



Christian Missions MISS5330 (Mentoring)
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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

In this course students are introduced to Christian missions through a brief examination of biblical and theological foundations and a historical overview. Attention is given to the International and North American Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, including their administration and programs. Particular attention is given to strategic concerns affecting the future of the mission enterprise.

Student Learning Outcomes

In order to help fulfill the Great Commission, the students, by the end of the course, should:

1. Be able to apply their knowledge and comprehension of the biblical, theological, historical, and cultural foundations of Christian Missions to the process of mobilizing the church for missions.
2. Develop a church missions strategy based on partnership with SBC missions organizations.
3. Value strategic concerns affecting the future of missions.
4. Be able to accomplish the following:
 - a) Participate in a volunteer missions experience.
 - b) Advocate missions among Southern Baptists.

Textbook

Barnett, Mike and Robin Martin, eds. *Discovering the Mission of God: Best Missional Practices for the 21st Century*. Downers Grove. IL: IVP Academic, 2012.

Recommended Reading

Ripkin, Nik. *The Insanity of God: A True Story of Faith Resurrected*. Nashville, B & H Books, 2013.

Shipman, Mike. *Any 3: Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime*. Monument, CO: WIGTake Resources, 2013.

These last two books are not required reading, but would be very beneficial for learning more about missions.

Course Teaching Methodology

The course will involve the following methodologies:

The course will emphasize a learning experience through the practical application of principles of missions under the guidance of an on-site mentor. The one hour per week meeting of the student with his or her mentor is an absolutely essential component of this learning experience. Lecture presentations and online resources will be utilized to teach course concepts.

Course Requirements

1. Mentorship Hours, Meetings, and Reports

- A. The student will be required to fulfill the requirements of the mentorship, including the minimum of 45 hours working in the ministry setting during the semester. These specified hours do not include the weekly scheduled times for worship and Bible study.
- B. The student will meet with the mentor each week for at least an hour EACH week to discuss personal and ministry issues, mission issues, and hours worked. The student will submit weekly reports of the mentorship and ministry experiences by **each Saturday at 11:59 p.m.** in the assignment folder of Blackboard. The first report is due on Sat., Jan. 23. Additional mission items for discussion with your mentor will be given in each unit. The reports should be at least two to three paragraphs long with at least one paragraph devoted to discussing the topics discussed during the mentor meeting and one paragraph devoted to the ministry experiences of the week.

2. Required Reading and Quizzes

Read the assigned textbook readings and demonstrate familiarity with the readings through occasional quizzes in a Blackboard unit. The reading assignments in the textbook are listed in the class schedule below. Other reading are found in Blackboard units. Quizzes will cover Blackboard reading assignments as well as textbook readings. Quizzes must be completed by 11:59 PM on Saturdays and cannot be taken late. Quizzes can be taken a second time, and students can improve their scores by up to 50 points on the second attempt. Quizzes are open book.

3. Blackboard Units

Students should proceed through the learning units in numerical order beginning with “Unit 1: Getting Started.” New units will be released weekly so students should not expect to work ahead too far. All units should be completed by Sat. of each week. All units must be completed along with required readings. Students will indicate completion of each item in a unit by clicking on the “Reviewed” button. Orderly completion of the weekly Units along with attention to the specific assignments given in this syllabus will keep the student on track for successful completion of the course.

4. Missionary Biography

From a list of missionary biographies supplied by the instructor read one biography and prepare a 6 to 8 paragraph discussion of the book in the “Discussion” folder in Blackboard. Read the reports of others in the class. This discussion is due on Mar. 27. Selection of the biographies will be on a first come, first serve basis with choices entered in the appropriate discussion forum by Feb. 13.

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