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**MNST 4322: Evangelism**

**Spring 2, Spring 2023**

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**Class Meeting: Virtual only**

**Catalog Description:**

**Prerequisite**: Upper Level Standing, or permission by department chair/advisor.

**Required Textbook and Resources**:

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| **Title** | **Editor/Author** | **Publisher** | **Ed** | **Year** | **ISBN** |
| *The Study of Evangelism* | Chilcote and Warner | Eerdmans |  | 2008 |  |
| *Models of Evangelism* | Pope-Levinson | Baker |  | 2020 | 9781493427383 |

**Course Outcome Competencies**: **MNST4322: Evangelism** – 3 hrs – Principles, messages, and methods of the New Testament evangelism and discipleship. **Prerequisite(s):** RLGN1301 and RLGN1302.

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the New Testament strategy of evangelism
2. Understand the importance of the Holy Spirit, prayer, compassion, and patience in evangelism
3. Equipped to share their personal testimony.
4. Demonstrate proficiency in sharing the Gospel in a systematic manner
5. Know how to approach non-Christians with a view of sharing the Gospel with them
6. Know how to be sensitive to those around them

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**Tentative Schedule**

**Grading for the Course MNST 4322**

All posts are due in accordance with date and time specified herein. Each week’s posting has a “100” point total possibility. This includes the student post and response portions of the week’s assignment.

Each individual assignment for weeks one through four will carry a weight of “200” point total possibility.

The capstone assignment will carry the value of a “400” total point possibility. However, failure to turn in a capstone assignment will result in a lack of credit in the course. The goal of evangelism is to practice being evangelistic at some level, whatever level you can at this point in your faith journey. There must be a concerted effort to fulfill this requirement in order to receive credit for the course.

Therefore, total points available for the course will be 2000 points:

1790-2000 points A

1590-1789 B

1390-1589 C

1190-1389 D

Below 1190 or failure to attempt capstone F

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Rule for Posts in Discussion Board

Student Post: Each post from the assigned reading section will have a word count of “250 words” at a minimum. There is not an expectation that each student should write substantially more than this length, but there must be a demonstration of interaction with the assigned reading. The instructor will begin each week’s thread, and each student post will respond in kind by the assigned due date.

Student Response: The instructor will not place a word limit upon the post responses, but each student must respond in discussion with every other post in the class. You must do better than “I agree,” or “good point.” If you do agree, point out why there is agreement. If you believe a valid point has been offered, state why the post has offered a good point. WE WILL BE VERY CONSCIENTIOUS TO BE THOUGHTFUL, BUT NOT OVERLY CRITICAL, OF EACH OTHER’S VIEWS. State disagreement or divergence of opinion with great respect for one another, please.

**Assignments for MNST 4322**

*Week One Assignments*

* Personal Testimony-- “My Life in Christ” (1-2 pp. typewritten double-spaced)
	+ A good rule of thumb for a testimony is to focus upon who a person was before their personal commitment to Christ, the actual events surrounding the decision for Christ, and emphasis upon the ongoing difference Christ has made and continues to make in your life today (20% prior to conversion, 20-30% accounts of events and circumstances surrounding decision to follow Christ, 50-60% of the impact of the conversion experience upon life since the decision).

*Week One Discussion Boards*

* *The Study of Evangelism*, part One
* Student Post Due by Wednesday, midnight
* Student Response Due by Saturday, midnight

*Week Two Assignments*

* “Biblical Foundations of Salvation”
	+ Need to create a list of biblical texts that are useful for evangelism (minimum 5 verses)
	+ Next to each verse, write a brief statement (a couple of sentences) of how the verse might contribute to a gospel conversation.

*Week Two Discussion Boards*

* *The Study of Evangelism,* part Two
* Student Post Due by Wednesday, midnight
* Student Response Due by Saturday, midnight

*Week Three Assignments*

* “Gospel Presentation Illustrations”
	+ In this written assignment, the student will gather at least three examples from everyday life or popular culture that might aid in helping share the gospel message. These examples must be familiar enough to a prospective audience that they do not require significant explanation.
	+ Along with the description of the illustration, write a brief explanation of how you might use the illustration in a gospel conversation.

*Week Three Discussion Boards*

* *The Study of Evangelism*, part Three
* Student Post due by Wednesday, midnight.
* Student Response due by Saturday, midnight.

*Week Four Assignments*

* “Gospel Presentation”
	+ Write a brief script of how you might share the gospel in a conversation. Be careful that we are not overly guilty of “Christianese,” language and terminology that a person who has little experience in religion or the Bible would not understand. Use terms and explanations that might be easy for someone with little faith journey to understand. In your document, make sure you consider at least three potential barriers that a listener might present as a question. In your presentation, share from the scriptures and personal experience in Christ answers to these possible barriers to belief.

*Week Four Discussion Boards*

* *The Study of Evangelism,* part Four
* Student Post due by Wednesday, midnight.
* Student Response due by Saturday, midnight.

*Weeks Five through Eight Assignment (Capstone Assignment)*

* Produce a narrative verbatim of a gospel conversation you have with an individual, or group, before the term ends. Assignments from weeks one through four should inform your ability to have a conversation with an individual about your relationship with Jesus. It is understood that evangelism is a Spirit-sensitive event, so we are not asking you to simply fulfill the requirements of the course. This is an event that serves as a culminating goal as an outcome for the course. A successful assignment submission reflects that you shared Jesus with a person or group and wrote an account of your event. Obviously, we would all hope that the outcome would be for someone new to begin a relationship with Christ, but this is not the subject of the assignment. One of the barriers to practicing personal evangelism is a lack of experience, skill, and confidence in sharing about one’s faith. Therefore, our goal is to share what we applied in the first four weeks to someone else before the end of the class.
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* The capstone assignment is due at the end of the course. The final submission of the event or conversations will be presented in a narrative format, summarizing the teaching moment(s) and/or follow-up conversation(s). Please give attention to the following: salient teaching points, salient questions or concerns of the evangelistic interaction, personal reflection upon the event(s), and personal statement regarding what you learned from engaging in personal evangelism, especially how this may become more of a normative practice in your life.

*Week Five Discussion Boards*

* *Models of Evangelism,* chapters 1-2.
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*Week Six Discussion Boards*

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* Student Post due by Wednesday, midnight.
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| *Evangelism in a Skeptical World* | Chan | Zondervan |  | 2018 |  |
| *The Celtic Way of Evangelism* | Hunter | Abingdon Press |  | 2010 | 9781426732089 |

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Each book review will carry a value of “300” point total possibility. Graduate students must complete BOTH book reviews in order to obtain credit for the course. Failure to complete book reviews will result in failure of the course.

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Therefore, total points available for the course will be 2600 points:

2340-2600 points A

2080-2339 B

1820-2079 C

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Book Review

Book review expectation: In a single paragraph, the student will summarize the overall salient arguments of the author. The summary will demonstrate enough interaction with the text to demonstrate evidence of reading the volume. The remainder of the book review, which must exceed one page in length but cannot exceed two pages, will highlight the student’s views of the reader’s positions. The document will be double-spaced with normal 1” margins, Times New Roman, font 12, and will be submitted as either a Word document or a PDF. The book review will consider the following questions: Where do you find common ground with the author? Why do you share this common ground? Where do you find divergence in thought from the author? Why do you find disagreement with the author? Book reviews are, by their nature, critical, so the student must consider the overall value of the book to thought in the subject area.

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BOOK REVIEW #1 DUE *The Celtic Way of Evangelism: How Christianity Can Reach the West…Again,* 10th Anniversary Edition

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BOOK REVIEW #2 DUE *Evangelism in a Skeptical World: How to Make the Unbelievable News about Jesus More Believable*.