



MISS6248 Life and Work of the Missionary
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Division of Church Ministry
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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

This course is designed to introduce the prospective cross-cultural missionary to selected issues encompassing lifestyles; strategic thinking and planning; contemporary methodologies and critical life and ministry skills.

Student Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course the student should be able to:

1. Define the dimensions of being a missionary.
2. Value critical life and ministry skills for missionaries
3. Develop plans to improve in selected target competencies of selected dimensions for a missionary.

Course Textbooks

Hale, Thomas & Gene Daniels. *On Being A Missionary. Revised Edition.* Pasadena: William Carey Library, 2012. Paperback and Kindle.

Lingerfelter, Sherwood G. And Mayers, Marvin K. *Ministering Cross-Culturally: An Incarnational Model for Personal Relationships*, Second Edition. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2003. Paperback and Kindle edition available.

International Mission Board. *Foundations: Core Missiological Concepts, Key Mission Terms, The Missionary Task.* Available from the International Mission Board.

Course Teaching Methodology

A variety of teaching methods will be utilized such as class presentations by the professor and students using Power Point and/or handouts. Other teaching methods include small and large group discussion, multi-media presentations, utilization of missions related websites, and other communication mediums.

Course Requirements

1. **Blackboard.** You will be enrolled on Blackboard for the course by the NOBTS ITC. If you have any problems with access to Blackboard after the semester begins, contact Blackboard at BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu or (504) 282.4455 x8180.
2. To read and be tested on class presentations, assigned readings, and handouts. Quizzes and reading checkups will be given on dates reading is due.
3. To complete two exams, a midterm and a final.
 - A. **Midterm due: Monday, March 8, 11:59 P.M.**
 - B. **Final due: Monday, May 10, 11:59 P.M.**
4. Complete the Basic Value Questionnaire found in the 1st reading assignment for *Ministering Cross-Culturally*. Write a one page double-spaced reflection paper about your strengths and weaknesses (this will not be graded, but required as part of class participation).
Reflection Paper due: Monday, January 25, 11:59 P.M.
5. Complete assignments related to the foundations of missionary service and the life of a missionary.
 - A. Complete readings of all chapters in the Foundations booklet from the IMB. Reading should be completed by week three.
Due: Monday, February 1, 11:59 P.M.
 - B. Examine and write a one-page reflection and summary of items discovered in each of the six components of the missionary task found on pages 75-101 of the Foundations Booklet. Include one-paragraph concerning application of key ideas to your present or anticipated future ministry for each component. A final conclusion should be included. The total length of the reflection assignment would be 7-9 double-spaced full pages. **Due: Monday, February 22, 11:59 P.M.**
6. To write and submit a four to six full pages double spaced typed critique and prepare a presentation regarding one of the following types of books with the professor's approval: a. a missionary biography b. missionary strategic planning c. contemporary missionary methodologies d. critical life and ministry skills for missionaries such as one of the seven dimensions or other topic approved by the professor. Students can select a book from the list that is attached to the syllabus or another book approved by the professor. Reviews are to be done in Turabian style.
 - A. Critique: Use Headings for each section in the body of the paper: **Summary, Evaluation, and Discussion**. Each section should be approximately two full pages of text.
 - i. Briefly summarize the contents of the book. Discuss the major topics or themes of the book. Summaries may be done for each chapter but covering the main themes is more important.
 - ii. Evaluate the material from a biblical, theological, and missiological perspective (use separate paragraphs for each category).
 - a. Biblical- Evaluate the use of Scripture in the book. Does the book have a good biblical foundation in the way it uses verses or indirectly in references to the Bible. For example: Is the author using the Bible in a proper way or simply trying to justify a position with biblical references or materials?
 - b. Theological -Evaluate the theological soundness of the author's work. For example: What is the basis for their theological statements? Is their theology

- based on a solid scriptural foundation?
- c. Missiological - Evaluate the soundness of the missions perspective of the book. For example: Does the author use solid and practical missions methods or does it appear to be missions theory?
 - iii. Discuss two or more concepts, principles, or ways to apply concepts from the book that would be useful to someone involved in missionary service. Include how these points could impact your own life and ministry.
- B. Presentation: During the class presentation, the student will distribute a handout of one or more pages to the class containing practical insights or suggestions applicable to ministry from the book. The handout should not simply be an outline of chapter titles or major sections of the book.
- C. **Critique due: Monday, February 8, 11:59 P.M.**
Presentations*: Tuesday, February 9
 *Flex course members will submit a video presentation
7. To complete a written project and presentation. Every student will write a paper to engage in in-depth research. Each student must submit a written project proposal sheet to have his or her topic approved. The topic approval sheet must contain the student's name, paper title, thesis, and five possible sources. The same sources used in the proposal should be used for the paper.
- A. Select one of the following projects:
 - i. Write a research paper selected from one of the following categories:
 - a. examining a missionary leader's life (past or present) focusing on applicable insights from their life
 - b. missionary strategic planning with applicable principles to one's own ministry
 - c. a contemporary missionary methodology with emphasis on analyzing the methodology and its application by missionaries on the field
 - d. selected critical life and ministry skills for missionaries such as one of the seven dimensions
 - e. Other topic approved by the professor.
 - f. **All Research Papers:** The research paper should be twelve to fifteen double spaced typed full pages citing at least twelve to fifteen different sources in the body of the paper and a separate bibliography of works consulted. Use an outline including an introduction and conclusion. (Preliminary outlines will be evaluated by the professor.) Footnotes or endnotes are acceptable.
 - ii. Conduct interviews of eight to ten missionaries.
 - a. Compose a list of questions dealing with issues related to this course of study to ask the missionaries. Some of the interviews may be done by e-mail. Contacts should be made immediately to insure time to get responses or contact alternative persons to replace those not responding timely.
 - b. **All Interview Papers:** The written report may include categories of questions, a summary of answers, and research about topics used in interviews. A complete list of questions asked may be included as an appendix. The report should be twelve to fifteen double spaced typed pages and have at least four different references plus interviews cited as sources for a minimum of twelve to fifteen different sources. Pseudonyms may be used for people working in sensitive or a

high security region.

B. Presentation. The student will present the major findings to the class in an oral report and submit a handout of one or more pages on Blackboard before the presentation. The handout should include practical insights or application for fellow members of the class.

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C. **Projects Due: Monday, April 12, 11:59 P.M.**

Presentations Begin*: Tuesday, April 13

Flex students will submit a video presentation

Evaluation of Grade

The student's grade will be computed as follows:

Written Book Critique	10%
Presentation for Book	10%
Written Project	20%
Presentation of Project	10%
Midterm Exam	15%
Final Exam	15%
Class Participation, Discussion, Reading Checkups and Quizzes*	10%
Foundations Reading and Assignments	10%

*Class absences can impact the course grade

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 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.

Course Topics*

Introduction to the Course

Church Planter Characteristics

Lifestyles of Missionaries

Strategic Thinking and Planning

Contemporary Methodologies

Critical Life Skills

Additional material concerning the life and work of a missionary

*Listed course topics will be covered as determined by the professor.

NOTE: All assignments are due on stated dates and times. Assignments turned in late the will receive an automatic ten point deduction. There will be an additional 2 point deduction for each weekday late. (An assignment turned in one week late would receive a 20 point deduction.) No assignments will normally be accepted more than two weeks past the due date.

ALL MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED BY A STUDENT IN ORDER TO PASS THE COURSE.

Course Reminders

1. Food should not be brought into the classroom.
2. Academic misconduct including but not limited to plagiarism, cheating, or unacceptable conduct may result in failure of the course and disciplinary action by the seminary as outlined in the student handbook.
3. Failure of a computer, printer, or other electronic devices used to compose class assignments will not be accepted as a reason for late work.
4. Policies for class absences will be followed as outlined in the current NOBTS Catalog. The maximum number of classroom hours absent for this course is six. Three times of being tardy or leaving class early will count as an absence.

If you are taking this course as a NOLA2U Flex student, please note the following attendance policies:

1. You are required to be in class either through viewing the lectures live or viewing the recorded lectures on Blackboard. When you view the recorded lecture, you will be considered present for that class. Regardless of if you watch the class live or recorded, you are only allowed to miss the amount of class time specified in the NOBTS attendance policy as stated in the graduate catalog. (See page 184 in the graduate catalog: <https://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/academics/GraduateCatalog.pdf>).
2. You will be asked to certify that you have been present for the live session or have viewed the recorded session. This certification will be done through [assignment by professor] after having watched the class live or viewing the recorded session.
3. All video lectures are available for 7 days after the video is posted. If you are unable to view the video within that time frame, you will be considered absent for that class session.
4. Technical issues will not be considered a valid reason for missing a lecture.
5. Members of the class should respect and follow the dress code found in the Student Handbook.
6. Members of the class are expected to treat the professor and each other with respect in their conversation and conduct in person or online. If not, appropriate action may be taken based on seminary policies.
7. Use Times New Roman as font and size 12 for papers.

8. Laptop computers and portable devices should be used only for notes and items related to this specific class.

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Writing Style Guide

Writing assignments should follow the **NOBTS/Leavell College Manual of Form and Style** (*revised August 2019*). To access this manual on the seminary website, please use the following link: https://www.nobts.edu/_resources/pdf/writing/StyleGuide.pdf.

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.

Course Schedule:

Required Reading

January 21	Syllabus
January 25	MC*, Preface, Chapters 1 -4. (Complete Basic Values Q., Ch. 2)
February 1	MC, Chapters 5-8, Foundations
February 8	MC, Chapter 9 OBM+, Preface, Chapter 1
February 15	OBM, Chapters 2-5
February 22	Foundations Written Assignment
March 1	OBM, Chapters 6-8
March 8	No Reading: Midterm Exam Due
March 22	OBM, Chapters 9-10
March 29	OBM, Chapters 11-12
April 5	OBM, Chapters 13-14
April 12	No Textbook Reading- Project Due
April 19	OBM, Chapters 15-16
April 26	OBM, Chapters 17-18
May 3	OBM, Chapters 19-20 & Afterword

**Ministering Cross-Culturally +On Being A Missionary*

Due Dates

Required Reading	Monday each week
Basic Values Questionnaire from MC	Monday, January 25
Foundations Reading	Monday, February 1, 11:59 P.M.
Written Book Critique	Monday, February 8, 11:59 P.M.
Presentations for Book Begin	Tuesday, February 9
Reflection & Summary of <i>Foundations</i>	Monday, February 22, 11:59 P.M.
Midterm Exam	Monday, March 8, 11:59 P.M.
Written Project	Monday, April 12, 11:59 P.M.
Class Presentations of Projects Begin	Tuesday, April 12
Final Exam	Monday, May 10, 11:59 P.M.

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