

**MIS5551: North American Church Planting Field Exercise**  
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**SEBTS MISSION STATEMENT:** Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary seeks to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ by equipping students to serve the church and fulfill the Great Commission.

**Course Description:** A field based study which exposes the student to North American church planting through participating in foundational church planting activities in a 10-13 supervised internship with a church plant or a church planting church. 3 semester hrs. Upon request and professor approval.

**Course Objectives:**

- A. To expose participants to the unchurched / unevangelized people of North America.
- B. To provide a field experience involving current surveying and evangelistic models.
- C. To master required texts and explore church planting / evangelism philosophies.
- D. To observe the church planting process and aid in developing a planting strategy.

**Course Texts:**

Thom Rainer and Eric Geiger, *Simple Church* (B&H, 2006). ISBN: 0805443908  
Dave Kraft, *Leaders Who Last* (Crossway Books, 2010). ISBN: 978-1433513183

**Course Requirements:**

- A. For each book, write a 1-2 page single-spaced evaluation of major themes (not a summary).
- B. Research (internet, books, etc.) people group dynamics (demographics, history, etc.) of the church plant internship context and/or the intended church plant location. Incorporate research into the reaction paper and record in reading log when possible with bibliography.
- C. Develop at least one goal in the areas of evangelism, discipleship, and leadership.
- D. Journal about weekly activities, insights, and questions and incorporate in reaction paper.
- E. Write a 10-12 page, double spaced, reaction paper incorporating research insights, your church planting experiences, readings from textbooks, and other readings.
- F. Have field supervisor complete the evaluation form.

**Grade:** Your grade will have four components: (1) Two book evaluations (15% each), (2) Journal and weekly reports (20%), (3) Reaction paper (30%), (4) Supervisor evaluation (20%).

**Grade Scale:**

- A = 95 – 100
- B = 87 – 94
- C = 77 – 86
- D = 70 – 76
- F = 69 or below