



LEAVELL COLLEGE

AT NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Biblical Theology: LCBS4350 – Hybrid

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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

Students will explore various approaches to biblical theology which will inform the research they conduct in the course. Students will be challenged to consider how biblical themes, genres, books, and testaments come together to form the grand narrative of Scripture. Prerequisite: LCCF1310 Interpreting the Bible.

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the conclusion of the semester, the student will:

1. Develop an awareness of various approaches to and definitions of biblical theology.
2. Identify the theological connectivity between various genres of OT and NT literature.
3. Trace major theological themes through Scripture.

COURSE TEXTS

The following textbooks are **required**:

Kimble, Jeremy M. and Ched Spellman. *Invitation to Biblical Theology*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2020.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Class Participation (10% of course grade): Students are expected to view all video lectures posted to the course, complete all required readings, and submit all assignments for the course. The professor reserves the right to add lecture quizzes (counting toward the participation grade) to ensure students are viewing course lectures posted online if students demonstrate they are not watching the lectures.

2. Kimble & Spellman Discussion Questions (30% of course grade): Students will complete selected discussion questions found at the end of assigned chapters of the course textbook. The assignment submission links on Canvas will indicate which specific discussion questions should be answered.
3. Book Review (15% of course grade): Student will read any one book from the [Crossway Short Studies in Biblical Theology](#) series. Students will write a 2-3 page single spaced critical book review on the book they select from the series. Guidelines and a grading rubric for the book review are available on Canvas.
4. Position Paper (15% of course grade): Students will write a 700–1000 word position paper stating their method for biblical theology. Guidelines and a grading rubric for the paper are available on Canvas.
5. Research Paper (30% of course grade): Students will write a 2500-3000 word research paper on a topic within biblical theology. Students must submit a research question and thesis by the date indicated on the course schedule below. The professor will provide students feedback on the research question and thesis. The final paper must be written according to Turabian 9th edition. Guidelines and a grading rubric for the research paper are available on Canvas.

GRADING SCALE

- A: 93 - 100
- B: 85 - 92
- C: 77 – 84
- D: 70 – 76
- F: below 70

COURSE OUTLINE

Specific due dates for all assignments are listed in Canvas.

| Dates (Mon-Sat) | Unit - Topic | Reading | Assignment(s) |
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| Jan 16–20 | Unit 1 – What is BT? | K&S 15–40 | Ch1 Discussion ?s (Pt 1) |
| Jan 22–27 | Unit 2 – Approaches to BT | K&S 40–52 | Ch1 Discussion ?s (Pt 2) Position Paper Due |
| Jan 29– Feb 3 | Unit 3 – Reading Canonically/ Writing Workshop | K&S 53–79 | Ch 2 Discussion ?s |
| Feb 5–10 | Unit 4 – Christ as Center? | K&S 81–104 | Ch 3 Discussion ?s |
| Feb 12– 17 | Unit 5 – Theology of Torah | K&S 121– 140 | Ch 5 Discussion ?s / |
| Feb 19– 24 | Unit 6 – Theology of Prophets and Writings | K&S 141–62 | Ch 6 Discussion ?s |
| Feb 26– March/2 | Unit 7 – Theology of Psalms | | |

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| March 4–9 | Unit 8 – Theology of the Gospels and Acts | K&S 183–203 | Ch 8 Discussion ?s |
| March 11–16 | Spring Break | | |
| March 18–23 | Weekend Hybrid Meeting March 21-22 | | Book Review Due |
| March 25–30 | Unit 10 – Theology of Revelation/Theology of Paul | K&S 205–29 | Ch 10 Discussion ?s Research Question and Thesis Due |
| April 1–6 | Unit 11 – Where do biblical themes come from? | K&S 233–49 | Ch 11 Discussion ?s |
| April 8–13 | Unit 12 –Land, Temple, and Church | K&S 381–95 | Ch 19 Discussion ?s |
| April 15–20 | Unit 13 – Worship and Mission | K&S 327–43; 397–413 | Ch 16 & 20 Discussion ?s |
| April 22–27 | Unit 14 – The Triune God in Scripture | | |
| April 29–May 4 | Finals Week | | Research Paper Due |

ADDITIONAL COURSE INFORMATION

1. Attendance Policy:
Students are expected to attend and participate in the in-person weekend class sessions. Because of the nature of weekend hybrid courses, students who miss any portion of the in-person class meetings on March 21-22 may receive a grade of “F” for the course.
2. Policy for Late Submissions: Late submissions of chapter discussion questions will not be accepted. Late work on other assignments may be submitted late with a penalty of 5 points/day. Late work will not be accepted more than 10 days past the due date.
3. Plagiarism Policy: A high standard of personal integrity is expected of all Leavell College 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 committing 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.
4. Classroom and Online Decorum: Each student is expected to demonstrate appropriate Christian behavior. The student is expected to interact with other students in a fashion that will promote learning and respect for the opinions of the others in the course. A spirit of Christian charity is expected at all times. Electronic devices should be used only for classroom purposes as indicated by the professor.
5. Emergency Plan: In the event the NOBTS schedule is impacted due to a natural event, go to the seminary’s website for pertinent information. Class will continue as scheduled

through the Blackboard site. Please note announcements and assignments on the course's Blackboard site.

6. Technical Assistance: For general NOBTS technical help, go to www.NOBTS.edu/itc/

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