Allen, Roland. *Missionary Methods: St. Paul's or Ours?* Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1962.

_____. *The Spontaneous Expansion of the Church.* Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1962.

Anderson, Gerald H., Ed. *The Theology of the Christian Mission.* New York: McGraw-Hill, 1961.

Ashford, Bruce Riley. *Theology and Practice of Mission: God, The Church, and the Nations.* Nashville: B & H Academic, 2011.

Bauckman, Richard. *Bible and Mission: Christian Witness in a Postmodern World.* Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2003.

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

Carson, Donald A., ed. *Biblical Interpretation and the Church: Text and Context.* Exeter, UK: Paternoster, 1984.

_____, Ed. *The Church in the Bible and the World.* Grand Rapids: Baker, 1987. Reprint, 1993.

Clowney, Edmund. *The Church (Contours of Christian Theology).* Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1987.

Conn, Harvie M. *Eternal Word and Changing Worlds: Theology, Anthropology, and Mission in Trialogue*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1984.

Drummond, Lewis A. *The Word of the Cross: A Contemporary Theology of Evangelism*. Nashville; Broadman, 1992.

Fleming, Dean E. *Contextualization in the New Testament: Patterns for Theology and Mission*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2005.

Gilliland, Dean S. *Pauline Theology and Mission Practice*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1983.

Glasser, Arthur F. and Donald A. McGavran. *Contemporary Theologies of Mission*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1983.

Glover, Robert Hall. *The Bible Basis of Missions*. Los Angeles: Bible House of Los Angeles, 1946.

Goerner, H. Cornell. *All Nations in God's Purpose*. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1979.

Hedlund, Roger E. *The Mission of the Church in the World: A Biblical Theology*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1985.

Hesselgrave, David. *Theology and Mission*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1978.

Kane, J. Herbert. *Christian Missions in Biblical Perspective*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1976.

Kööstenberger, Andreas J. and Peter T. O'Brien. *Salvation to the Ends of the Earth: A Biblical Theology of Mission*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2001.

Larkin, William J. and Joel F. Williams. *Mission in the New Testament: An Evangelical Approach* (American Society of Missiology Series; No. 27.) Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1998.

Legrand, Lucien. *Unity and Plurality: Mission in the Bible*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1990.

McGavran, Donald A. *Effective Evangelism: A Theological Mandate*. Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1988.

Newbigin, Lesslie. *The Open Secret: An Introduction to the Theology of Mission. Revised Edition*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1995.

Padilla, C. Rene. *Mission Between the Times*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1985.

- Peters, George W. *A Biblical Theology of Missions*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1972.
- Piper, John. *Let the Nations be Glad: The Supremacy of God in Missions*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academics, 3rd ed., 2010.
- Plummer, Robert L. and John Mark Terry, Eds. *Paul's Missionary Methods: In His Times and Ours*. Downers Grove: IVP Academics, 2012.
- Rheenen, Gailyn Van. *Missions: Biblical Foundations and Contemporary Strategies*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1996.
- Scherer, James A. and Stephen B. Bevans, Eds. *New Directions in Mission & Evangelization 1: Basic Statements 1974-1991*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1992.
- Schnabel, Eckhard J. *Early Christian Mission: Jesus and the Twelve*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2004.
- _____. *Early Christian Mission: Paul and the Early Church*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2004.
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- Scott, Waldron. *Bring Forth Justice: A Contemporary Perspective on Mission*. Grand Rapids: Wm B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1980.
- Sills, M. David. *Reaching and Teaching: A Call To Great Commission Obedience*. Chicago: Moody Press, 2010.
- Terry, John Mark and J. D. Payne. *Developing a Strategy for Missions: A Biblical, Historical, And Cultural Introduction*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2013.
- Van Engen, Charles E., Nancy Thomas, and Robert Gallagher. *Footprints of God: A Narrative Theology of Mission*. Monrovia, Ca.: MARC, 1999.
- Van Gelder, Craig. *The Essence of the Church: A Community Created by the Spirit*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2000.
- Wright, Christopher J. H. *The Mission of God: Unlocking the Bible's Grand Narrative*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2006.
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Langham Partnership International, 2010.