Pastoral Ministry (PM 511): ONLINE
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 at BMATS

Course Description

PM 511. Pastoral Ministry: Attention is given to the nature of a call to pastoral ministry or a staff position in church ministries. A study is made of church organization and administration, finances, and staff relationships and the understanding of varied ministerial contexts. Brief attention is given to parliamentary procedure, denominational (associational) work, and public relations. Note: Master’s students who have taken PM 311 must substitute another level III course for this one.

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Plagiarism
The rule of thumb is: “When in doubt, cite!” Don’t do it, and if you have questions about the subject see your student handbook.

Online Course Information:

Please note the nature of online courses. This is NOT a self-paced or independent study. This is an online course that will require weekly participation and attendance online. You will need the necessary technology to make this work.

Essentially you will log-in to Moodle on a weekly basis and complete the required assignments. This syllabus guides you, and gives you a time frame for assignments to be completed. Please use this syllabus with Moodle.
Course Objectives

- Prove and discuss the call, role, and function of pastor.
- Prioritize daily duties, functions and demands of the pastorate.
- Rank key components necessary for successful ministry.
- Analyze the role of family and personal life in pastoral ministry.
- Evaluate key elements of a call to ministry.
- Argue the marks of biblical preaching.
- Produce a theology of ministry that encompasses the various duties of the pastorate.
- Perform adequate pastoral counseling techniques.
- Apply key Scriptural passages to pastoral ministry.

Required Reading Text Books:


*Note: Weekly reading assignments in these texts are given in Moodle. Please follow the moodle schedule for assignments.

Course Assignments

To complete the course

1. Participation: Discussion and assignments for this course are given online in Moodle under PM 511. You must complete all assignments to pass the class, and you must complete them in the time frame given here in the class schedule.

2. Please note that in Moodle there are 8 subjects (Called Topics in Moodle). You will have two weeks per subject/topic to complete all the assignments under each subject/topic. I have listed the subjects (topics) below and the corresponding two-week period you have to complete each subject. Please go by this time frame and use this schedule along with Moodle. I will be
monitoring all forums, discussions, and expecting to see your essays via email.

3. Any time a subject (topic) in moodle requires a paper (essay) you should email me the paper (essay) no later than the end of the two-week time period.

*Class Schedule and Course Work Time Frame:*

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**Works Cited**


