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The seminar meets on Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Mar. 29, and Apr. 26

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

The core value for this academic year is Doctrinal Integrity.

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

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. Students will gain an awareness of the biblical and theological foundations for urban missions
2. Students will become familiar with missions in urban environments.
3. Students become familiar with the unique needs, obstacles, and opportunities of missions in the city
4. Students will gain experience in analyzing the mission strategies used in urban environments.
5. Students 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

Bergquist, Linda and Michael D. Crane. *City Shaped Churches: Planting Churches in a Global Era*. Skyforest, CA: Urban Loft Publishers, 2018.

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.

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

Leong, David P. *Race and Place: How Urban Geography Shapes the Journey to Reconciliation*. Skyforest, CA: Urban Loft Publishers, 2017.

Robinson, Eugene. *Disintegration: The Splintering of Black America*. New York: Doubleday, 2010.

Saunders, Doug. *Arrival City: How the Largest Migration in History Is Reshaping Our World*, reprint ed. New York, Vintage Books, 2012.

Trotter, John. *Reflecting Jesus in the City: Christlike Ministry in Urban Immigrant Contexts*. Skyforest, CA: Urban Loft Publishers, 2018.

Seminar Requirements

1. Read each of the required textbooks, write a critical book review of each one, and be prepared to participate in and lead in seminar discussions related to the readings. The review should be six to eight pages in length, containing biographical information on the author, a summary of the book, and an evaluation. Students should be prepared to discuss the assigned book on the date assigned.
2. Write a major paper related to an assigned topic.
3. In the class Blackboard shell use the wiki to enter and define fifty terms (not already defined by another seminar participant) relevant to the study of urban missions. Completion Due Date Apr. 3.
4. Successfully complete a take-home final exam. Due date to be announced.

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	15%
Book Reviews	35%
Seminar Paper	35%
Wiki Terms	5%
Final Exam	10 %

No absences are allowed

Seminar Schedule

Feb. 1

Read, review, and lead discussion as assigned of the following book:

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

A look at Ph.D. in Urban Studies

Work on major paper topics

Introduction to Urban Ministry in New Orleans

March 1

Read, review, and lead discussion as assigned of the following books:

Center Church: Doing Balanced, Gospel-Centered Ministry in Your City by Tim Keller

Disintegration: The Splintering of Black America by Eugene Robinson.

Reaching the City: Reflections on Urban Mission for the Twenty-first Century by Fujino, Sisk and Casino.

Race and Place: How Urban Geography Shapes the Journey to Reconciliation by Leong

March 29

Read, review, and lead discussion as assigned of the following books:

City Shaped Churches: Planting Churches in a Global Era by Bergquist

Arrival City: How the Largest Migration in History Is Reshaping Our World by Saunders

Reflecting Jesus in the City: Christlike Ministry in Urban Immigrant Contexts by Trotter

April 26

Present Major Papers

Discuss Class Wiki

Discuss Take Home Final Exam

Selected Bibliography on Urban Missions

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