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COURSE SYLLABUS

EVAN 101

EVANGELISM AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An in-depth study of how to lead people to Christ. Special attention will be given to the theology of all aspects of evangelism including the follow-up. Various methods of approach and presentation will be considered. Emphasis will be placed on evangelism and the local church for conservation of results.

RATIONALE

This course was designed in obedience to the biblical mandate supported by Liberty University to evangelize the lost. Its purpose is to train the student to evangelize and to equip others for evangelism in today's culture, a skill especially needed by the student studying for a vocation in church and para-church ministries.

I. PREREQUISITE

For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the [Academic Course Catalog](#).

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE

Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm>

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

- A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
- B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
- C. Please note, technical skills for this course include:
 - Creating and submitting files in Microsoft Word
 - Basic Blackboard navigation skills
- D. *The Holy Bible*: Any version is acceptable. When the student is asked to identify a verse, the verse will be taken from the New International Version.

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Examine the biblical basis for evangelism.
- B. Identify Scripture passages to assist in personal evangelism.
- C. Explain the various methods/presentations of sharing one's faith in Jesus Christ with others.
- D. Describe the biblical principles of Christian living, including the basic steps leading to spiritual growth and maturity and the fundamentals of living a "Spirit-filled" life.
- E. Interpret the relevant passages of Scripture that are presented in this course that make prescriptions to discipleship.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations
- B. Course Requirements Checklist

After reading the Course Syllabus and [Student Expectations](#), the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

- C. Discussion Board Forums (3)

Discussion boards are collaborative learning experiences. The first graded Discussion Board Forum is a preparation for the Testimony Paper. The student will submit at least 2 replies of at least 200 words each to the instructor's thread. Each of the other Discussion Board Forums must be completed in 2 parts: 1) the student will submit a thread of at least 200 words in response to the instructions provided, and 2) the student will then submit at least 1 reply of at least 150 words to the thread of a classmate, fulfilling the assigned criteria.

- D. Testimony Paper

The student will share his or her Christian testimony in a 1-1½-page paper consisting of 4 parts: 1) life before salvation, 2) identifying a need for Christ, 3) circumstances surrounding conversion, and 4) spiritual growth after salvation.

Note: If the student is not a Christian or if his or her beliefs differ from those of Liberty University, the student will instead write a 1-1½-page paper containing the following 2 parts: 1) answer to the question "Do you agree that man is born with a sin nature (Romans 3:23)? Why or why not?" and 2) answer to the question "Do you agree that Jesus is the only way to eternal life (Romans 6:23)? Why or why not?" The Testimony Paper must be written in current APA, MLA, or Turabian style (whichever corresponds to the student's degree program).

E. Methods of Evangelism Paper

In a 4–7-page paper, the student will select 3 methods of evangelism from the lists provided. These methods must be researched and the student must summarize his or her findings. He or she will present advantages and disadvantages of each method, then compare and contrast each method and choose the method that best fits his or her life and personality. Then, the student will explain how this method will help him or her in future evangelistic encounters. Note: If not a Christian, the student will compare and contrast as above and will discuss whether or not he or she believes these methods are effective and, if applicable, how he or she may have seen these methods demonstrated. The Methods of Evangelism Paper must be written in current APA, MLA, or Turabian style (whichever corresponds to the student’s degree program).

F. Witness Report

During the term of this course, the student will witness to 1 unbeliever in a face-to-face encounter and then document that encounter in a 1½–2-page paper consisting of 3 parts: 1) the method used and circumstances in which the conversation began, 2) the unbeliever’s reaction to the gospel, and 3) the student’s concluding response to the unbeliever. Note: If not a Christian, the student will instead write a paper of the same length for equal grading consideration explaining why he or she is not a Christian and elaborating on the teachings presented in this course. The Witness Report must be written in current APA, MLA, or Turabian style (whichever corresponds to the student’s degree program).

G. Exams (5)

There will be 5 open-book/open-notes exams in this course. Each exam will cover the Reading & Study material presented within the assigned modules/weeks. Each exam will consist of randomized multiple-choice and true/false questions, and 2 of the exams will contain an essay question. Each exam must be completed within the 1-hour time limit. Exam study guides are provided to assist the student in preparing for these exams.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Points

Course Requirements Checklist	10
Discussion Board Forums (1 at 25 pts; 2 at 100 pts ea)	225
Testimony Paper	75
Methods of Evangelism Paper	100
Witness Report	100
Exams (5 at 100 pts ea)	500
Total	1010

B. Scale

A = 900–1010 B = 800–899 C = 700–799 D = 600–699 F = 0–599

C. Instructor Feedback and Response Time

Responses to student emails will be provided within 48 hours and assignment feedback will be given within 1 week from the assignment due date.

D. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online's Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.

The vendors for software and tools used in this course are committed to ensuring their products contain no barriers for users with disabilities and are both usable and accessible by everyone, regardless of age, ability, or situation:

- Blackboard: <http://www.blackboard.com/Platforms/Learn/Resources/Accessibility.aspx>
- Google: <https://www.google.com/accessibility/all-products-features.html>
- iTunes: <http://www.apple.com/support/accessibility/>
- Microsoft: <http://www.microsoft.com/enable/products/office2013/default.aspx>
- YouTube: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/189278?hl=en>

COURSE SCHEDULE

EVAN 101 – Evangelism and the Christian Life

Textbooks: LUC: Earley & Wheeler, *Everyday Series: Evangelism* (2016).
LUC: Gutierrez, *Living the Christian Life* (2014).

MODULE/ WEEK	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
1	Earley & Wheeler: chs. 3–6 Gutierrez: chs. 1–2 1 presentation 1 study guide	Course Requirements Checklist	10
		Contact Information	0
		Class Introductions	0
		DB Forum 1	25
		Exam 1	100
2	Earley & Wheeler: chs. 30, 32 1 presentation	Testimony Paper	75
3	Earley & Wheeler: ch. 20 Gutierrez: chs. 3–6 1 presentation 1 study guide	Exam 2	100
4	Earley & Wheeler: chs. 7–14 1 presentation 1 study guide	Exam 3	100
5	Earley & Wheeler: chs. 15–18, Appendix 2 1 presentation 1 study guide	DB Forum 2 Exam 4	100 100
6	Earley & Wheeler: chs. 31, 34–40 Gutierrez: ch. 7 1 presentation	Methods of Evangelism Paper	100
7	Earley & Wheeler: chs. 22–29 (ch. 19 for DB Forum 3, Option 2) 1 presentation 1 study guide	DB Forum 3 Exam 5	100 100
8	Earley & Wheeler: ch. 33 2 presentations	Witness Report	100
TOTAL			1010

LUC = Liberty University Custom
DB = Discussion Board

NOTE: Each course module/week (except Module/Week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final module/week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on **Friday**.