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
The purpose of this course is to provide specialized training in personal Bible study and Bible teaching.

Core Value Focus
*Doctrinal Integrity* – Knowing that the Bible is the Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit to it. The doctrinal statements used in our evaluations are our Articles of Religious Belief and the Baptist Faith and Message Statement.

*Spiritual Vitality* – We are a worshiping community, with both personal spirituality and gathering together as a Seminary for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word.

*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.

*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.

*Servant Leadership* – We follow the model of Jesus and exert leadership and influence through the nurture and encouragement of those around us.

Annually, the President will designate a core value that will become the focus of pedagogy for the year. For 2013-2014 academic year that Core Value is *Doctrinal Integrity*.

Curriculum Competencies Addressed
This course will address the following curriculum competencies:

1. *Biblical Exposition*: The student will improve Bible study and teaching skills for use in Women’s Ministry.
2. *Christian Theological Heritage:* The student will explore biblical, theological and historical background for women’s ministry.

3. *Disciple Making:* The student will develop spiritually in knowledge of the Bible.

4. *Interpersonal Skills:* The student will improve interpersonal communication skills.

5. *Servant Leadership:* The student will understand how to lead other women into a clearer knowledge of Bible study strategies.

6. *Spiritual and Character Formation:* The student will grow spiritually and personally in understanding of the Bible and its relevance to life.

7. *Worship Leadership:* The student will increase skills for leading women’s Bible studies.

**Course Description**

This course is designed to develop personal Bible study strategies and group Bible study programs in order to increase knowledge and application of God’s Word.

**Learning Objectives**

By completion of this course, each student should be able to accomplish the following:

1. Explore the role of personal Bible study in her own life.
2. Understand how to study the Bible for herself.
3. Learn how to lead others in Bible study.
4. Develop a Bible study for women.
5. Implement strategies for training women to lead Bible studies.

**Required Readings**

The following texts and resources are required reading for class discussions and are to be read in their entirety unless otherwise specified.


**Course Teaching Methodology**

**Units of Study.** Topics will include:

1. Background of the Bible
2. Studying the Bible  
   a. Observation  
   b. Interpretation  
   c. Application  
3. Organizing a Bible Study  
   a. Format  
   b. Setting  
   c. Leadership Selection  
   d. Leadership Training  
4. Teaching the Bible  
5. Bible Study Resources  
6. Conclusion and Commitment  

**Teaching Method.** This course will utilize lecture and interactive discovery-learning and will be team-taught. The student should expect different presentation formats to enhance the learning motif.

**Assignments and Evaluation Criteria**  
1. Students will attend class as stated in the graduate catalog.  
2. Students will participate in class discussion and attend an extra class session for discussion and dialogue with graduate students.  
3. Students will read the assigned textbooks and provide a written statement of completion.  
4. Students will develop a specific Bible study which can be taught to women then summarize it in a report.  

**Bible Study Report**  
Students will write a Bible Study report you will implement. The report should include the following section headings:  

- Purpose of the Bible Study  
- Format for the Bible Study  
- Resources for the Bible Study  
- Leadership of the Bible Study  
- Publicity of the Bible Study  
- Follow up of the Bible Study  

The report should be ten to fifteen pages, typed double spaced following *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* by Kate Turabian, published by University of Chicago Press. Pray that the Lord will give you an opportunity to implement this Bible study with the women of your church.  

5. Students will complete a take-home final examination.  

The reading statement, report and final exam should be mailed to Dr. Rhonda Kelley, NOBTS, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126 or emailed to rkelley@nobts.edu.
**Course Evaluation**

This course will follow the grading system for the Graduate School:

- A = 93-100
- B = 85-92
- C = 77-84
- D = 70-76
- F = Below 70

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\frac{1}{4} &= \text{Class Attendance/Class Participation} \\
\frac{1}{4} &= \text{Textbook Reading} \\
\frac{1}{4} &= \text{Bible Study Report} \\
\frac{1}{4} &= \text{Take Home Final Examination}
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**Course Policies**

The student will be expected to have access to online resources to download teaching and presentation documents in the Seminary’s BlackBoard system.

Students who choose to present assignments via electronic mediums need to present those documents in a Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) format. WordPerfect and PDF files will not be accepted for grade via electronic format.

The absence policy of the Seminary will be strictly enforced. For a 3-hour course, the student may miss no more than 9 hours of instruction. Examinations and case studies will be given and graded on the days announced. The concept of a make-up examination does not exist.

Netiquette: Appropriate Online 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 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 online environment.

**Academic Honesty Policy**

All graduate and undergraduate NOBTS students, whether on-campus, internet, or extension center 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 whether a student is taking tests, quizzes, exams, writing papers, completing Discussion Boards, or any other course requirement.

**Course Schedule**

Session One
- Welcome/Orientation/Registration
- Mixer/Introductions
- Background of the Bible

Session Two
- Studying the Bible (Observation)

Session Three
- Studying the Bible (Interpretation)

Session Four
Studying the Bible (Application)

Session Five
Organizing a Bible Study (Format)

Session Six
Organizing a Bible Study (Setting)

Session Seven
Organizing a Bible Study (Leadership, Selection)

Session Eight
Organizing a Bible Study (Leadership, Training)

Session Nine
Teaching the Bible

Session Ten
Bible Study Resources

**Selected Bibliography**


___________. *How to Profit from Bible Reading.* Chicago: Moody, 1985.


**Internet Sources**

Teaching the Bible Creatively [www.gospelcom.net](http://www.gospelcom.net)

Logos Bible Software [www.biblesoftware.com](http://www.biblesoftware.com)

Women’s Enrichment Ministry Resources [www.lifeway.com](http://www.lifeway.com)
Neighborhood Bible Studies  
www.neighborhoodbiblestudy.org

Precept Ministries International  
www.precept.org

Bible Gateway  
www.bible.gospelcom.net

Bible Study Tools on Crosswalk.com  
www.bible.crosswalk.com

Woman’s Missionary Union  
www.wmu.com

Back to the Bible  
www.backtothebible.org

Online Bible  
www.bible.com

Women’s Evangelism  
www.namb.net/heartcall

Bible Study Tools  
www.biblestudytools.net

Bible Studies - Women  
www.biblicallyinept.com

Bible Study Fellowship  
www-bsfinternational.org

Blue Letter Bible  
www.blueletterbible.org

Broadman Holman Publishers  
www.broadmanholman.com