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BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

PMMI8304: Cross Cultural Disciple Making **Summer Semester** **May 28-30, 2024**

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NOBTS 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 seminar is designed to help students to experience leading discipleship ministries in a cross-cultural setting. This seminar will be focused on the practice of leading Christian education in an international partnership. Special attention will be given to principles and practice of communication and educational leadership in other cultures as well as implementing programs to mature believers and develop leaders for multiplication.

Student Learning Outcomes

When students have completed this course, they will be able to:

- Identify principles of communicating biblical truths in a cross-cultural context.
- Demonstrate an awareness of historical, cultural, linguistic, and geographical factors impacting spiritual development.
- Effectively dialogue with church leaders about methodologies for maturing believers.
- Synthesize principles of cross-cultural ministry within their own ministry context.
- Present a plan for maturing Christians in a specific cultural area.

Course Methodology

This seminar will utilize textbook readings, small group interaction, and critical reflection as well as an experiential component of the mission trip to provide educational methodology for the students' learning experiences.

Required Textbooks

Absalom, Alex and Bobby Harrington. *Discipleship that Fits: The Five Kinds of Relationships God Uses to Help Us Grow*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2016

Coleman, Robert E. *The Master Plan of Discipleship*, Repackaged edition, other editions are acceptable. Grand Rapids, MI: Revell, 2020. (978-0800739133) Note: This is not the book *The Master Plan of Evangelism*, also written by Coleman.

Guindon, Brandon. *Intentional: Living Out the Eight Principles of Disciple Making*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2023.

Plueddemann, James. *Teaching Across Cultures: Contextualizing Education for Global Mission*. Downers Grove: IVP Academics, 2018.

Yount, William R., and Mike Barnett. *Called to Reach: Equipping Cross-Cultural Disciplers*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2008.

Whiteman, Darrell. *Crossing Cultures with the Gospel: Anthropological Wisdom for Effective Christian Witness*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2024.

Course Requirements

Cross-Cultural Ministry Book Critique: Read the following three books and prepare a five-page doubled spaced critique for each book: Include a significant (at least three pages) summary of content. Also identify strengths and weaknesses of the authors' points of view, points of agreement or disagreement, and potential application to the student's personal ministry. Be prepared to discuss the three books in class. **Date Due: May 28 in Canvas**

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Talking Points: Each student will read and identify at least ten talking points (key ideas, observations, insights, criticisms, etc.) from the following three textbooks (a total of 30 talking points). For each book include a complete bibliographic entry and the talking points for each book. Accompany each talking point with 3-4 explanatory sentences. Use parenthetical citations as appropriate. Please provide a cover page identifying your work with your name, assignment, date, course name, etc. Be prepared to discuss textbooks in class. All textbooks will be discussed during the seminar. Submit through the Assignment area of Canvas. **Due: May 28 in Canvas.**

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Application of Cross-Cultural Disciple-Making Strategies. Each student will evaluate his current church or ministry setting utilizing the ideas and principles discovered and discussed during the seminar. In this post-seminar assignment, the student will present possible strategies and implementation plans for their church or other ministry context. Evaluation will be approximately 10-12 pages, double-spaced, written according to the most current Turabian edition regarding footnotes, headings/subheadings, margins, pagination, cover page, etc. **Due Date: July 10 in Canvas.**

Course Evaluation

Cross-Cultural Ministry Book Critique	30%
Talking Points	30%
Participation	10%
Application Paper	30%

Learning Management System (CANVAS): You will be enrolled in the Canvas class. Pre-seminar and Post-seminar assignments should be uploaded on or before the assigned due date. Course schedule, documents, and other presentations will be shared on Canvas by the professors.

Student Canvas Resources

Student Guide to Canvas: <https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Student-Guide/tkb-p/student>
Canvas Tutorial Videos: <https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Video-Guide/tkbp/videos#student-videos>

Technical Assistance

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

1. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. ITCSupport@nobts.edu - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
3. www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.
4. Canvas.NOBTS.com - Click on the “Help” button for technical questions/support requests regarding the NOBTS CANVAS System. You can also email questions to Canvas@nobts.edu.

Plagiarism on Written Assignments

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

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