



LEAVELL COLLEGE

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

THCM 2350 Survey of Church History 1

Spring 2018 Term 183

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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.

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*.

Course Description

The purpose of this course is to trace the history of Christianity from its beginnings through the Protestant Reformation. Special attention will be given to the origins, expansions, key figures, theological development, and institutional growth of Christianity, as well as, the relationship of church and state.

Student Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of the semester, students should be able to:

1. Comprehend significant events in the history of the church.
 2. Value the study of church history.
 3. Interpret current events in the light of historical precedent.
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Course Texts

Baker, Robert A. and John M. Landers. *A Summary of Christian History*, 3d ed. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2005.

Bettenson, Henry and Chris Maunder. *Documents of the Christian Church*, 4th ed. New York: Oxford Press, 2011.

Course Requirements and 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.

Reading Quizzes: Students are expected to read the assigned pages listed on the Course Schedule. There will be eight (8) reading quizzes, each worth 20 points, given online throughout the semester. The lowest Reading Quiz grade will be dropped. The dates for the tests will be assigned in class.

Mid-Term & Final Exams: Two examinations will be given during the semester, a mid-term and a final exam. These tests will cover both materials discussed in class and material taken from the readings. These tests will consist of objective sections (matching, true/false, and multiple answer questions) and subjective sections (identification and essay questions). Each exam will only

cover material from that particular section, including the final exam. Any student who misses the mid-term exam is expected to schedule a make-up exam with-in one week of the missed exam. All make-up exams may be assessed a 5 point penalty and may be essay in form. Any mid-term exam not made-up within one week of the original exam date will be given the grade of zero.

Biography: Each student will research and write a 6-8 page biographical report on a specific historical figure. This report ought to provide biographical information about the individual, as well as discuss his/her historical significance.

The paper is to be written using a 12 pt. Times-Roman font and is to be double spaced. Due to the short length of the paper, neither a table of contents nor chapter divisions should be included in the paper. In addition, the blank page following the title page is to be omitted. Each student is expected to use at least four different written sources, with one additional source being an electronic document (optional).

The Biography will be evaluated as follows:

1. Grammar and style: Spelling, sentence and paragraph development; punctuation; and conformity to the 6th or 7th edition of Turabian. (20 points)
2. Clarity and Coherence: Balance; thoroughness; organization; logical development; overall sense of the paper. (20 points)
3. Research: Bibliography; type and variety of sources (primary, secondary, monographs, journal articles, websites, etc.); most bibliographic entries should be accompanied by footnote citations. (20 points)
4. Historical Awareness and Insight: Factual accuracy; awareness of historical connections (continuity/discontinuity, cause/effect, contrasts/comparisons); sensitivity to historical context; awareness of the historical impact of a person. (20 points)
5. Analysis and Evaluation: Going beyond the mere reporting of facts to include explanation, interpretation, analysis of material; evaluation of strengths and weakness of a person; demonstration that you have thought about the material that you have researched. Give strong and insightful introduction and conclusion. (20 points)

Suggested subjects are:

- Ignatius
- Justin Martyr
- Irenaeus
- Tertullian
- Clement of Alexandria
- Origen
- Cyprian
- Athanasius
- Arius
- Constantine
- Basil the Great
- Macrina

- Jerome
- John Chrysostom
- Augustine
- Pelagius
- Patrick of Ireland
- Benedict of Nursia
- Gregory I the Great
- Mohammed
- Boniface (Wynfrith)
- Charlemagne
- Anselm of Bec
- Thomas Becket
- Peter Abelard
- Bernard of Clairvaux
- Peter Lombard
- Leo IX
- Gregory VII
- Urban II
- Alexander III
- Hildegard of Bingen
- Innocent III
- Francis of Assisi
- Dominic de Guzman
- Catherine of Siena
- Thomas Aquinas
- Boniface VIII
- John Wycliffe
- Jon Huss

Penalties:

Reading Quizzes: Reading quizzes must be completed by date of the unit completion. After the deadline, the unit exam is no longer available and will not be re-opened. The lowest Reading Quiz grade will be dropped.

Written Assignments: A late written assignment will be assessed a 10 percent penalty if it is submitted after the deadline and a 20 percent penalty after five days. No assignment will be accepted after one week past the deadline.

Plagiarism: New Orleans Baptist Seminary maintains high academic standards and is not tolerant of plagiarism. If you copy another author's work and present it as your own, you will be caught, and the penalty could be failure on that assignment or the course or expulsion from the Seminary. See the Leavell College Catalog for more information on the Definition of Plagiarism and Consequences for Violations of Plagiarism.

Submission of Assignments

- The Reading Quizzes will be conducted on Blackboard. The Mid-Term and Final Exams will be administered in the classroom.
- You will submit the Biography under Assignments and on the Discussion Board. Attach your paper by clicking on the Browse button. The reasons for submitting your paper both ways are: 1) for ease in grading; and 2) to make it available to the other students. I want every student to be able to benefit from others' research and writing.
- Please do not send your assignments to me as email attachments unless I request you to do so or unless there is a compelling reason. I enjoy hearing from my students, but my Inbox fills up pretty quickly with attachments, and then I have to shift them over to the proper location.

Course Requirements and Grading:

- Reading Assignments (50%)
- Mid-Term (15%)
- Final Exam (15%)
- Biography (20%)

Course Grading

This course will be graded using the standard Leavell College grading.

Grading Scale

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

Course Outline

- Week One
 - Baker: Chapters 1–4
 - Bettenson: Section I.I
 - Bettenson: Section II.I-II
- Week Two
 - Baker: Chapters 5–8
 - Bettenson: Section IV
- Week Three
 - Baker: Chapters 9–12
 - Bettenson: Section VI
- Week Four
 - Baker: Chapters 13–16
 - Bettenson: Section VIII

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.

Appropriate Online/Classroom 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 the classroom setting as well as online 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 academic environment.

Computer/Phone Usage Policy: Laptops are to be closed or used appropriately during class, and phones are not to be used unless directed by the professor.

Academic Honesty Policy: All NOBTS 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 when a student is taking quizzes, exams, writing papers, completing Discussion Boards, or any other course requirement.

Course Schedule: Course schedule is subject to change during the semester. The professor reserves the right to make changes to the schedule and course requirements as needed for the purpose of enhancing the student learning process.

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/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

Student Services

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Information Technology Center	itcsupport@nobts.edu	504.816.8180	selfserve.nobts.edu
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Library	library@nobts.edu	504.816.8018	www.nobts.edu/Library
Online library resources	library@nobts.edu	504.816.8018	http://www.nobts.edu/research-links/default.html
Writing and Turabian style help	library@nobts.edu	504.816.8018	http://www.nobts.edu/writing/default.html
Guest Housing (Providence Guest House)	ph@nobts.edu	504.282.4455 x4455	www.provhouse.com
Student Counseling	lmccc@nobts.edu	504.816.8004	www.nobts.edu/student-services/counseling-services.html
Women’s Programs	womensacademic@nobts.edu	504.282.4455 x3334	www.nobts.edu/women

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- LALINC for Louisiana students
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- Interact with us online at –



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