



MISS6342 Introduction to Urban Missions
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Mission Statement

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

Course Description

In this course students are introduced to the biblical and theological foundations for missions in the city. The historical foundations of urban missions are briefly examined. Trends in urbanization are explored along with the implication of those trends for mission and ministry in the urban environment. Contemporary strategies for reaching the city, both national and international, are studied.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. That students come to an understanding of the place of the city in the Bible and in God's plan for evangelizing the world.
2. That students become aware of the history of urban missions.
3. That students understand the urban context of ministry in today's world.
4. That students become aware of methods of urban mission and ministry.
5. That student develop skills to do strategizing, ministry, and missions in an urban environment.

Textbook

Conn, Harvie M. And Manuel Ortiz. *Urban Ministry: The Kingdom, the City and the People of God*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2001, 2010.

Course Teaching Methodology

A variety of teaching methods will be utilized such as online presentations by the professor, PowerPoint presentations, readings, and online handouts. There will be frequent brief audio lectures. Students will spend time with online mission resources. Other teaching methods include discussions on Blackboard forums.

Course Requirements

1. Once each student has completed the registration procedures and had cleared the business office, he or she will be automatically enrolled in the Canvas shell for the course. The class will begin on Aug. 14. The first thing each student should do is go through “Unit 1: Getting Started”. This will explain course procedures. The brief work in this unit (not a long unit) is due on Sat., Aug. 19.

2. Students should proceed through the learning units in numerical order beginning with “Unit 1: Getting Started.” New units will be released several at a time so students should not expect to work ahead too far. Units will be due on each Saturday. All units must be completed along with required readings. Orderly completion of the weekly Units along with attention to the specific assignments given in this syllabus will keep the student on track for successful completion of the course. The deadline for completing a unit is midnight on the date it is due. Unit 1 is due at 11:59 PM on Sat., Aug. 19. Most units will contain quizzes. Quizzes CANNOT be taken late. If you miss a quiz you will not get credit for that quiz. The two lowest quiz grades will be dropped. Quizzes can be taken twice and you can access any materials in completing the quizzes. A second attempt on a quiz CANNOT add more than 50 points to your quiz score, so students should attempt to answer all questions on the first attempt. For example, if you make 40 on the first attempt, even if you get all answers correct on the second attempt, your score on the second attempt would be 90.

3 Outside Projects (Assignments not found in Blackboard Units but to be submitted on Blackboard as noted below):

- a. **City Bibliography.** Choose a city to research. Clear the choice with the instructor. Compile an annotated bibliography of 25 resources that could be used to research the city you have chosen. Describe each resource with a brief annotation (2 or 3 sentences). Submit the annotation to the appropriate Canvas assignment section by Oct. 28.
- b. **Urban Issue Annotated Bibliography.** Choose an urban issue that you would like to research. Clear the choice with the instructor. Compile an annotated bibliography of 25 resources that could be used to research the issue you have chosen. Describe each resource with a brief annotation (2 or 3 sentences). Submit the annotation to the appropriate Canvas assignment section by Nov. 18.
- c. **Volunteer service.** Spend 5 hours in volunteer mission work in an urban context. Report on the experience in the Canvas Discussion Board. Clear the volunteer experience with the professor before you commit to the volunteer placement. The volunteer work must be completed and the discussion entered in Canvas by Nov. 11.
- d. **Extra Book.** From a list of books provided by the instructor choose one to read and discuss. The discussion will be entered in the appropriate discussion forum. The discussion should be six to eight paragraphs in length. The discussion of your book should be entered by Saturday, Oct. 14. You should read the discussion of each of the others in the class and respond to each of these. The responses should be entered by Mon., Oct. 16.

e. **Prayer Walk.** Determine a location to do a prayer walk. Take at least one other person with you on the prayer walk. Give the person or persons accompanying you some basic directions (these will be available in Unit 12). Spend at least one hour in prayer walking. Enter in the proper discussion forum by Monday, Nov. 13 a four to six paragraph discussion of your prayer walk experience. Discuss, among other items, 1) Why you chose the location; 2) Whether you were prepared; 3) How those accompanying you reacted to the experience; 4) Interesting experiences you had during the prayer walk; 5) Reactions from those you met during the prayer walk; and 6) How effective you think prayer walking can be in the city.

Unless otherwise noted all assignments will be uploaded into the appropriate assignment section through Canvas. It is the student's responsibility to keep a backup copy of ALL assignments.

NOTE:. Assignments turned in late will receive an automatic 15-point deduction for the first day, and a 10-point deduction for each additional weekday late.

ALL ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER TO PASS THE COURSE.

Course Evaluation

Final Exam	10%
Unit Quizzes	30%
City Research Annotated Bibliography	5%
Volunteer Hours	5%
Urban Issue Annotated Bibliography	5%
Completion of Unit Assignments, including Discussion Forums	30%
Extra book discussion	10%
Prayer Walking Assignment	5%

Technical Assistance

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu or My.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. Canvas@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Canvas Learning Management System (Faculty/Students/Staff) Canvas.NOBTS.edu.
3. Bluejeanshelpdesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Bluejeans & NOBTS Bluejeans classrooms (On and Off-Campus)
4. TelephoneHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS On-Campus Phone system.
5. ITCSupport@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests in the Flex classrooms and for general technical questions/support requests. If you are not sure who to contact, use this email address!
6. 504.816.8180 - Call for any technical questions/support requests. (Currently available Mon-Thurs 7:00am-9:00pm & Fri 7:00-7:00pm Central Time)

7. www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to engage regularly with course content through the learning management system and other course delivery methods. Students who fail to participate consistently in course activities may receive a grade of “F” for the course.

Netiquette: Appropriate Online Behavior

Each student is expected to demonstrate appropriate Christian behavior when working online on the Discussion Board. 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.

Outline of Course and Completion Dates for Units

(Note: Below you will find the names of the Learning Units that you will find on the class Blackboard site and textbook readings for each unit. In addition each unit will contain additional online readings and assignments. A completion due date is given for each unit. In each unit you will find the assigned textbook readings, online readings, and other assignments. It is extremely important that you not get behind. If you get behind you will miss quizzes and have points deducted for late work.

Unit 1:	Getting Started	Due Aug. 19
Unit 2:	Introduction to the Urban Context, pt. 1- Introduction, Chap. 1	Due Aug. 26
Unit 3:	Introduction to the Urban Context, pt. 2- Chaps. 2, 3	Due Sept. 2
Unit 4:	Biblical Background for Urban Missions, pt. 1- Chaps. 4, 5	Due Sept. 9
Unit 5:	Biblical Background for Urban Missions, pt. 2- Chaps. 6, 7	Due Sept. 16
Unit 6:	Understanding the City, pt. 1- Chaps. 8, 9, 10	Due Sept. 23
Unit 7:	Understanding the City, pt. 2- Chaps. 11, 12, 13	Due Sept. 30
	FALL BREAK Oct. 2-7	
Unit 8:	Researching the City, pt 1- Chaps. 14, 15	Due Oct. 14
Unit 9:	Researching the City, pt 2- Chap. 16	Due Oct. 21
Unit 10:	Reaching Special Groups in the City- Chap. 17 (pp. 311-35)	Due Oct.. 28
Unit 11:	Christian Community Development- Chap. 17 (pp. 335-39), Chap. 18	Due Nov. 4
Unit 12:	Spiritual Warfare in the Urban Context- Chap. 19	Due Nov. 11
Unit 13:	Developing Leaders for Urban Ministry, pt. 1- Chaps. 20, 21, 22	Due Nov. 18
	THANKSGIVING WEEK Nov. 20-25	
Unit 14:	Developing Leaders for Urban Ministry, pt. 2- Chaps. 23, 24	Due Dec. 2
Final Exam	Must be completed by Dec. 5 at 11:59 PM	

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