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 Spiritual Vitality: We are a worshiping community, with both personal spirituality and gathering together as a Seminary for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word. 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 addressing in this course are: Disciple Making, Servant Leadership, and Spiritual and Character Formation.

Course Description
This course is designed to develop strategies for designing and writing Bible studies for both personal and group use in order to increase knowledge and application of God’s Word. Students will examine methodologies for studying and teaching the Bible to women through the local church.

Student Learning Outcomes
At the conclusion of the semester, the student will:
1. Understand how to study the Bible in a hermeneutically sound manner for both personal study and writing purposes.
2. Gain strategies for Bible study organization and leadership.
3. Value writing as an expansion of her ministry and produce quality Bible study and devotional material.
4. Explore areas of opportunity for writing, both in her church and in the publishing world.

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


Course Requirements

1. **Students will 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.** Students should contribute to the learning process through comments and questions.

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 November 1, 2019.**

4. **Students will complete an article assignment.** The assignment will include defining a topic of interest to each individual student (and brainstorming the subject in class); developing an outline by which to write an article for consideration for the NOBTS Blog (or similar publication); and writing the article. The completed article must be 740-1200 words and include a query letter targeted to the editor of the NOBTS Blog. Use size 12, double-spaced, Times New Roman font. **Due November 1, 2019.**

5. **Conduct a Context Study.** Research the background of a biblical passage of your choice, including information about the author, recipients, the setting and surrounding culture, and the implications of such details on the interpretation of the passage. Context study papers should be 5-7 pages in length, typed using double-spaced Times New Roman size 12 font. **Due November 15, 2019.**
6. **Design and write a Bible study.** Develop a six-unit Bible study proposal devoted to one passage or topic, and write out all material for one unit of your choice. Include the following elements for each of your four units:

- Unit Title
- Learner’s Guide Outline
- Teacher’s Guide Outline (discussion questions, commentary, resources, etc.)

**For one unit of your choice,** write the full Learner’s Guide and Teacher’s Guide. Examples will be provided during class.

The Bible study proposal should be typed-double spaced Times New Roman size 12 font, following *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Thesis, and Dissertations 7th edition*. The manual is by Kate Turabian and is published by University of Chicago Press. **Due November 15, 2019.**

All assignments should be emailed to Dr. Emily Dean at emilywdean@gmail.com, **according to their specific due dates listed above.**

**Evaluation of Grade**
This course will follow the grading system for the Graduate School.

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**Course Policies**

**Late Work**
An automatic 10-point deduction will be taken for work submitted after the due date. Additional points will be deducted based on the number of days the submission is late. Requirements must be received by the end of each semester or the student will receive a course grade of an “F”.

**Netiquette: Appropriate Online Behavior**

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.
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](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/studentservices/NOBTSHandbook.pdf](http://www.nobts.edu/_resources/pdf/studentservices/NOBTSHandbook.pdf) where the definition, penalties and policies associated with plagiarism are clearly defined.

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 - Email for technical questions/support request for help with the site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.) 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 - 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.

Course Schedule

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<td>Organizing a Bible Study (Format, Setting)</td>
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Thursday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.  The Basics of Writing for Ministry and Leadership  
The Basics of Relationship in Writing  
The Basics of Writing to Reach Out (Style, Grammar)

Friday, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  Writing Opportunities (Local Church, Articles, Books)  
Submitting Your Work for Publication / Now What?

Selected Bibliography


Internet Sources

Teaching the Bible Creatively www.biblegateway.net
Logos Bible Software www.biblesoftware.com
Ministry to Women Resources www.lifeway.com/women
Precept Ministries International www.precept.org
Bible Gateway www.biblegateway.net
Woman’s Missionary Union www.wmu.com
Back to the Bible www.backtothebible.org
Online Bible www.bible.com
Bible Study Tools www.biblestudytools.net
## Student Services

This is a partial list of NOBTS student services available to all students, no matter your delivery system or location. If you have questions or do not see what you need here, please refer to www.nobts.edu/studentservices, email us at studentservices@nobts.edu, or call the Dean of Students office at 800-662-8701, ext. 3283. We are glad to assist you!

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For additional library resources in your state, check [http://www.nobts.edu/library/interlibrary-loan.html](http://www.nobts.edu/library/interlibrary-loan.html):

- GALILEO for Georgia students
- LALINC for Louisiana students
- Florida Virtual Library ([http://www.flelibrary.org/](http://www.flelibrary.org/)) for Florida students
- Interact with us online at –