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.

Core Value Focus
The seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. The core value focus for this academic year is Characteristic Excellence.

Curriculum Competencies
All graduates of NOBTS are expected to have at least a minimum level of competency in each of the following areas: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual and Character Formation, and Worship Leadership. The curriculum competencies addressed in this course are: Though the emphasis in this course will be on Biblical Exposition, and Christian Theological Heritage, aspects of all competencies will be addressed in this course.

Course Description
This course combines an overview of the Book of Psalms and its place in the Hebrew Bible with an in-depth analysis of selected portions of the Hebrew text. Primary attention will be given to the grammatical, literary stylistics, historical, and theological features of the text. The study will include a discussion of the process leading to hermeneutical goals of teaching and preaching.

Student Learning Outcomes
Upon the successful completion of this course the student will have demonstrated a proper knowledge of and an ability to use effectively in study, teaching and preaching:

1. The overall literary structure and content of the Book of Psalms
2. The major theological themes and critical issues in the books
3. The Hebrew text of the Book of Psalms
4. Hebrew syntax and literary style in Hebrew Poetry

Textbooks
Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia
Encountering the Psalms, by C. Hassell Bullock (Baker, 2004)
Marvin Tate (Nelson, 2004)

Course Teaching Methodology
The course will involve the following methodologies:

Guided translation and interpretation of selected Psalms
Student Presentations of translations and exegetical research
Lectures on hermeneutical aspects of the Psalms
Course Requirements & Evaluation
1. Class attendance and preparation (25%). Recitation of Psalm 23 in Hebrew
2. Book Review – Texts (10%). Due October 24
3. Mid-Term Exam (25%) Thursday, October 10
4. Exegetical Research Paper (40%). Due Date December 6

Papers will be presented in class during the final exam period on December in lieu of a final exam.

Technical Assistance
For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8160) or the following websites:
1. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System NOBTS.Blackboard.com.
3. ITCSupport@nobts.edu - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

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.

Exegetical Research Paper:
The student is to write an exegetical research paper on a selection from the Book of Psalms which will include the following elements:

- **Introduction** – To the passage (not the entire biblical book) including the historical and cultural setting, important biblical background material, etc.
- **Translation** – Your own translation, having the following quality goal: the precision of the *NASB* or the *NKJV*, with the readability of the *NIV* or *NLV*.
- **Textual Footnotes**: Address the issues in important text critical notes, as well as any key words which you have translated in a distinctive manner.
- **Exegetical Outline** – Provide an exegetical outline of the chosen passage, with at least one but no more than two sub-levels.
- **Exegetical Notes and Discussion** – Explicate the meaning of the text, highlighting words studies, structural elements, pertinent background material.
- **Teaching / Homiletical Outline** – Assuming you will be teaching or preaching from this material, provide an outline of your presentation, including Title, Theme or Key Point, Outline with one sub-level, Conclusion.

Students will turn in a statement regarding their chosen passage on or before February 10

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