Course Syllabus: Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary
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Note: The instructor reserves the right to change or amend this syllabus as needed. Class meets each Thursday. Please check the BMATS schedule for complete details.

Course Description

This course consists of a study of the position of youth minister, i.e., qualifications, job description, staff relations, and administration, relationship to parents and youth, and the problems encountered by the Youth Minister. Emphasis is given to resources for personal and professional growth.

Course Objectives

- Analyze the role and functions of a good student ministry.
- Clearly define a youth minister’s job description.
- Outline the major foundations of youth ministry.
- Compose a clear youth ministry policy for future ministry.
- Justify the importance of parental involvement in youth ministry.
- Prioritize and evaluate teaching methods within youth ministry constructs.
- Rank and prioritize youth events under specific headings of purpose.

Required Reading


The Holy Bible (I will use the ESV version).

Course Assignments

To complete the course the following assignments are required.

1. **Book Reviews**: Each student will write three book reviews of the required reading. Each book review is due on various dates, therefore please check
the course schedule at the end of the syllabus. Papers should be between 5-7 pages and show a clear demonstration that you read the book and analyzed its contents. Please note what concepts you can or cannot apply to your local ministry.

2. Exams: Mid-Term and Final.

3. Final Project: Each student will prepare a Youth Ministry Handbook that can be given to parents and youth. This handbook should be typed, no more than 12 pages total (single-spaced), and should cover the following areas:
   a. The Ministries purpose and function
   b. Policy on Adult Staff
   c. Policy on Youth Staff
   d. Policy on Outings and Trips
   e. Policy on Medical Release and Liability Issues
   f. Policy on Adult Involvement in Youth Ministry/Outings
   g. Policy on Dress and Conduct
   h. Policy Regarding Youth Disciplinary Actions
   i. Statement Regarding Education in Youth Ministry
   j. Statement Regarding the Ministry of the Church

Should the student have another idea for the project, then approval must be sought with the professor.

**Late Work**

Projects:

In the event that you are unable to turn in your project or book review on the stated date, you may still turn in late assignments. Five (5) numerical points will be deducted from the assignment each day (Weekends included) AFTER the stated due date. You must turn in the stated projects in order to pass the course. Note: This class meets only once a week. Your papers need to be physically submitted (no emails due to grading, etc). Therefore, waiting until the next class session will cost you 35 points. It is best to plan ahead and simply turn your projects in on time.

Exams:

Tests can be made up in the event of a ministry (or personal) emergency. All make up tests will be essay. The student should contact the professor as soon as the emergency is known. The professor reserves the right to deny a make-up if he deems the emergency superfluous.

You should not expect to miss exams!
**Participation**

The student should not do the following in class:

1. Have cell phones on and in use during class time.
2. Surf the Internet while class lectures are in progress.
3. Refuse to participate in class discussions.
4. Work on other course work, projects, etc. while in this class.

If the instructor records the student breaking these participation rules, then the instructor will deduct one point per recorded violation from the student’s final numerical grade.

**Class Schedule**
This assignments are fixed, the subjects covered is tentative.

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<td>Read the Syllabus</td>
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