



LEAVELL COLLEGE

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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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 survey the doctrines of the Christian faith. Students are introduced to the biblical, historical, philosophical, and systematic aspects of theology. Special attention is given to Baptist doctrine.

Student Outcomes

At the conclusion of the semester, the student will be able to demonstrate:

- the ability to summarize and critique another doctrinal perspective.
- a basic understanding of theological method.
- a basic knowledge of the biblical-theological elements of the doctrines of revelation, God, man, sin, Christ, salvation, the Holy Spirit, the church, and last things.

Course Texts

- Holy Bible. You may bring any reliable, modern translation.

- Erickson, Millard. *Introducing Christian Doctrine*. Edited by L. Arnold Hustad, 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001. ISBN: 978-0801022500. \$36.99.
- Brunn, Dave. *One Bible, Many Versions: Are All Translations Created Equal?* Downers Grove: IVP, 2013. ISBN: 978-0830827152. \$18.00.

Course Requirements and Grading

1. Weekly Quizzes (60%)

Quizzes will be given each week that test the amount of reading completed for the weekly assignment, as well as questions pertaining to that week's reading assignment.

2. Book Review (10%)

Each student is to write a 3-4 page book review on *One Bible, Many Versions*. Each student will be given a guideline for how the book review should be written.

3. Research Paper (15%)

Each student will write a 7–8 page research paper on a specific doctrine covered in the course. Paper topics will be assigned in class.

4. Final Exam (15%)

Course Outline

- Week One:
 - Introductory Issues
 - The Doctrine of Scripture
 - The Doctrine of God
- Week Two:
 - The Work of God
 - The Doctrine of Man
 - The Doctrine of Sin
- Week Three:
 - The Doctrine of Christ
 - The Doctrine of the Atonement
 - The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit
- Week Four:
 - The Doctrine of Salvation
 - The Doctrine of the Church
 - The Doctrine of Last Things
 - Concluding Issues

Attendance

Students may not miss more than 9 class hours for a 3-semester hour course.

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