



Basic Baptist Beliefs
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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 Doctrinal Integrity: Knowing that the Bible is the Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit to it. The doctrinal statements used in our evaluations are our Articles of Religious Belief and the Baptist Faith and Message Statement.

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 addressing in this course are: Biblical Exposition and Christian Theological Heritage.

Course Description

This course is designed to lead students into a greater understanding of the basic Baptist doctrines including the Scriptures, God, man, and salvation; to equip them to apply these biblical doctrines to their lives; and to teach them to others to whom they minister.

Student Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of the semester, the student will:

1. Understand basic Baptist doctrines through textbook readings and class discussions.
2. Study the scriptural basis of these doctrines through the interactive textbook assignments.
3. Learn practical application of these doctrines through class discussions.
4. Gain resources and skills for pursuing further understanding of Baptist doctrines through the textbook readings, assignments, and class discussions.

Textbooks

The following texts and resources are required reading for class discussions and are to be read in their entirety unless otherwise specified.

1. Kelley, Charles, Richard Land, and R. Albert Mohler. *The Baptist Faith and Message*. Nashville, TN: LifeWay Press, 2007. ISBN: 978-1-4158-5295-8
2. Norman, R. Stanton. *The Baptist Way: Distinctives of a Baptist Church*. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman, 2005. ISBN: 978-0854-3152-1

Course Teaching Methodology

The course will involve the following methodologies: video lecture, PowerPoint presentations, and interactive discovery-learning through threaded discussion. It will be taught as an online course lasting for eight weeks.

Course Requirements

1. **Attend class.** This course is divided into 8 one-week units. Each week's unit will typically consist of a slide show and video lecture. **The student will provide a written statement of the percentage of completion of all in-class content items, due four weeks after completing the last week of class.**
2. **Participate in class discussion.** Participation is determined by postings and responses in the Threaded Discussions held each week. These discussions will be related to the material covered in each week's content. **All students are required to post a minimum of three responses in the main discussion each week: one in answer to the presenting questions, and two in response to classmates' postings.** In order for the threaded discussion to be of maximum benefit to everyone involved, it is recommended that you stay as close to the course schedule as possible—so that everyone will participate in the discussion in the same week. **Late postings will be penalized one point for each day late.** Please limit discussions in this venue to the assigned topic. Students may e-mail or use the miscellaneous forum to discuss other topics with your classmates. **Please note the course will close on Blackboard on Friday, October 12 at 11:59pm.**
3. **Read the assigned textbooks and other reading assignments.** Reading assignments will include readings from the textbook, Scripture, and other sources. **The student will provide a written statement of completion of all reading assignments, due four weeks after completing the last week of class.**
4. **Interactive Textbook.** Submit the textbook with all interactive assignments completed no later than four weeks after the final week of class. The textbook should be mailed to the professor.
5. **Personal Reflection Journal.** Students will complete a personal reflection journal on each doctrine studied in the class.

6. **Complete a final examination.** The final exam will be posted on Blackboard under “Course Documents” and should be submitted to rkelley@nobts.edu.

The reading statement, report and final exam should be mailed to Dr. Rhonda Kelley, NOBTS, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126 or emailed to rkelley@nobts.edu.

Evaluation of Grade

This course will follow the grading system for the Graduate School.

A = 93-100	20% = Discussion Board Participation
B = 85-92	20% = Textbook Reading/Reading Assignments
C = 77-84	20% = Interactive Textbook
D = 70-76	20% = Personal Reflection Journal
F = 69 and below	20% = Final Examination

Technical Assistance

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504.816.8180) or the following websites:

1. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support request 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.

Reading Assignments

Students are responsible for completing all reading assignments.

Academic Policies

Academic policies related to absences, grading scale, final examination schedules, and other topics can be found in the current online catalog: [New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Graduate Catalog](#).

Policy for Graduating Seniors

Graduating Seniors are responsible for alerting the professor of your intention to graduate. All of your assignments must be completed by noon (12:00 PM) on the Wednesday prior to commencement exercises.

Netiquette

Netiquette refers to appropriate online behavior in Blackboard or other online discussions. Each student is expected to demonstrate appropriate Christian behavior when working online on Discussion Boards or whenever interaction occurs through web, digital, or other electronic medium. 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.

Academic Honesty Policy

All graduate and undergraduate NOBTS students, whether on-campus, internet, or extension center students, are expected to adhere to the highest Christian standard of honesty and integrity when completing academic assignments for all courses in every delivery system format. The Bible provides our standard for academic integrity and honesty. This standard applies whether a student is taking tests, quizzes, exams, writing papers, completing Discussion Boards, or any other course requirement.

Help for Writing Papers at "The Write Stuff"

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. This is the official NOBTS Writing Center online help site for writing academic papers and essays. <http://www.nobts.edu/writing/default.html>. Students can receive writing tips, and valuable information to help in become 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 are clearly defined.

Course Schedule

Week One: The Importance of Studying Doctrine/The Scriptures

begins: August 20, 2018

Week Two: God/God the Father/God the Son/God the Holy Spirit

begins: August 27, 2018

Week Three: Man/Salvation/God's Purposes of Grace

begins: September 3, 2018

Week Four: The Church/Baptism & the Lord's Supper/The Lord's Day

begins: September 10, 2018

Week Five: The Kingdom/Last Things

begins: September 17, 2018

Week Six: Evangelism and Missions/Education

begins: September 24, 2018

Week Seven: Stewardship/Cooperation /The Christian and the Social Order

begins: October 1, 2018

Week Eight: Peace and War/Religious Liberty/The Family/Conclusion

begins: October 8, 2018

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Church Minister Relations (for ministry jobs)	cmr@nobts.edu	504.282.4455 x3291	www.nobts.edu/CMR
Financial Aid	financialaid@nobts.edu	504.282.4455 x3348	www.nobts.edu/financialaid
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