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Q&A about Hybrid courses at NOBTS, Leavell College

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Last Spring, NOBTS trustees approved a new kind of course – a Hybrid course. If you have a very busy schedule or commute to the New Orleans campus, Hybrid courses might be ideal for you. The Hybrid classes are part of our “cafeteria” of options to make theological education more accessible to you. Here are answers to some frequently asked questions about the new Hybrid courses. What is a Hybrid course?

The new Hybrid courses are classroom-based courses with a greatly expanded internet component. The hybrid courses are similar to our current

Saturday classes in that they have regular periodic meetings on campus, with a significant part of the course is accomplished online between class meetings. The new Hybrid classes will meet about once a month on the New Orleans campus for three hours of classroom lectures and

interaction with faculty members, and the rest of the instruction and coursework will be accomplished through the internet. (This is the format we’re trying in this new pilot project of Hybrid courses; we may try some other times or formats in the future). When are the graduate Hybrid courses offered?

The graduate Hybrid courses meet the morning or afternoon of one day a month (four times a semester). They will be offered in pairs, with two classes on Wednesdays and two classes on Fridays. You may take one or both of the classes each day. The first Wednesday graduate hybrid course will meet 8:00-10:50 am, and the second course from 12:30-3:20 pm, on August 19th, September 16th, November 14th, and December 2nd. The Friday morning Hybrid courses will meet 8:00-10:50 am, and the afternoon course from 12:30-3:20 pm, on August 28th, September 25th, October 9th, and December 12th. The Friday hybrid classes are scheduled on the same weeks as Saturday courses, so students coming to campus for the Friday Hybrid classes can stay over for class on Saturday.

What graduate Hybrid courses are offered?

Four graduate Hybrid courses are being offered in Fall 2009:

- Encountering the Biblical World (BBBW 5300-03), taught by Dr. Griffin, meeting 8:00-10:50 am

on these Wednesdays: 8/19, 9/16, 10/14, 12/2

- Baptist Heritage (HIST 5323-02), taught by Dr. Butler, meeting 12:30-3:20 pm on these Wednesdays: 8/19, 9/16, 10/14, 12/2
- Systematic Theology I (THEO 5300-03), taught by Dr. Edens, meeting 8:00-10:50 am on these Fridays: 8/28, 9/25, 10/9, 12/4
- Exploring the Old Testament (OTEN 5300-03), TBA, meeting 12:30-3:20 pm on these Fridays: 8/28, 9/25, 10/9, 12/4

When are the Leavell College Hybrid courses

offered?

Undergraduate Hybrid courses will be offered on Mondays, with one course meeting from 11:00 am–1:50 pm and the second course from 2:00 pm–4:50 pm, on the following Mondays:

August 24th, September 28th, November 2nd, and December 14th.

What Hybrid Courses are being offered in Leavell College?

Two Hybrid courses are being offered through Leavell College on Mondays:

- Introduction to Christian Education (CECM 1300-02), taught by Dr. Peavey, meeting 11 am – 1:50 pm on the following Mondays: 8/24, 9/28, 11/2, and 12/14
 - Southern Baptist Life (THCM 2375-02), taught by Dr. Drumm, meeting 2:00 pm–4:50 pm on the following Mondays: 8/24, 9/28, 11/2, and 12/14
- Can New Orleans campus students take Hybrid classes?

Yes.

Do Hybrid courses count toward full-time status for campus housing?

Yes.

Do Hybrid courses count toward full-time status for financial aid?

Yes.

Can extension center or commuter students take Hybrid courses?

Yes – in fact, the design of these courses could benefit you greatly. You could get six hours of New Orleans on-campus credit by coming to campus

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NOBTS Chapel

New Orleans Campus Chapel Schedule

Chapel Services are held at 11 a.m in Leavell Chapel

Tuesday, August 18
Dr. Jerry Barlow
Dean of Graduate Studies
NOBTS

Thursday, August 20
Dr. Steve Lemke
Provost
NOBTS

Tuesday, August 25
Dr. David Crosby
Pastor, FBC New Orleans

Thursday, August 27
TBA

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Scholarship Highlights

Scholarship Name/Originator: Charles B. Keesee Scholarship

Who is eligible? Must be a New Orleans campus student (extension center students are not eligible). You must be preparing to enter the Baptist ministry or religious work in the Baptist denomination by pursuing a Graduate or Doctoral degree.

Scholarship Amount: up to \$4,500 per year

Application Procedure: If you are a Southern Baptist Graduate or Doctoral student from North Carolina, South Carolina, or Virginia, you can apply for this scholarship in the Financial Aid office or go to the website www.cbkeesee.com Please be aware if you receive or apply for the Charles B. Keesee Fund Scholarship, they will no longer give a scholarship to students pursuing a Master of Arts unless you are in the following degree programs Christian Education, Missiology, Biblical Studies, Church Music, or Worship Studies.

Deadline: April 1st

Global Maritime Ministries seeks volunteers - training set for Aug. 20

Global Maritime Ministries, a ministry reaching out to international seafarers, is looking for student volunteers for the semester. For those needing to get volunteer hours for courses, Global Maritime Ministries is a good option. In order to inform students (both new and returning) about the ministry, the ministry will be hosting an informational meeting/volunteer orientation on Thursday, August 20, at 6:00 p.m. A light dinner (free of charge) will be served followed by a short orientation session to help students understand the different ways that they can volunteer and be involved in this ministry that reaches the world. The address of the ministry center is 3635 Tchoupitoulas Street, New Orleans. For more information or to RSVP, please contact the ministry center at 504-895-2028 or Philip@PortMinistry.com.

Beginning Date for Online Courses

For those students who are taking internet courses, the start-up is delayed a week from our regular classroom schedule. Internet courses begin on Monday, August 24. Students will be given access to their Blackboard courses once their accounts have been taken care of with the Business Office.

Friendship/Family Program – minister to international students in New Orleans

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry at University of New Orleans needs the help of loving families who wish to minister to international students while they are studying in the U.S. Families at NOBTS can minister to international students through participation in the Friendship/Family program. Through this program, interested families can “adopt” an international student and commit to occasionally invite the student into their home and seek to share the love of Christ with their student in personal ways. Many international students who study in the U.S. never have the opportunity to visit an American home. Imagine what an impact this personal way of caring could have on a student who is far from home and probably missing his or her own family and friends. If you’d like more information about the Friendship/Family program or are interested in participating, please contact Kimberly Myers, BCM coordinator of International Collegiate Ministry. Phone #: 450-9555 E-mail: kimberly-icm@cox.net

John T. Christian Library Hours

John T. Christian Library Hours resuming August 17

Mon-Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Closed

The Library is closed for Chapel Tuesdays & Thursdays

10:55 a.m.-12 noon.

Ridgecrest on the River needs Volunteers for Sept. 12

Ridgecrest on the River is looking for a limited number of volunteers to assist with the conference on Saturday, September 12. Volunteers would be needed from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided, and volunteers would also be permitted to attend sessions between shifts. If you are interested, please contact J.P. Cox in the Providence Learning Center as soon as possible at ext. 8442 or by e-mail at jpcox@nobts.edu.

The Gatekeeper

Gatekeeper Submissions

The Gatekeeper is published weekly during the school year and twice in the summer.

Items for The Gatekeeper are due Wednesday at Noon to appear the following issue.

Submissions to The Gatekeeper appear as space allows and are subject to editing.

Email your Gatekeeper submissions to gmyers@nobts.edu.

Upcoming Women’s Events and Classes

Student Wives Fellowship

Thursday, August 20

7:00-9:00 pm

Creole Room (in the Cafeteria)

Speaker: Dr. Rhonda Kelley - President’s Wife

For fellowship meetings childcare arrangements

can be made through the Preschool (x.8585)

for a small fee by the Tuesday before the meeting.

Programs for All NOBTS Women

Prayer Partners I.N.C (In the Name of Christ)

New Ministry Premier

Thursday, September 17

7:00-9:00 pm

President’s Home

Prayer Partners will be randomly matched

at the meeting. With this ministry prayer

partners will be encouraged to pray together weekly.

Monday Brown Bag Bible Study

Every Monday beginning September 21 from

12:00-1:00 pm in the Balcony Room (in the Cafeteria) - no homework

Study topic: TBA

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just four times over the semester. This saves the commuter student significant travel costs. Also, if you take a Friday Hybrid class, you can stay over Friday night and take a Saturday class. Do Hybrid courses count for New Orleans on-campus credit?

Yes.

How much is the tuition for the Hybrid classes? The Hybrid classes are offered at the Alternative Delivery System fee (\$180 per semester hour this year), the same as Saturday classes. The tuition for these classes is thus much less than for full internet classes, and about the same as extension center classes. Do Hybrid courses offer more than pure internet courses?

Yes. Although much of the content of the course is delivered online, the class meetings allow for personal interaction with the teacher and the other class members. This "face time" and personal interaction is a value added for Hybrid courses, giving them a more personal feel than pure internet courses.

What challenges will students encounter in Hybrid courses?

The greatest challenge will be that students must be self-motivated and self-disciplined enough to keep doing class work even though the class is not meeting every week. These courses shift the burden of learning from the teacher lecturing to the student studying at home. Also, like Saturday classes, students can't miss any class meetings in Hybrid classes, so students must guard their schedules to be sure they don't have conflicts on the class meeting days. Students must also have enough technology ability to use Blackboard.

How do I register for a Hybrid course?

Just register for the Hybrid courses in your regular registration process, online or through the Registrar's Office (graduate students) or through the Leavell College Office (undergraduate).

The Annual Fund helps all students

With the kickoff of the new academic year, some students may be doing well just to remember their schedules and where to locate their classrooms. But there is another aspect of working on a degree that all students should keep in mind. While some may be struggling to pay for this semester's tuition, former graduates and other friends of the Seminary are donating money to help keep the rising cost of tuition in check. These contributions go to the Annual Fund.

All gifts given to the Annual Fund go directly to the Seminary's operating budget, so that students do not have to be charged more for tuition. The Seminary's highest percentage of income is from Cooperative Program giving from churches. While there are a few additional revenue streams, student tuition must be increased each year in order to cover rising business expenses that shrinking Cooperative Program gifts are not able to meet. The Annual Fund takes the edge off of sharp tuition increases.

Students should get to know about the Annual Fund because every dollar given to it is a dollar that they do not have to pay for their education. While some students may not be able to give a donation themselves, they can encourage family and friends back home to contribute for the benefit of all NOBTS students. For such tax-deductible gifts, checks may be mailed to the Seminary's Office for Institutional Advancement or gifts may be given online at www.nobts.edu.

The Seminary has established a \$1,025,000 Annual Fund goal with a deadline of July 31, 2010. Progress updates will be provided at various times throughout the school year in The Gatekeeper. Daily updates may be found at <http://www.nobts.edu/Development/AnnualFund.html>.

Catalyst Conference – Special Event Course

Catalyst Conference

Conference: October 7-9, 2009 in Atlanta

Registration Deadline: September 7, 2009

Course: CMCM 3374-01 Catalyst Conference

Cost: Tuition + \$209 Conference fee

Please contact Dr. Grubbs for more details.

Ministry Wife Classes for Student Wives - Fall Semester 2009

Student Wives may earn a Ministry Wife Certificate by completing "The Minister's Wife" course and seven other courses at no charge. Childcare for children 6 weeks to 8 years of age during the on-campus classes is free of charge. Reservations for childcare may be made through the Preschool at x.8585 and must be made by the Friday before class.

Campus Class

"The Minister's Wife", taught by Mrs. Chuck (Rhonda) Kelley in HSC 216, will be offered on Tuesday evenings (August 18- October 14) from 6:30-8:30 pm. Registration for the Tuesday night class will take place on Tuesday, August 18 and Tuesday, August 25.

On campus students need to meet the immunization requirements according to state law. Shots are administered free of charge to student wives, who want to take these courses, through the campus clinic. Contact Christian Parrish (cparrish@nobts.edu or x.3334) before class begins to get more information about immunization requirements. Immunizations requirements must be met by the second night of class.

Online Classes

One online course is offered every semester. Students wishing to register for an online course should go to <http://www.nobts.edu> and then click on "Student Wives Courses" in the lower right column. Completed forms should be mailed to or dropped off at the registrar's office. Register for fall online courses by August 14.

"What Baptists Believe", taught by Christian Parrish will be offered online from August 17 - October 13.

Women's Auxiliary Scholarships: If you are a student wife interested in taking classes while your husband is a FULL TIME student, you may be eligible for a Women's Auxiliary Scholarship. Applications can be picked up from the Financial Aid.

Quest (Fellowship of Women Students): Kickoff Event for the Semester
Koffee and Koinonia (for all new and returning students)

Saturday, August 22

11:00 am -1:00pm

Christian Parrish's apartment (4211 Providence Place - the right end of Carey Hall) - Food will be provided. Bring your favorite coffee mug!



Dr. Richard Land to speak on The SBC and the Environment

Aug. 28 | 11 a.m. | Hardin Student Center Room 280
Sponsored by The Student Theological Fellowship

Recreation

NOBTS Rec Center Hours

The Recreation Staff would like to welcome everyone to NOBTS! Our Recreation Center is a great place to hang out with friends, fellowship, exercise, play games, relieve stress and more! The recreation staff is working hard to provide activities for students, faculty, staff, and their families. The Recreation Center hours are:

Mon.-Fri.	5:30-7:30 am
Mon., Tues., Thur. & Fri.	1:30-10:00 pm
Wednesdays	1:30-4:30 pm
Saturdays	1:00-10:00 pm

On-going Activities

We have several on-going activities happening right now or starting soon including:

- Home School P.E. Gym (Mon & Fri)
1:00 - 5:00 pm
- Play & Pray Basketball Gym (Tues & Thur)
8:00 - 10:00 pm

Homeschool P.E. Classes

The Home School P.E. classes are broken down by grades. Following is the schedule:

1:00-1:25 pm	2-3 yr. olds
1:30-1:55 pm	4-5 yr. olds
2:00-2:50 pm	1st-3rd grades
3:00-3:50 pm	4th-5th grades
4:00-4:50 pm	6th-12th grades

Please check the various bulletin boards around campus for more information about other upcoming Recreation events. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at gymdirector@nobts.edu, call the Recreation Center at 816-8594, or simply stop by the Recreation Center to see what's happening.

Rent the Rec Center

The Recreation Center can also be rented for Church events, birthday parties, special gatherings, etc. If you have any questions about renting the Rec. Center, please call (504) 816-8594 or email gymdirector@nobts.edu.

Just For Ladies!

Ladies Exercise classes will be starting up again! Ladies workouts will be held in the Recreation Center's Weight Room. It will be an aerobic circuit where the participant will experience an active rotation of strength and cardio stations. The fee is \$2 per class and billed to your Seminary account on a monthly basis. If you have any questions or would like to sign up please contact Mike Massaro at ext. 8586 or email him at gymdirector@nobts.edu

Intramurals! Flag Football

Sign-up is happening now for Flag Football! Games will begin on Monday, September 6th and be played on the field at the back of campus. Games will be 7 on 7, 25 minute halves, and the team with the most points at the end of the game wins. Teams are encouraged to be co-ed. If you have any questions, please call the Intramurals Director, Chase Clunan, at (504) 228-0906.

Dodge ball

Intramural Dodge ball will be coming soon and there will also be other special events happening periodically. So keep your eyes open for flyers and more information to come in future issues of the Gatekeeper.

Children & Youth!

The Recreation Center offers numerous activities for the children and youth on campus. These activities range from dodge ball tournaments, lock-ins, eagle ball, and miscellaneous weekend events. The Recreation Center also offers youth boys and girls bible studies with the Campus Youth Challenge program. The dates for these bible studies will be posted soon. Please stop by the Rec. Center for more information. If you have any questions about the Children's or Youth activities, please call Mike Massaro at (904) 248-8352 or ext. 8586.

Women's Ministry NOBTS Women - Fall 2009

Fall semester 2009 has arrived! My name is Christian Parrish and I have been given the wonderful opportunity to minister to NOBTS women as the Coordinator of Women's Student Programs. As the new semester begins, know that I am here to support, encourage, and help you. Feel free to drop by my office in the Dean of Students suite, call (282-4455 x.3334) or email me (cparrish@nobts.edu) anytime.

The women's organizations we offer include two student led fellowships and an organization for our staff women/wives as well as an organization for our professors' wives/women professors. Each organization has been making plans for events that will equip and encourage NOBTS women while providing for a time for fellowship. A brief description of each organization follows:

QUEST (Fellowship of Women Students): This student led fellowship organization is for ALL women students, single or married. These ladies meet periodically during the semester to fellowship and share experiences and insights into being a woman in ministry.

Student Wives Fellowship: This fellowship organization brings together women whose husbands are students here at seminary. Monthly meetings and special events are an important part of this group. Brooke Newsom, our current President, and the Student Wives Council, look forward to fellowshipping with all student wives. For more information or questions please email studentwives@yahoo.com.

Heartbeat: Ten years ago a group of NOBTS women began to realize that while there were some wonderful women's organizations on campus, there was not one for women who met their particular description. These women had chosen to work full time on the NOBTS campus or whose husbands were full time staff. After several weeks of brainstorming and prayer, "Heartbeat" was formed. Becky Brown, then Housing Director, said, "We're the heartbeat of this campus, it couldn't run without us. That's what we should call ourselves." The group is very honest about their purpose. Fun. Food. Fellowship. Vanece Daure is the President of this fellowship and she can be contacted at vdaure@nobts.edu.

Profettes: Led by Carol Lemke, this monthly fellowship of women professors and professors' wives exists to hold each other accountable and strengthened in the rigors of the teaching ministry. These ladies also support and encourage other ministries on campus through their service and encouragement.