EVANGELISM COURSE SYLLABUS

*REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY*

*HOUSTON*

*SUMMER 2019*

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course will train students to be thoughtful, engaging, and God-reliant as those carrying out the evangelistic mandate of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. We take up the biblical teaching and application of principles and methods of outreach, evangelism, and discipleship. Through teaching, modeling, and facilitating we cultivate a deep desire to reach the lost for Christ. Treating one another as gifts and those who are gifted in the body of Christ, this course addresses both ordained servants and the laity and their respective roles in this ministry. Aiming to nurture a culture of outreach and evangelism in the local church is featured.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Cognitive *(to know and to understand)*

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Affective *(to feel and to be motivated)*

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Volitional *(to do and to grow in competencies)*

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3.

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Course Objectives Related to MDiv Student Learning Outcomes

Course: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Evangelism

Lecturer: The Rev. Mark Sumpter

Campus: Houston

Date: 2/2019

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| MDiv Student Learning Outcomes  *In order to measure the success of the MDiv curriculum, RTS has defined the following…* | | Rubic  Strong  Moderate  Minimal  None | Mini-Justification |
| *Articulation*  *Scripture*  *Reformed Theology*  *Sanctification*  *Desire for Worldview*  *Winsomely Reformed*  *Preach*  *Worship*  *Shepherd*  *Church/World* |  |  |  |

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS (952 pp.)

Metzger, Will *Tell The Truth* (4th ed.) 2012, InterVarsity Press, 301 pp.

Kuiper, R. B. *God Centered Evangelism* 1966, Banner of Truth Trust. 248 pp.

Butterfield, Rosaria *The Gospel Comes with a House Key: Practicing Radically Ordinary Hospitality in our Post-Christian World* 2018 Crossway/Good News Publishers, 231 pp.

Anyabwhile, Thabiti *The Gospel for Muslims: An Encouragement to Share Christ with Confidence,* 2010, Moody Press, 172 pp.

OTHER READING (250 pages minimum)

*Get Real—Sharing Your Everyday Faith Everyday (selections)*

*Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*

Van Til’s *Christ’s Final Victory Celebration (sermon)—pdf. 7 pp.*

*The Free Offer of the Gospel* (booklet)

*Outgrowing the Ingrown Church (selections)*

*Evangelism and the Local Church*

*Spurgeon and Hyper-Calvinism (selections)*

*Evangelistic Responsibility by T. David Gordon (article)*

*The Master Plan of Evangelism (selections)*

*The Training of the Twelve (selections)*

*Calvin’s Evangelism by Joel Beeke (article)*

*The Master’s Plan for Making Disciples 2nd Edition (selections)*

*Out of the Saltshaker and Into the World (selections)*

*Evangelism Explosion 4th edition, 1996 (selections)*

REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION:

1. Class Attendance and Discussion.

2. Reading and Scripture Memory (quizzes on memory work)—quizzes 25% of course grade

3. Two Papers—*preparation for presenting the gospel*—25%

A. Gospel Presentation Outline [with Scripture references, illustrations] (4 pages)

B. Conduct an Interview or Write a Dialogue (4 pages)

4. Small Group Training Project—prepare an outline of 2 classes, 1 practicum for training—40%

5. Practicum Experience (write up 2 pages of reflection paper)—10%

POLICY ON CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM:

POLICY ON GRAMMAR AND SPELL CHECK:

COURSE SCHEDULE:

LECTURE: *Friday Evening—June 21st 6:30-9:30 PM*

LECTURE: *Saturday—June 22nd 8 AM-5:00 PM*

*Saturday Practicum—June 29th 1:00-5:00 PM*

*Make-Up: Saturday Practicum—August 3rd 1:00-5:00 PM*

LECTURE: *Friday Evening—July 19th 6:30-9:30 PM*

LECTURE: *Saturday—July 20th 8:00 AM-5:00 PM*