



LEAVELL COLLEGE

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

THUS1153 Church History

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Pasco Church Leadership Certificate Program

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The mission of Leavell College 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

The seminary has five core values.

- 1. Doctrinal Integrity:** Knowing that the Bible is the Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit to it. This course addresses Doctrinal Integrity specifically by preparing students to grow in understanding and interpreting of the Bible.
- 2. Spiritual Vitality:** We are a worshiping community emphasizing both personal spirituality and gathering together as a Seminary family for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word. Spiritual Vitality is addressed by reminding students that a dynamic relationship with God is vital for effective ministry.
- 3. Mission Focus:** We are not here merely to get an education or to give one. We are here to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries. This course addresses Mission Focus by helping students understand the biblical foundations for fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments.
- 4. Characteristic Excellence:** What we do, we do to the utmost of our abilities and resources as a testimony to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Characteristic Excellence is addressed by preparing students to excel in their ability to interpret Scripture, which is foundational to effective ministry.
- 5. Servant Leadership:** We follow the model of Jesus and exert leadership and influence through the nurture and encouragement of those around us. Servant Leadership is modeled by classroom deportment.

The core value focus for this academic year is *Doctrinal Excellence*.

Course Description

This course is designed to introduce students to the basic events in the history of the Christian Church.

Student Outcomes

In order to understand and interpret Christian theological heritage and Baptist polity for the church, the students, by the end of the course, should:

1. Comprehend some basic events in the history of the Christian Church.
2. Value the study of Church History.

Course Texts

The following textbook is required:

- Bruce Shelley, Bruce. *Church History in Plain Language*, 4th Edition. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2013.
- Walton, Robert C. *Chronological and Background Charts of Church History*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing, 2005.

Course Requirements and Grading

1. The student is required to read the textbook and review the charts 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.
2. Each student will submit 3 questions and answers that represent the most salient aspects of the content from that week's assigned reading.
3. Each student will take a final exam drawn from the questions submitted to the class.
4. The final grade for the course will be determined as follows:

Reading Log	25%
Reading Questions	25%
<u>Final Exam</u>	<u>50%</u>
Final Grade	100%

This course will be graded using the standard Leavell College grading.

Grading Scale

A 100-93	B 92-85	C 84-77	D 76-70	F 69 and below
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Course Outline

Schedule / Quizzes / Exams

Week 1: Registration/Introduction to the Course

ACTS 2-6

Jesus and the Apostles - Chapters 1-2

Week 2: The Early Church - part 1 - Chapters 3-8

Chart 3- The Apostolic Fathers

Chart 5- The Arguments of the Apologists

Chart 6- The Third-Century Church Fathers

Week 3: The Early Church - part 2 - Chapters 9-16

Chart 11- Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers

Chart 13- Factors Contributing to the Supremacy of the Bishop of Rome

Chart 18- The Ecumenical Councils of the Early Church

Week 4: The Medieval Church - Chapters 17-23

Chart 20- Church and State, 754-1309

Chart 23- The Crusades

Chart 26- The Theology of Scholasticism

Chart 27- Major Monastic Orders

Chart 29- The Great Schism of the Papacy (1378-1417)

Chart 31- Forerunners of the Reformation

Week 5: The Reformation - Chapters 24-35

Chart 32- Four Major Reformers

Chart 35- The Radical Reformation

Chart 36- The English Reformers

Chart 37- The English Puritans

Chart 41- Theological Issues- Protestant vs. Catholic

Chart 43- Theological Issues- Calvinist vs. Arminian

Week 6: The American Church – Chapters 36-48

Chart 53- Religion in the Thirteen Colonies

Chart 55- The American Puritans

Chart 62- Major Nineteenth-Century American Cults

Additional Course Information

Class attendance is required. Any student missing more than 3 hours of class meeting for a one semester hour credit course forfeits credit for that course unless special permission is secured from Leavell College.

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