

A Survey of Feminist Theology CEWM 5185

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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.

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: Knowing that the Bible is the Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit to it. The doctrinal statements used in our evaluations are our Articles of Religious Belief and the Baptist Faith and Message Statement.

Curriculum Competencies

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. The curriculum competencies addressed in this course are: Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, and Servant Leadership.

Course Description

This course is designed to explore that historical and theoretical foundations of American feminism. In additions, it will examine the impact of feminism on society and the church.

Student Learning Outcomes

By the completion of this course, the student should be able to accomplish the following:

- 1. Understand the origin and historical development of feminism as a cultural force in American society and as a religious force.
- 2. Read and evaluate several sources which discuss feminism from a biblical perspective.
- 3. Identify the impact of feminism upon current thinking regarding male and female roles.

4. Articulate and defend personal convictions regarding feminism and the outworking of biblical teaching on gender roles in daily life and ministry.

Textbooks

The following texts and resources are required reading for class discussions and are to be read in their entirety unless otherwise specified.

- 1. McCulley, Carolyn. *Radical Womanhood: Feminine Faith in a Feminist World.* Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 2008. ISBN: 9780802450845
- 2. Kassian, Mary. *The Feminist Mistake: The Radical Impact of Feminism on Church and Culture*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2005. ISBN: 9781581345704.

Course Requirements

- 1. **Attend class**. Seminary policy states that a student may not miss any class due to the short length of the workshop.
- 2. **Participate in class discussion**. Please silence cell phones during class. No texting or internet use during class.
- 3. Read the assigned textbooks and other reading assignments. Reading assignments will include readings from the textbook, Scripture, and other sources. The student will provide a written statement of completion of all reading assignments, due four weeks after completing the last week of class.
- 4. **Students will write a research paper on a topic related to feminism** such as sex trafficking, abortion, gay marriage, violence against women, etc. The paper should be ten to twelve pages including ten to twelve sources, typed double spaced following *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* by Kate Turabian, published by University of Chicago Press.
- 5. **Complete a final examination.** The final exam will be posted on Blackboard under "Course Documents" and should be submitted to rkelley@nobts.edu within four weeks after completing the last day of class.

The reading statement, research paper, and final exam should be mailed to Dr. Rhonda Kelley, NOBTS, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126 or emailed to rkelley@nobts.edu.

Evaluation of Grade

This course will follow the grading system for the Graduate School.

A = 93-100	25% = Attendance/Participation
B = 85-92	25% = Reading Assignments
C = 77-84	25% = Research Paper
D = 70-76	25% = Final Examination

F = 69 and below

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- 2. <u>BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu</u> Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System NOBTS.Blackboard.com.
- 3. ITCSupport@nobts.edu email for general technical questions/support requests.
- 4. <u>www.NOBTS.edu/itc/</u> General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

Reading Assignments

Students are responsible for completing all reading assignments.

Academic Policies

Academic policies related to absences, grading scale, final examination schedules, and other topics can be found in the current online catalog: <u>New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary</u> Graduate Catalog.

Policy for Graduating Students

Graduating students are responsible for alerting the professor of your intention to graduate. All of your assignments must be completed by noon (12:00 PM) on the Wednesday prior to commencement exercises.

Netiquette

Netiquette refers to appropriate online behavior in Blackboard or other online discussions. Each student is expected to demonstrate appropriate Christian behavior when working online on Discussion Boards or whenever interaction occurs through web, digital, or other electronic medium. The student is expected to interact with other students in a fashion that will promote learning and respect for the opinions of others in the course. A spirit of Christian charity is expected at all times in the online environment.

Academic Honesty Policy

All graduate and undergraduate NOBTS students, whether on-campus, internet, or extension center students, are expected to adhere to the highest Christian standard of honesty and integrity when completing academic assignments for all courses in every delivery system format. The Bible provides our standard for academic integrity and honesty. This standard applies whether a student is taking tests, quizzes, exams, writing papers, completing Discussion Boards, or any other course requirement.

Help for Writing Papers at "The Write Stuff"

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. This is the official NOBTS Writing Center online help site for writing academic papers and

essays. http://www.nobts.edu/writing/default.html. Students can receive writing tips, and valuable information to help in become 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 are clearly defined.

Course Schedule

First Day

Wednesday, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Welcome/Registration/Introductions

The History of Feminism
The Problem without a Name

Wednesday, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Prayer Time

Biology Equals Destiny

The Personal Becomes Political

Second Day

Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Praise and Worship

A Problem in the Church

The History of Biblical Feminism

Thursday, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Hermeneutical Considerations

Feminism's Impact on the Home

Third Day

Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Prayer Time

Feminism's Impact on the Church

Conclusion

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