

West Coast Baptist College

Training Leaders in the 21st Century

BI 562 Independent Research
CE 562 Independent Research

Syllabus

Instructor: Dr. Jerry Goddard

I. Course Description

Each student in the Master's Degree in Religious Education whether for the Bible degree or the Christian Education degree must write a 10,000 word thesis on a practical area of Christian ministry in the local church. The thesis should be written in a format that can be used as a manual for a specific area of ministry either in a church ministry or Christian school.

II. Course Objectives

- To allow the student to think through carefully and thoroughly all aspects of a specific ministry either in the local church or the local church Christian school.
- To develop a philosophy with respect to that area of ministry that is communicated in a concise and clear fashion.
- To build carefully principles from the Word of God into this project so that it is a ministry philosophy grounded in scriptural convictions.
- To think through the practical aspects of carrying out through a strategy the philosophy and purpose of this particular area of ministry.
- To build a manual that can be used within the arena of the area studied.

III. Course Requirements

- Students should choose their topic and have it approved by the instructor.
- A basic outline of the paper must be submitted to the instructor. This outline should include all research sources being used in the thesis.
- The final draft of the thesis will be submitted in a three-ring binder.

III. Course Requirements (Continued):

- A copy of the thesis will be retained by the college office.

IV. Method of Evaluation

Each student's grade for the course will be based on the following factors:

Content of the thesis
Form and style of the thesis
Grammatical correctness of the thesis

V. Bibliography

The publications listed below may aid you in the successful completion of this course.

Anderson, Jonathan and Millicent E. Poole. *Assignment and Thesis Writing*. New York: John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 2002.

Borg, Walter R. and Meredith D. Gall. *Educational Research: An Introduction*. New York: Longman, 1989.

Davis, Gordon B. and Clyde A. Parker. *Writing the Doctoral Dissertation*. New York: Barron's Educational Series, Inc., 1979.

Fraenkel, Jack R. and Norman E. Wallen. *How to Design and Evaluate Research in Education*. New York: McGraw-Hill, Inc., 1996.

Teitelbaum, Harry. *How to Write a Thesis*. ARCO, 2003.

Turabian, Kate L. *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*. Chicago, IL: The University of Chicago Press, 1996.

Van Wageningen, Keith. *Writing a Thesis: Substance and Style*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1991.