



**CEWM5269 Bible Study Design and  
Writing for Women**  
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Church Ministry Division  
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**Mission Statement**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

**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.

1. Wilkin, Jen. *Women of the Word*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2019. ISBN: 978-1433567148
2. Ellison, Edna and Linda Gilden. *Called to Write: Seven Principles to Become a Writer on Mission*. Birmingham, AL: New Hope Publishers, 2014. ISBN: 978-1-59669-398-2
3. LaRocque, Paula. *The Book on Writing: The Ultimate Guide to Writing Well*. Grey and Guvnor Press, 2013. ISBN: 978-0989236706

**Course Teaching Methodology**

The course will involve the following methodologies: lecture and interactive discovery-learning and will be offered on the main campus during a three-day academic workshop.

## 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 Wednesday, June 30, 2021.**
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 Wednesday, June 30, 2021.**
5. **Design and write a Bible study.** Develop a six-unit Bible study devoted to one passage or topic. Include the following elements for each of your six units:
  - Unit Title
  - Learner's Guide Outline
  - Teacher's Guide Outline (discussion questions, commentary, resources, etc.)

The Bible study should be typed-double spaced Times New Roman size 12 font, following the NOBTS Manual of Form and Style. **Due Wednesday, June 30, 2021.**

All assignments should be submitted to Blackboard according to their specific due dates listed above. Please email Dr. Emily Dean at [edean@nobts.edu](mailto:edean@nobts.edu) with any questions.

## Evaluation of Grade

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

A = 93-100	25% = Attendance/Class Participation
B = 85-92	25% = Reading Assignments
C = 77-84	25% = Article Assignment
D = 70-76	25% = Bible Study
F = 69 and below	

## Technical Assistance

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. [Selfserve@nobts.edu](mailto:Selfserve@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the [Selfserve.nobts.edu](http://Selfserve.nobts.edu) site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. [BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu](mailto:BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System [NOBTS.Blackboard.com](http://NOBTS.Blackboard.com).
3. [ITCSupport@nobts.edu](mailto:ITCSupport@nobts.edu) - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. [www.NOBTS.edu/itc/](http://www.NOBTS.edu/itc/) - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

## **Late Work**

An automatic 5-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"**

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming 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.

## **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.

## **Course Schedule**

Wednesday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.	Welcome / Orientation/Registration The Bible (Background) Studying the Bible (Observe, Interpret, Apply) Organizing a Bible Study (Format, Setting)
Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.	Bible Study Leadership (Selection, Training) Teaching the Bible Bible Study Resources
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, 8:00 a.m. -11:30 p.m.	Writing Opportunities (Local Church, Articles, Books) Submitting Your Work for Publication / Now What?

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