



LEAVELL COLLEGE

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

CMCM1310-30: Introduction to Ministry
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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

Each academic year, a core value is emphasized. This academic year, the core value is **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.”

Course Description

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the philosophical and theological aspects of ministry. The primary thrust of the course is to help students develop a practical approach and skills which will enable them to function as under shepherds in various ministry settings. Lectures are devoted to emphasizing a team orientation to the organization and administration of pastoral nurturing. This course is a prerequisite for all other pastoral care classes.

Student Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of the semester, the student will:

1. Be acquainted with basic concepts, methodologies, and resources pertaining to contemporary Christian ministry
2. Gain personal insight concerning how one’s calling, character, spiritual gifts, and personality traits contribute to Christian ministry.
3. Learn the basic theories, techniques and leadership methods related to organization

and administration.

4. Develop a practical approach and skill set for function as an under-shepherd in a range of ministry contexts.

Course Texts

Cothen, Joe and Jerry Barlow. *Equipped for Good Work*. New Orleans: Pelican Press, 2001.

Stowell, Joseph M. *Shepherding the Church*. Wheaton: Victor Books, 1997.

Course Requirements and Grading

Assignments

1. Class Participation: Each student will be expected to participate in class discussion.
2. Book Reviews: Each student will read both required textbooks and complete a 3-5 page book review for **each** book.
3. Notebook: Each student will compile a notebook containing the information covered in class; class notes, articles, services (wedding, funeral, and ordination), etc.
4. Theology of Ministry Paper: Each student will write a 7 page paper explaining their theology of ministry.

Course Evaluation

Attendance and Participation	200 points
Book Reviews (2 @ 150 each)	300 points
Notebook	250 points
Theology of Ministry Paper	250 points

NOBTS Grading Scale

930-1000 points	A	700-769 points	D
850-929 points	B	690 points or below	F
770-849 points	C		

Course Outline

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Due</u>
Jan 25	Intro to Class	
Feb 1	Jesus: Our Model for Ministry	
Feb 8	A Theology of Ministry	

Feb 15	Life and Character	
Feb 29	The Call and The Calling	
Mar 7	Goals and Priorities	Review: <i>Equipped for Good Work</i>
Mar 14	SPRING BREAK	
Mar 21	Devotional Life and Prayer	
Mar 28	Study: Reading and Writing	
Apr 4	Preaching	
Apr 11	Pastoral Care	Review: <i>Shepherding the Church</i>
Apr 18	Weddings, Funerals, Ordinations	
Apr 25	Leading and Delegating	
May 2	Family and Leisure Time	Paper: Theology of Ministry
May 9	The Perils of Ministry	Notebook

Additional Course Information

Blackboard sites
 Special instructions
 Plagiarism
 Computer/Phone usage policy

If you have any questions about Blackboard, SelfServe, or ITC services, please access the ITC page on our website: www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

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