



LEAVELL COLLEGE

AT NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Introduction to Missions
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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 students to the biblical and theological foundations and to provide an historical overview of Christian missions.

Student Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, the student will

1. Demonstrate basic knowledge of the biblical and theological foundations of Christian missions;
2. Demonstrate basic knowledge of the history and practice of missions from the early church to the present; and
3. Demonstrate basic knowledge in developing awareness of missions and strategies for missions in the local church.

Course Texts

Johnson, Andy. *Missions: How the Local Church Goes Global*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2017.
The Bible (ESV, CSB, NASB, NKJV).

Course Requirements and Grading

The student is required to read the textbook and the book of Acts in the New Testament, according to the schedule in the course syllabus. Students should read the portion to be covered before coming to class. Students will submit the reading log on the last day of class to account for this reading.

Each student will commit to pray daily for unreached and unengaged people groups and for global Gospel missions using the website www.peoplegroups.org.

Each student will complete a 1-2 page reflection paper. The reflection paper may be typed or neatly handwritten. The reflection paper is due on the last day of class, and the paper must answer the questions below:

Are all Christians called to participate in the Great Commission? Why, or why not?

What do you believe is God's specific call in his mission in your life right now?

4. Each student will complete a final exam on the last day of class.
5. The final grade for the course will be determined as follows:
 - a. Reading Log 20%
 - b. Reflection Paper 30%
 - c. Final Exam 50%

Course Outline

Session 1:	Syllabus Chapters 1-5; Acts 1-4
Session 2:	Chapters 6-19; Acts 5-14
Session 3:	Chapters 20-25; Acts 15-19
Session 4:	Chapters 26-40; Acts 20-28 Final Exam

Additional Course Information

Plagiarism Policy: A high standard of personal integrity is expected of all students. Copying another person's work, submitting downloaded material without proper references, submitting material without properly citing the source, submitting the same material for credit in more than one course, and other such forms of dishonesty are strictly forbidden. *Although anything cited in three sources is considered public domain, we require that all sources be cited.* Any infraction may result in failing the assignment and the course. Any infraction will be reported to the Dean of Leavell College for further action.

Grading Policy: Church Leadership Certificate courses are Pass/Fail. Attendance is required. A student missing more than 3 hours of class meetings for a one-semester-hour credit course forfeits credit for that course unless special permission is secured from Leavell College.

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