

MISS9402 Urban Missions  
Small Ph.D. Seminar  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
Division of Pastoral Missions  
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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. 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
2. Spiritual Vitality- The professor will teach that urban missions without spiritual vitality is ineffective for the Kingdom of God.
3. Mission focus-The course will deal with missions in an urban environment.
4. Characteristic Excellence- The professor will teach that missions in an urban environment is a service to Christ and therefore should be rendered with characteristic excellence.
5. Servant Leadership- The professor will teach that servant leadership is a crucial aspect of those involved in urban missions.

Annually, the President will designate a core value that will become the focus of pedagogy for the year. For 2012-2013 academic year that Core Value is *Servant Leadership*.

**Core Competencies-** The seminar will address two 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**

This seminar examines the future of urban missions in light of its biblical and theological foundations, history, and contemporary implementation. Trends of global urbanization are examined with an emphasis on their impact on missions.

## Student Learning Outcomes

1. The student will gain an awareness of the biblical and theological foundations for urban missions.
2. The student will become familiar with missions in urban environments.
3. The student become familiar with the unique needs, obstacles, and opportunities of missions in the city
4. The student will gain experience in analyzing the mission strategies used in urban environments.
5. The student will become familiar with the broad outlines of the practice of urban missions and be able to analyze current trends in light those broad outlines.

## Textbooks

Conn, Harvie M. and Manuel Ortiz. *Urban Ministry: The Kingdom, the City and the People of God*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2001, 2010.

Fujino, Gary, Timothy R. Sisk, Tereso C. Casino, eds. *Reaching the City: Reflections on Urban Mission for the Twenty-first Century*. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 2012.

Jacobsen, Eric O. *The Space Between: A Christian Engagement with the Built Environment*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2012.

Keller, Timothy. *Center Church: Doing Balanced, Gospel-Centered Ministry in Your City*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012.

## Seminar Requirements

1. Read each of the required textbooks, write a book review of the textbooks, and be prepared to participate and lead in seminar discussions related to the readings.
2. Read assigned books and write a critical review of the book. The review should be six to eight pages in length, containing biographical information on the author, a summary of the book, and an evaluation. The student should be prepared to discuss the assigned book in seminar on the date assigned.
3. Write a major paper related to an assigned topic.
4. Submit an annotated bibliography of 40 books or other sources on urban missions.

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	20%
Book Reviews	30%
Seminar Paper	35%
Annotated Bibliography	15 %

No absences are allowed

### Seminar Schedule

Jan. 31 and Feb. 1

Read and review Timothy Kellers, *Center Church: Doing Balanced, Gospel-Centered Ministry in Your City* Lead discussions as assigned

Read the assigned sections of *Urban Ministry: The Kingdom, the City and the People of God* by Conn and Ortiz and lead in discussions as assigned

Work on major paper topics

Introduction to Urban Ministry in New Orleans

Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Read the assigned sections of *Urban Ministry: The Kingdom, the City and the People of God* by Conn and Ortiz and lead in discussions as assigned

Read and lead discussion as assigned: Fujino, Gary, Timothy R. Sisk, Tereso C. Casino, eds. *Reaching the City: Reflections on Urban Mission for the Twenty-first Century*. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 2012.

Read and lead discussion as assigned: Jacobsen, Eric O. *The Space Between: A Christian Engagement with the Built Environment*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2012.

Choose one book from the bibliography (or another book approved by the professor) to read and review. Lead a discussion in the seminar.

Apr. 18-19

Read the assigned sections of *Urban Ministry: The Kingdom, the City and the People of God* by Conn and Ortiz and lead in discussions as assigned and submit the book review of this book

Choose one book from the bibliography (or another book approved by the professor) to read and review. Lead a discussion in the seminar.

Discuss annotated bibliography

Present major papers

### Selected Bibliography on Urban Missions

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