Seminary Mission Statement
The mission of the 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 pastoral ministries.

The seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. The core value focus for 2014-2015 is Spiritual Vitality.

The seminary has seven curriculum competencies: The course will specifically address the curriculum competencies of biblical exposition, spiritual and character formation, Christian theological heritage, disciple making, and worship leadership.

Course Description
This course addresses preaching approaches to both the book of Revelation. Attention is given to the form and function of apocalyptic material during the New Testament period, as well as to the implications of the backgrounds of the book of Revelation. Special emphasis is given to sermonic developments of selected passages from Revelation. Prerequisite to entrance into this course is the successful completion of PREA5300 Proclaiming the Bible, BSHM5310 Biblical Hermeneutics, and NTEN5300 Exploring the New Testament. This course will focus on the book of Revelation.

Student Learning Outcomes
By the end of the course, the student should be able to:
1. Understand the context, nature, and genre of the book of Revelation;
2. Determine the distinctive message and other aspects of the book of Revelation;
3. Understand the concepts, methods, and resources for preaching from Revelation in order to preach messages which are exegetically, hermeneutically, theologically, and homiletically sound;
4. Prepare biblical sermon briefs from Revelation, which are clearly structured and effective in application to contemporary life;
5. Value preaching Revelation in today’s world.
Required Textbooks

Optional Textbooks

Course Requirements
Students who are taking the course for a grade must complete the following:

1. **Introduction Paper**: The student will write an introduction paper on the book of Revelation. The paper should include sections covering the following: author, date, recipients and occasion, genre, and structure (which will also include an outline of the book). The paper is to be 12-15 pages, double-spaced and should contain adequate footnotes and a bibliography with a minimum of ten sources.

2. **Annotated Analysis**: The student will submit one typed, 4 pages or less, single-spaced (or 6 pages for students taking 6388) annotated analysis of two of the required textbooks (all three for students taking 6388), plus two of the optional textbooks (three for students taking 6388). Format: this one single-spaced analysis should give a correct bibliographic listing of each of the four (or six) books with their associated annotations that answer the following questions:
   a. What is a two-paragraph (or less) summary of the book?
   b. What is one (or more) helpful feature(s) of the book for preaching?
   c. What is one difficulty, deficiency, or limitation in using the book for preaching?
   A cover page is to be used, but do not include an intervening blank page.

3. **Sermon Analysis**: The student will analyze three (six for students taking 6388) sermons from Revelation (written, audio, or video but not lectures, articles, or books) by one or more of the following preachers:

   - Origen of Alexandria
   - Martin Luther
   - John Bunyan
   - Jonathan Edwards
   - G. Campbell Morgan
   - Karl Barth
   - Clyde Fant Jr.
   - Warren Wiersbe
   - William Willimon

   - Augustine of Hippo
   - John Calvin
   - John Wesley
   - Charles Simeon
   - D.L. Moody
   - W.A. Criswell
   - J. I. Packer
   - Voddie Baucham
   - Haddon Robinson

   - Chrysostom of Antioch
   - John Knox
   - John Broadus
   - Harold Bryson
   - Dietrich Bonhoeffer
   - George W. Truett
   - John R. W. Stott
   - D. Martin Lloyd-Jones
   - J.D. Gray
John MacArthur  Donald G. Miller  B. Gray Allison
Leith Anderson  John Piper  Charles Stanley
Millard Erickson  Rick Warren  Joel Gregory
Gardner Taylor  Adrian Rogers  Calvin Miller
David Jeremiah  Chuck Swindoll  Billy Graham
Jim Shaddix  David Platt  Ed Young Jr.
Andy Stanley  Don Wilton  Steve Gaines
David Uth  Francis Chan  Robert Smith
Matt Chandler  James MacDonald  David Allen
Mark Driscoll  Jerry Vines  Mac Brunson
Joseph Parker  Chip Henderson  Charles Haddon Spurgeon
Fred Luter  Waylon Bailey  David Crosby
Alexander Maclaren  Phillips Brooks  Jim Henry

The student may instead choose to analyze how the same text is treated or used in one sermon each by any three (or six) of the above preachers. The analysis must be done by using the Sermon Brief form attached in this syllabus (i.e., students must complete one form for each of the three sermons chosen). Students must put their name and the name of the preacher selected on each completed form.

4. **Preaching Plan**: Each student will design a preaching plan for the book of Revelation. The preaching plan should include:

   - A series of at least 10 sermons, including title, text, and a one-paragraph description of the sermon content.
   - Sermon briefs for 6 of the sermons, with no more than one brief from chapters 2 or 3. Students taking 6388 should submit 9 sermon briefs. Use the attached sermon brief form.
   - A full sermon manuscript of one of the sermons in the series. The manuscript may not be from chapters 2 or 3.

5. **Final Exam**: The final exam will be a take-home, open-book exam, and questions will come from the course presentations, required textbooks, and assignments. The exam will also include an individual assessment of the personal accomplishment of two student-selected course learning objectives in this syllabus.

**Evaluation**: All course objectives will be evaluated through the grading of the course assignments. Student participation and behavior online will also be considered in the evaluation and grading. The student’s course grade will be determined, as follows:

1. Introduction Paper  25%
2. Annotated Analysis  15%
3. Analysis of Sermons  15%
4. Preaching Plan  30%
5. Final Exam  15%
Submission of Assignments: All assignments are to be submitted through SafeAssign on Blackboard and are due no later than 12:00 noon on these Thursdays:

1. Introduction Paper   September 10
2. Annotated Analysis   October 1
3. Analysis of Sermons  October 29
4. Preaching Plan       November 19

Note: assignments submitted past the due date and time will incur a late penalty of ten points. Assignments will not be accepted one week past the due date and time.

The final exam will be available on Monday, November 16, and will be due to mmiller@nobts.edu no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, November 20.

Centergize 2015 Event Attendance
Students are reminded that PREA6288/6388 is a component course in the Centergize 2015 Event. As such, students in PREA6288/6388 must attend all Centergize plenary sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (August 4 and 6), which will take the place of the usual PREA6288/6388 evening sessions on those days.

Student/Professor Conferences
The professors are available to dialogue with students via phone or email. Please note the contact information of the professors on the first page of the syllabus.

In Case of a Declared Campus Evacuation or Other Emergency
Students are to follow the guidelines of the NOBTS announcements and locate the course on Blackboard for further instructions regarding the course.
Selected Bibliography


SERMON BRIEF
Rhetorical Sermon Outline

Name:
Assignment/Date Due:

A. Foundational Elements
1. Sermon Title (in quotation marks; headline capitalization style):
2. Text:
3. Subject (in one or two words--or as a short phrase, but not a sentence):
4. ETS (Essence of the Text in a Sentence--state in the past tense):
5. ESS (Essence of the Sermon in a Sentence--also called the Proposition; do not state in the past tense):
6. OSS (Objective of the Sermon in a Sentence--state in terms of what hearers will do as a result of this sermon): Hearers will....

B. Formal Elements
Introduction
1.
2.
3.
Body
I.
1.
2.
II.
1.
2.
III.
1.
2.
Conclusion
1.
2.
3.

C. Notes
1. The number of points may vary within the formal elements from the numbers shown above.
2. All main points (i.e., I, II, etc.) in the sermon body outline must be referenced to the text (e.g., I. The Motive of Salvation, John 3:16a; II. The Means of Salvation, John 3:16b).
3. Write all sermon body main points in headline capitalization style (e.g., The Motive of Salvation). Write all lesser points under the main points in sentence capitalization style.