## HIST5223 BAPTIST HERITAGE New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Division of Theological and Historical Studies Summer 2018

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## **Seminary Mission Statement**

The mission 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.

## Purpose of the Course, Core Value Focus, and Curriculum Competencies Addressed

The purpose of this course is to provide quality theological education for students in the discipline of theological and historical studies. The core value focus of the course this semester will emphasize characteristic excellence. The course will specifically address the competencies of Christian theological heritage, disciple making, servant leadership and spiritual and character formation.

## **Course Description**

This course surveys Baptist history, polity, and theology from seventeenth-century origins to the present, with primary emphasis on developments in England and North America. Attention is given to Anabaptist and English Separatist antecedents, intellectual and social currents that have shaped Baptist life and thought, institutional developments, theological distinctives and crises, the shaping of Baptist polity and contributions of selected Baptist leaders.

## STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

In order to understand and interpret Christian theological heritage and Baptist polity for the church, the student, by the end of the course, should:

1. Be able to apply their knowledge and understanding of the distinctive characteristics of Baptists from seventeenth-century origins to the present to the process of interpreting Christian theological heritage and Baptist polity for the church.

2. Value the ideas, individuals, movements, and institutions that form Baptist heritage.

3. Be able, with the help of resources, to accomplish the following:

÷ Practice the historical method and historiography in order to interpret Baptist heritage for the local church.

÷ Articulate and defend evangelical and Baptist positions on specific theological issues.

÷ Place individuals, movements, and ideas in their proper context in Baptist history.

#### **Required Texts**

There are three (3) required books for this class. These books compliment one another as tools for understanding our Baptist heritage. All texts are available from the New Orleans LifeWay Christian Store: (800) 570-0250. An additional source is Christian Book Distributors (www.christianbook.com). The Wardin book can be ordered directly from Baptist History and Heritage Society (www.baptisthistory.org).

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**[B&W]** Blount, Douglas K. & Joseph D. Wooddell. *Baptist Faith and Message 2000: Critical Issues in America's Largest Protestant Denomination*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2007.

## **Recommended Texts**

Brand, Chad and R. Stanton Norman. *Perspectives on Church Government: Five Views of Church Polity*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2003.

Grenz, Stanley J. *The Baptist Congregation*. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 1985; reprint, Vancouver, BC: Regent College Publishing, 2002.

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#### Requirements

**A. Tests:** There will be six (6) tests, each worth 25 points, given throughout the semester. The lowest test grade will be dropped. The exams will last 20 minutes and be timed. Exams should be

taken without notes or books in front of you. Please study for the test, then take it "open memory." You are on the honor system. Tests will be available throughout the course and must be completed before 11.59 pm (Central Standard Time) on the date below. All test dates are **Mondays**.

Unit 1 – June  $11^{th}$ Unit 2 – June  $18^{th}$ Unit 3 – June  $25^{th}$ Unit 4 – July  $2^{nd}$ Note: Research Papers due Monday, July  $9^{th}$ ! Unit 5 – July  $16^{th}$ Unit 6 – July  $23^{rd}$ 

**B.** Assigned Reading: Students are expected to read the assigned pages listed for each unit *before* taking the test or participating in the discussion. The percentage of each unit's assigned reading that was completed will be reported (in 20% increments) in a reading report due on the same date as the Unit Test. Each report will be worth 5 points. An additional 5 point bonus will be awarded at the time of the final exam to students who have completed all the assigned reading for the course by the time of the last Unit Test.

**C. Interactive Discussions:** Each student will participate in four (4) threaded discussions. During the time the unit containing the interactive discussion required, you will enter the discussion at least three times: once near the beginning of the unit and twice toward the end as you respond to your classmates' comments (see above for unit completion dates). Your initial comments express your opinion on the topic. You must then respond to **at least** two (2) people, but **not more** than five (5) in any one discussion. This means that for each discussion you will have a minimum of 3 entries and a maximum of 6 entries.

You must respond to the initial question no later than three days before the end of the unit, preferably. In this way, you will respond early enough to allow your classmates to learn from you. There must be at least two (2) days time span between your initial comments and your response to your classmates. Be sure to plan accordingly so that you leave enough time to respond before the end of the unit. Posts which fail to leave two days between the initial post and the responses to classmates will result in a one point per day per response deduction.

You will be graded on your contributions to the discussion and on your interaction with what other students have said. It is EXTREMELY important that students remember to use courtesy when critiquing the ideas of their fellow students. Speak truth, but only in love and let your conversations be characterized by grace. The first interactive discussion will not be graded. This will allow you to become familiar with the program. The others are worth 15 points each. The graded discussions will be on the following topics:

**Unit 1** (not graded): Please describe yourself. Please include your educational background (where you went to school, major), current degree plan, desire for future ministry, and information about your family. Initial post due by Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>; at least 2 responses due by Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Unit 2 (graded): Baptists were primed for growth when the Act of Toleration was passed.

Instead, they lost ground, even as the Great Awakening was happening around them. From the list of factors contributing to the decline, give the two (2) factors you believe were the most crucial and explain why. Initial post due by Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>; at least 2 responses due by Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Unit 3**: No Discussion. Take the time to work on your Confession of Faith (due Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>).

**Unit 4** (graded): There is a desire among some Baptists to drop the requirement of baptism by emersion for church membership. What do you think? Initial post due by Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>; at least 2 responses due by Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Unit 5: No Discussion. Take the time to work on your research paper (due Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>).

**Unit 6** (graded): The recommendations from the Great Commission Task Force were approved at the 2010 Southern Baptist Convention. Supporters believe this will streamline bureaucracies and spur church planting. Critics are concerned that allowing designated giving to bypass state conventions could begin to dismantle the Cooperative Program and that state conventions in newer areas will be decimated as their funding is reduced. What do you think? Initial post due by Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>; at least 2 responses due by Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Netiquette Statement on Appropriate Online Behavior

Each student is expected to demonstrate appropriate Christian behavior when working online on the Discussion Board. 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 will be expected at all times in the online environment.

**D. Confession of Faith: Due Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Each student will write their own personal Confession of Faith. Include Scripture references as support for your views. While you may choose to model your confession after one of the existing confessions, it is not necessary to do so. If you make extensive use of one or more existing confessions, please note this in an introductory paragraph. However, this is your personal confession. Do not simply copy entire sections of a confession. Put it into your own words. Include the elements which you believe are necessary to be a Christian and to practice as a Baptist. Use headings to indicate major necessary topics. The following doctrines MUST be included.

- God
- Bible
- Humanity
- Salvation
- Church
  - Definition who makes up the church
  - Who has authority over the congregation (make budget, call pastor)
  - Who are the leaders (pastor, deacon, elder, bishop, priest, pope)

- o How many ordinances, what are they
- Last things

You may include additional topics as you see fit. Your confession must have a title page and a table of contents. There are no page limits and it may be single spaced. The Confession is worth 50 points. A late confession will be assessed an initial 10 point penalty. Each calendar day after the due date an additional 10 point penalty will be assessed. Submit it in the "Assignments" area of Blackboard. Due

**D. Research Paper: Due Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**. Choose one of the following options for your research paper.

**Option 1** A professor at a community college in the area where you are serving has asked you to explain if Southern Baptists are any different from other Baptist groups in the United States. Compare your assigned group and its stated beliefs and denominational structure with that of the Southern Baptist Convention. Note the similarities and differences in outlook, teachings, and methods of organization. Compare the "Baptist Faith and Message" with the official Doctrinal Statement or Confession of Faith of the group. Explain what a church needs to do to be considered a cooperating church within that fellowship and how churches are represented at the various denominational levels (voting/financial representation with association, state, nation). Describe who comprises denominational leadership (president and/or executive council) and how it is chosen. Indicate each group's willingness to participate with interdenominational agencies such as the Baptist World Alliance or World Council of Churches. You may also want to write your group's denominational headquarters and ask for copies of their Constitution, By-Laws, and Confession of Faith. Finally, as an appendix, include a single-spaced fact sheet on your denomination. It should include information on your denomination's headquarters (address, phone, web site, etc.), number of members, number of congregations, average worship attendance, seminaries (overseen or endorsed), entities, regional strength (www.thearda.com), distinctives and/or description (if asked, what is unique or distinctive about this group), number of missionaries (international and national) and a brief summary of beliefs and structure. You may also include anything else you find of interest about your group. Your fact sheet should be no longer than two (2) pages and does not count toward the page limit of your paper.

Your grade will be determined as follows:

History 20 points Summary of Doctrine 20 points Denominational structure/organization 20 points Comparison with SBC 20 points Fact sheet (Appendix) 10 points Form/Grammar 10 points

**Possible Topics** American Baptist Association American Baptist Churches, USA Particle Bible Followship Internation

Baptist Bible Fellowship International Baptist Missionary Association of America

Canadian Baptist Federation Canadian National Baptist Convention Conservative Baptist Association of America Converge Worldwide [Baptist General Conference] Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches (Canada) General Association of Regular Baptist Churches Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship, International General Association of General Baptists Seventh Day Baptist General Conference World Baptist Fellowship National Association of Free Will Baptists National Baptist Convention, USA North American Baptist Conference Primitive Baptists (various groups) Progressive National Baptist Convention

*Option 2* You have been asked to give a report to the Baptist World Alliance on Baptist missions and development in a select area of the world. In your report you will:

1. Give a brief history of when Baptist activity (by all Baptist denominations) began in your area and its subsequent development

2. Identify the Baptist denominations currently doing mission work in your area, the number of missionaries they send and type of work they do (hospital, church planting, education). Please note if information is not available on your country because of security reasons.

3. Note if your country also sends missionaries to other countries, listing the countries and the size of the missionary force.

4. Offer an explanation for the number of different Baptist denominations in your country. Example: Why are there 14 Baptist denominations in Japan? – see Wardin. (e.g. historical development, cultural differences, or theological controversy.

5. Include an appendix. Describe the unique challenges to evangelism and Baptist development in your country. Make suggestions for responding to these challenges. Include a statistical summary (creative access countries excluded) of the Baptist denominations in your country (number of congregations/ membership/web sites). It should be two (2) pages, single-spaced, and does not count toward the page limit of your paper.

Your grade will be determined as follows:

History of Baptist work in your country 30 points Identify Baptist groups sending missionaries to your country 20 points Identify places where your country sends missionaries 15 points Explain why there are more than one Baptist group 15 points Appendix 10 points Form/Grammar 10 points

**Possible Topics** 

Argentina Australia Bangladesh Brazil Cameroon China Cuba Democratic Republic of Congo (Zaire) Denmark Germany India Jamaica Japan Korea Liberia Malawi Mexico Myanmar (Burma) Nigeria Philippines Russia Scotland South Africa Spain Sweden Ukraine

# **Technical Assistance**

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

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

## Penalties

A. *Tests:* A student who misses a test for anything other than an excused (a death or illness in the family) or a *previously* approved reason will not be allowed to take a make-up exam.B. *Papers:* A late paper will be assessed an initial **10 point penalty**. Each calendar day after the due date an **additional 10 point penalty** will be assessed.

C. Interactive Discussions: Failure to participate adequately in the threaded discussions and to do so in a timely manner will affect the amount of points awarded.

D. *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.

## **Possible Points & Grading Scale**

Possible Points Grading Scale

Reading: 30 pts Tests (5 x 25): 125 pts Discussions: 45 pts Confession: 50 pts Research Paper: 100 pts. **Total Possible**: 350 pts.

Grades are determined by the following TOTAL points: A = 326-350 pts. B = 298-325 pts. C = 270-297 pts. D = 245-269 pts F = 244 - 9 pts.

## Submission of Assignments

- A. Unit Tests and Reading Reports: Unit tests and reading reports must be completed by midnight (Central Standard Time) of the date of the unit completion. Exams may be taken prior to that date but will not be available after the due date. Before taking a Unit Test, *read* all assigned reading and *view* all Powerpoints related to that unit.
- **B.** Confession of Faith should be posted as an attached file (not added in the text box) in the Assignment area. Due Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- C. Research Papers should be posted twice. First, submit it through SafeAssign in the Assignments area. You can check how well you have cited your research by first submitting a draft to SafeAssign. Secondly, submit your paper in the appropriate area in Discussion Board. Attach your paper by clicking on the Browse button and finding the copy of your paper. Remember to click Submit or the paper will not post properly. This allows the rest of the class to read your paper and learn from your research. I want you all to be able to benefit from the others' research and writing. Your paper must be posted a .pdf document. [WordPerfect can save a document in .pdf and you can download a program from the Software Downloads to be used in NOBTS Blackboard Courses link that will work for MS Word documents (MS Works is not acceptable)]. Posting your paper in .pdf format preserves your margins and spacing. Failure to post your paper in a .pdf format will result in a 5 point penalty. Due Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

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. You may send me an email announcing that you have

#### Comment [Comment1]:

Your Final Exam will be submitted in the Digital Drop Box, which you will find under Tools. When you submit your assignments, be sure to click the button that says **Send File**. If you click the other button, I will not receive it, and you will not receive credit. submitted an assignment, but, if you follow the correct procedures, I will find it. 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.

## 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.

#### **Emergency Plan**

In case of hurricane or any other emergency, go to the seminary web site for information: <u>www.nobts.edu</u>. The administration will communicate information that relates to the seminary: the nature of the emergency, instructions for responses, evacuation, contingency plans, duration of the emergency, and plans to return to campus and/or resume the schedule.

In addition, check Blackboard for instructions related to this class. Because this class is available on Blackboard, there should be minimal disruption unless the emergency affects electrical power and connection to the Internet.

In any emergency, communication is important, and our best means of staying connected is through the seminary's web site and Blackboard.

#### **Reading Schedule**

[C]	Chute, Anthony L., Nathan A. Finn, and Michael A. G. Haykin. The Baptist Story.
[W]	Wardin, Albert W. The Twelve Baptist Tribes in the U.S.A.
[B & W]	Bount, Douglas K. and Joseph D. Wooddell, eds. <i>Baptist Faith and Message</i> 2000.

Read ALL assigned reading for a Unit and view all PowerPoints relating to that Unit *before* taking a Unit test in order to give yourself the best possible chance to do well. You will also submit a (graded) reading report on the day of the unit test stating what percentage of the reading you completed.

Comment [Comment2]: a. Webliography: A one point penalty per web site will be assessed for each day that a web site review is late. Additional points will be lost for duplicate evaluations and incorrect links to the site reviewed.

Unit	Subject	Reading
[1]	Baptist Distinctives and Polity	<b>C:</b> 325-345 <b>B &amp; W:</b> 1-36 (Art. 1-3)
	English Reform and Baptist Origins	<b>C:</b> 11-20
	Rise of General and Particular Baptists	<b>C:</b> 20-27
	Confessions of Faith and Associations	<b>C:</b> 39-45
[2]	Challenges and Early Leaders	<b>C:</b> 45-54
	English Baptists (1689-1770)	<b>C:</b> 61-74 <b>B &amp; W:</b> vii-xxv, 37-54, 111-120 (Foreword, Intro, Art. 4-5, 11)
	New Connection & BMS	<b>C:</b> 99-110
	From Spurgeon to the Present	<b>C:</b> 202-9, 213-15, 234-6, 263-5
[3]	Baptist Beginnings in America	<b>C:</b> 27-35, 54-58
	First Great Awakening	C: 74-83 B & W: 55-88, 171-182 (Art. 6-8, 17)
	American Expansion	<b>C:</b> 87-94
	Struggle for Religious Liberty	<b>C:</b> 87-94
[4]	American Baptist Missions	<b>C:</b> 115-127 <b>B &amp; W:</b> 89-110 (Art. 9-10)
	Anti-Missions Reaction	<b>C:</b> 127-136, 141-152 <b>W:</b> 87-98
	Formation of SBC	<b>C:</b> 152-161
	African-American Baptists	<b>C:</b> 94-99, 137-138, 230-232 <b>W:</b> 21-28
	Ethnic Missions	<b>C:</b> 163-169, 232-234

W: 29-30, 34-40

[5] Northern Baptists 1845-1920 C: 187-201, 215-225 **W:** 78-86 **B & W:** 121-150 (Art. 12-14) Southern Baptists 1845-1900 C: 175-184, 225-230 Landmarkism **C:** 169-174 **W:** 73-77 Fundamentalism **C:** 239-250 W: 31-34, 41-51, 66-72 Southern Baptists 1900-1960 [6] **C:** 250-259 **B & W:** 151-170 (Art. 15-16) **C:** 259-263 American Baptists Since 1950 & Reformed Baptists W: 16-20, 99-101 SBC Expansion **C:** 267-276 **W:** 52-59 SBC Controversies C: 276-291 W: 59-65 C: 295-319 SBC Reorganization & BF & M **B & W:** 183-229 (Art. 18, Appendix)

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**Comment [Comment4]:** This standard work surveys the growth of Southern Baptists with emphasis on denominational developments. Comprehensive bibliography. 465-469.

**Comment [Comment5]:** First Baptist history in America and essential for studying the struggle for religious liberty in Colonial America.

**Comment [Comment6]:** Discusses William Screven and the Place of First Baptist Church at Charelston, S.C. Broadman Historical Monograph booklet.

**Comment [Comment7]:** R.B.C. Howell and the formation of the SBC.

**Comment [Comment8]:** I.T. Tichenor and Home Missions after the Civil War.

Comment [Comment9]: J.M. Frost and the Second Sunday School Board.

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