



## **EVS9302 SUPERVISED READING COLLOQUIUM: CHURCH GROWTH**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
Division of Church Ministry

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### **Mission Statement**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

### **Course Description**

This colloquium is designed to direct students majoring in Evangelism in the Doctor of Philosophy program in foundational readings related to the field of church growth.

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

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

1. Communicate a broad understanding of materials related to church growth.
2. Develop a literature review for their oral exam in the area of church growth.

### **Course Teaching Methodology**

Guided by the professor, this colloquium is a resource-driven learning experience that involves the selection and reading of texts germane to selected issues in church growth. Also, the colloquium provides an opportunity for the student to explore potential research projects for a dissertation.

During the first week of the colloquium, the student will be assigned various books to read and present to the colloquium.

### **Textbooks, Course Requirements, and Course Schedule**

#### **Session One (September 3)**

McGavran, Donald A. *Understanding Church Growth*, 3rd ed. Revised by C. Peter Wagner.  
Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990.

### **Sessions Two - Four (Oct. 1, Nov. 12, and Dec. 3):**

In seminar sessions 2-4, each student will discuss two books per session. Each student will be responsible for reading the books assigned to him. Assignments will be made during the first class session. Each student will write a 5 page review of the assigned books. Copies will be emailed to the professor and the students in the class.

1. Each student has 2 books for which he is responsible for each session.
2. Each student will be responsible for leading the discussion of his assigned books.
3. Each student preparing a written review should write with the knowledge that fellow students will want a quality review. The review will need to include the following components: data on the author, summary of the contents, the place of the book in the field (particular contribution to the field), and overall evaluation including strengths and any weaknesses of the book.

### **Evaluation of Grade**

The colloquium is a Pass/Fail course. Grades will be determined by the professor's evaluation of the student's written work and oral presentations, taking into account style, critical thinking, design, subject coverage and other related matters.

### **Technical Assistance**

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. [Selfserve@nobts.edu](mailto:Selfserve@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the [Selfserve.nobts.edu](http://Selfserve.nobts.edu) site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. [BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu](mailto:BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System [NOBTS.Blackboard.com](http://NOBTS.Blackboard.com).
3. [ITCSupport@nobts.edu](mailto:ITCSupport@nobts.edu) - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. [www.NOBTS.edu/itc/](http://www.NOBTS.edu/itc/) - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

### **Help for Writing Papers at “The Write Stuff”**

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer.

### **Plagiarism on Written Assignments**

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

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