

## COURSE OUTLINE

**REQUIRED READING:** A Baptist Manual of Polity and Practice, (2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Edition). By Norman H. Maring & Winthrop S. Hudson. Judson Press. (Available through both The Judson Press and Amazon.com).

**DISCUSSION PAPERS:** A one to two-page discussion paper on each session will be required. A list of suggested topics will be provided for each session. The discussion papers will be due prior to the start of the next session.

**FINAL PAPER:** A five to six-page paper on a topic of the student's choice on the material covered in the course will be expected within two weeks following the conclusion of the course.

**GRADING:** The course will be graded on a pass-fail basis.

**COURSE SESSIONS:**

**SESSION:**

1. European and Colonial Baptist Beginnings (Required Reading: Maring & Hudson, Chapter One).
2. Basic Baptist Beliefs: (Required On-line readings).
3. Baptist understanding of the meaning of Church (Required Reading: Maring & Hudson, Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5).
4. Local Church Leadership: (Required Readings: Maring & Hudson, Chapters 6 & 7)
5. Baptism and The Lord's Supper: (Required Readings: Maring & Hudson, Chapter 8).
6. The Association Principle and Autonomy & Interdependence: (Required Reading: Maring & Hudson, Chapters 9 & 10)
7. American Baptist Regional and National denominational structures: (Required Readings: Maring & Hudson, Chapter 11).
8. Baptist and Cooperative Ministries and Relationships: Required Reading: Maring & Hudson, Chapter 12.

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