

Bible and Theology Department

"Shaping Servant-Leaders"

— Course Synopsis —

<p>COURSE NUMBER and TITLE: BNT/BOT/THE /PCS 646 Theological Studies Seminar CREDIT HOURS: 3 SEMESTER: Spring 2021 COURSE DAY/TIME: Thursdays, 2:00-4:45 (This class will not meet for most of the semester while the students write their papers.) LOCATION: AGTS 227</p>	<p>INSTRUCTOR: Roger D. Cotton, Th.D. PHONE: 417-865-2815 ext. 8876 or 417-268-1076 OFFICE: AGTS 214 EMAIL: cottonr@evangel.edu OFFICE HOURS: posted by office door</p>
<p><u>REQUIRED TEXT:</u></p> <p>There are no required texts to own for this course but the student must carefully follow the <u>Ninth edition of Turabian</u> to present the paper in correct style.</p> <p>Recommended Texts (These will be on reserve in the library.)</p> <p>Turabian, Kate L. <i>A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations, Ninth Edition: Chicago Style for Students and Researchers</i>. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2018. [ISBN: 10: 9780226494425]</p> <p>Also, the student may want to consult the following source for better understanding of the process of doing this paper:</p> <p>Vymeister, Nancy Jean and Terry Dwain Robinson. <i>Quality Research Papers for Students in Religion and Theology</i>. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2014. [ISBN: 0310514029].</p>	

Course Requirements:

This is the capstone academic experience for the degree of Master of Arts in Theological Studies and functions as the final assessment tool for the degree. This course is designed to guide and assist the student in preparing a major seminar paper (about a third the size of a thesis—35 pages—but functioning much like one). The required research, interpretation, and writing provide the opportunity to demonstrate competency within the chosen concentration of study. The students will critique each other's work before the final submission.

Details on the requirements and an extended bibliography will be a part of the syllabus, which will be available a week prior to class through course commons.