



# LEAVELL COLLEGE

## NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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### **BSCM1300-35 Hermeneutics**

Fall 2017/18-Term 181

4x Hybrid Dates: **10/23, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4**

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The mission of Leavell College 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.

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### **Core Value**

The seminary has five core values.

- 1. Doctrinal Integrity:** Knowing that the Bible is the Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit to it. This course addresses Doctrinal Integrity specifically by preparing students to grow in understanding and interpreting of the Bible.
- 2. Spiritual Vitality:** We are a worshiping community emphasizing both personal spirituality and gathering together as a Seminary family for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word. Spiritual Vitality is addressed by reminding students that a dynamic relationship with God is vital for effective ministry.
- 3. Mission Focus:** We are not here merely to get an education or to give one. We are here to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries. This course addresses Mission Focus by helping students understand the biblical foundations for fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments.
- 4. Characteristic Excellence:** What we do, we do to the utmost of our abilities and resources as a testimony to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Characteristic Excellence is

addressed by preparing students to excel in their ability to interpret Scripture, which is foundational to effective ministry.

5. **Servant Leadership:** We follow the model of Jesus and exert leadership and influence through the nurture and encouragement of those around us. Servant Leadership is modeled by classroom deportment.

The core value focus for this academic year is *Servant Leadership*.

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**Course description:** The purpose of this course is to enable the student to develop a sound method for biblical interpretation. The student will be introduced to the basic principles, steps, and major resources available for practicing biblical exegesis. This course is a prerequisite for all interpretation and preaching classes.

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### **Student Outcomes:**

In order to interpret and communicate the Bible accurately, the student, by the end of the course should:

1. Understand the principles of Biblical Hermeneutics.
  2. Apply the principles of hermeneutics in the interpretation of the Scriptures.
  3. Communicate through the use of Biblical Hermeneutics proper interpretation of Scripture.
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### **Methodology**

The principle means of instruction for this course will be lecture, discussion, and practical application. Handouts and visual aids will be utilized to supplement classroom presentations and discussion. An integral part of the learning environment will be group assignments and outside work by the student

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### **Course Texts**

The following textbook is required:

Duvall, J. Scott, and J. Daniel Hays. Grasping God's Word: A Hands-on Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible. 3d ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012.

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### **Course requirements & Grading:**

Class attendance is essential for effective learning. The student will attend and participate in the class sessions. **Because of the extremely limited class time in these Hybrid courses, students cannot miss any of the four class sessions.** A grade of "F" will be assigned to students who fail to attend the class. This policy will be strictly enforced.

## Course Requirements and Grading

### Participation

Since much of what takes place in class will depend on discussion and participation of class members, it is imperative materials be read prior to the date it is covered in class. Oral and/or written quizzes may be given if deemed necessary by the instructor.

### Attendance

Class attendance is essential for effective learning. Attendance will be kept according to seminary guidelines. A grade of "F" will be assigned to students who fail to attend class the minimum number of hours. If the student misses class, it is his/her responsibility for obtaining class notes, handouts, etc., from one's colleagues. The student will receive an automatic "F" when the tenth hour has been missed; this is in accordance with seminary policy.

### Due Dates

All assignments are to be turned in at the BEGINNING of the class period in which they are due. Failure to turn in an assignment on time will result in a four-point penalty for each class period the assignment is late.

### Assignments:

**Quizzes:** Weekly quizzes based on the weekly reading will be given through online format in Blackboard.

**Historical Cultural Study:** The student will complete a historical cultural study of an assigned passage. The paper should be 2-3 pages in length (typed and double spaced). A minimum of 5 resources should be consulted in writing the paper. The paper should consider the author, audience, and specific issues within the passage being studied.

**Exegetical Study:** Early in the semester the student will be assigned a passage to study throughout the semester. Various daily assignments will require the student to apply certain interpretative principles to the selected passage. At the end of the semester the student will write a paper that will bring together applications of the principles studied and the actual investigation carried out during the semester. The paper is required to be 5-6 pages, typed and double spaced. More information regarding the paper will be discussed in class. The paper will be due December 4th. Late papers will not be accepted.

**Mid-Term and Final Exams:** Two exams will be given during the semester. The material covered on each exam will be from class lectures, notes, and the readings from the textbook. Each student is required to take the mid-term when scheduled. If the student misses the mid-term exam, he/she must reschedule the exam within one week of the original date given. Students who miss a scheduled exam must contact the professor prior to the exam; otherwise, the student will be assessed a penalty on the make-up exam. In addition, the professor will assess a penalty for all late exams. The final exam must be taken on the day scheduled unless permission has been granted through the Leavell College office.

## Evaluation

The final grade will be determined in the following way:

- 5% Historical Cultural Study
- 10% Class Participation and Quizzes
- 25% Daily assignments
- 20% Exegetical study
- 20% Mid-term exam
- 20% Final exam

### Grading Scale

A 100-93    B 92-85    C 84-77    D 76-70    F 69 and below

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## Course Assignments

### Course Outline (Mondays 4x Hybrid: 10/23, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4)

#### Week 1 (10/23) **Class #1**

- Read pages 21–112
- Reading Quiz (online)

#### Week 2 (10/30)

- Read pages 113–187
- Reading Quiz (online)

#### Week 3 (11/6) **Class #2**

- Read pages 189–224
- Reading Quiz (online)

#### Week 4 (11/13)

- Read pages 225–290
- Mid-term Exam Due (online)

#### Week 5 (11/20) **Class #3**

- Read pages 291–330
- Reading Quiz (online)
- Historical Cultural Study Due

#### Week 6 (11/27)

- Read pages 331–372
- Reading Quiz (online)

#### Week 7 (12/4) **Class #4**

- Read pages 373–442
- Reading Quiz (online)

#### Week 8 (12/11)

- **Final Exam Due Monday, December 11th (online)**
  - **Exegetical Study Due Monday, December 11th**
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## **Additional Course Information**

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

This is the official NOBTS Writing Center online help site for writing academic papers and essays. <http://www.nobts.edu/writing/default.html> You will discover writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help you become a better writer. Go here for Turabian and APA style helps and guidelines. You will also find language fonts for Greek and Hebrew.

### **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.

### **Plagiarism on Written Assignments**

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Please be aware that plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. Refer to the NOBTS Student Handbook <http://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/studentervices/NOBTSHandbook.pdf> where the definition, penalties and policies associated with plagiarism are clearly defined.

### **Classroom Parameters**

Please arrive on time.

Turn off cell phones. Utilize laptops and other technology for class purposes only.

Respect the professor and other members of the class.

Maintain confidentiality when someone shares personal information.

Participate in class and group discussions.

### **Blackboard and ITC Technical Support**

Blackboard is the instructional platform used in this class. Please make sure that your contact information is accurate and up-to-date. If you need assistance, please contact the Information Technology Center (Hardin Student Center 290 or call **504.816.8180**). Here are other helpful links to ITC assistance. [Selfserve@nobts.edu](mailto:Selfserve@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support request for help with the site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.) [BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu](mailto:BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard System. For Student Assistance in using Blackboard, visit: [Student Bb Help](#). [ITCSupport@nobts.edu](mailto:ITCSupport@nobts.edu) - for general technical questions/support requests. [www.NOBTS.edu/itc/](http://www.NOBTS.edu/itc/) - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

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Writing and Turabian style help	<a href="mailto:library@nobts.edu">library@nobts.edu</a>	504.816.8018	<a href="http://www.nobts.edu/writing/default.html">http://www.nobts.edu/writing/default.html</a>
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Women’s Programs	<a href="mailto:womensacademic@nobts.edu">womensacademic@nobts.edu</a>	504.282.4455 x3334	<a href="http://www.nobts.edu/women">www.nobts.edu/women</a>

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- LALINC for Louisiana students
- Florida Virtual Library (<http://www.flelibrary.org/>) for Florida students
- Interact with us online at –



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