



Church Leadership and Administration

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Mission Statement

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

Purpose of the Course

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with the basics of Christian leadership and administration built around servant and transformational leadership principles.

Curriculum Competencies Addressed

This course will address the following curriculum competencies:

1. *Biblical exposition:* The student will discover passages of Scripture that will address biblical foundations for leadership in the local church or Christian ministry setting.
2. *Theological and historical perspective:* The course will provide a systematic and historical progression of church leadership and ministry as it has evolved to the requirements today.
3. *Effective servant leadership:* The course is designed not only to teach about servant leadership but also to encourage the student to practice this leadership style.
4. *Interpersonal relationships:* The course contains a strong emphasis on interpersonal skills as a vital aspect of leadership and administration.
5. *Disciple making:* In this course, students are encouraged to understand that the ultimate purpose of leadership is transforming.
6. *Worship leadership:* The course does not directly address worship leadership, however the leadership principles discussed will relate to any venue of ministry in the local church.
7. *Spiritual and character formation:* Students are taught that ministry leadership and administration should flow out of a transformational walk with Jesus Christ.

Course Description

This course will focus on a study of the servant leadership model as a basis for personal concepts of church and Christian ministry. By combining the requisite skills for a biblical concept of church administration, the student will explore appropriate models and formulate their personal leadership and administration style for Christian ministry.

Student Learning Outcomes

By the completion of the course, you will be able to:

1. Identify from Scripture biblical concepts for leadership in the local church and Christian ministry venues, and analyze these practices in terms of a biblical worldview.
2. Develop an understanding of the leadership principles found in Transformational/Servant Leadership and how they integrate into the management of the local church or Christian ministry venue.
3. Know and apply the administrative principles and practices in the planning, organizing, leading and evaluating the ministries of the local church or Christian ministry organization.
4. Develop an understanding of how the leadership and administrative practices in the course apply to the principle church administrative arenas of personnel, finance, and property and then able to communicate those in their ministry context.
5. Integrate and synthesize responses to situational studies relating to leadership and administration in the local church or Christian ministry setting.

Required Readings

The following texts and resources are required reading for class discussions and are to be read in their entirety unless otherwise specified.

Required Texts

Geiger, Eric and Kevin Peck. *Designed to Lead*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2016.

Malphurs, Aubrey. *Being Leaders: The Nature of Authentic Christian Leadership*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 2003.

Welch, Robert. *Church Administration: Creating Efficiency for Effective Ministry*, Second Edition. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2011.

Supplemental Textbook:

Dean, Jody and Allen Jackson. *Protect*. Birmingham: AL. YM360, 2018.

Course Teaching Methodology

Units of Study: Leadership and Administration units of study will be integrated together throughout the teaching schedule.

Unit One: Sections One through Seven

Material taken from Malphurs, *Being Leaders*

Historical overview of leadership and the Biblical response.

- The call of the Christian leader.
- Biblical perspectives on Transformational/Servant Leadership.
- Introduction to leadership and change agency.
- The envisioning process and leading volunteers.
- Issues in leadership style.

Unit Two: Sections Eight through Fourteen

Material taken from Welch, *Church Administration*

- Introduction to administrative principles.
- Administrative processes of planning, organizing, leading, and evaluation.
- The administrative composite.
- Skills for effective leadership and administration: committees, meetings, and budgets.
- Skills for effective leadership and administration: personnel management.
- Skills for effective leadership and administration: time management, decision making, delegation, and communication.
- Skills for effective leadership and administration: ministry program management.
- Ministerial salary and allowances.
- Church Constitution, By-laws, and Policy and Procedure Manuals.
- Risk Management in a changing culture.

Teaching Method. The course is being offered in an on-campus one day per week format.

Response Time. Regarding all forms of correspondence and communication, students can expect a response within one working day. Questions over a weekend may not have the same response rate as Monday through Friday since the professor's travel and serve in ministry.

Assignments and Evaluation Criteria

You will respond to two summary examinations during the course of instruction.

1. Exam on *Being Leaders* and Unit One: Sections One through Seven. During the semester, there will be an exam on *Being Leaders* from a provided note and study guide. The study guide will be posted on BlackBoard. You will be asked on the exam as to whether you have read the Malphurs book in its entirety. **(10/2)** *This assignment is related to SLO #1 and #2. This exam will be taken online through Blackboard.*
2. Exam on Unit 2. **(12/2)** Sections Eight through Fifteen and *Church Administration: Creating Efficiency for Effective Ministry*. The Note-Guide and exam study guide will be posted on BlackBoard. You will be asked on the exam whether you have read *Church Administration: Creating Efficiency for Effective Ministry* in its entirety. *This assignment is related to SLO #3 and #4. This exam will be taken online through Blackboard.*
3. Developing a chapter-by-chapter summary of the text: *Being Leader: The Nature of Authentic Christian Leadership*. Write approximately one-half page of summary and half page application on each of the eight chapters for a total of eight pages (double-spaced). The student should also complete the audits in the Appendix section of the text. The final portion of the summary should reveal the students reflections on the audits in the Appendix of the Text. *This assignment is related to SLO #1 and #2. A rubric for this assignment may be found on Blackboard.*

DUE: 9/23

4. Annotated List of Sources: You will create 5 annotations following the annotated bibliography format in Turabian for leadership and 5 annotations for administration. The annotations can come from articles, magazines, journals, books, or websites. These sources are intended to create a binder for you in the areas of leadership and administration in relation to personnel, finances, and property in the context of the local church. A total of 10 annotations should be submitted for this assignment. *This assignment is related to SLO #4. A rubric for this assignment may be found on Blackboard. DUE: 10/21*
5. Administration Synthesis Paper: Writing a five page, double spaced paper outlining your implementation plan for how administrative work is applied in the local church. The student should highlight the planning, organizing, leading, and evaluating components outlined in the Church Administration textbook as well as from several teaching units about these functions. A student may also consider aspects of personnel management, guiding church documents, and budgets within this paper. *This assignment is related to SLO #3. A rubric for this assignment may be found on Blackboard. DUE: 11/18*
6. Responding to assigned case studies. The professors throughout the semester will present various case studies of catastrophic moments that could happen under or because of your leadership as well as your administration of planning and organizing the work of ministry in the church. *This assignment is related to SLO #5.* The student can expect three case studies as a part of the course for a grade. One will be assigned during class time in each of the following months February, March, and April. Each of the case studies count 5% for a combined total of 15%.

Malphurs Chapter summary	20%
Exam One on Malphurs material	20%
Exam Two on Welch material	20%
Administration Synthesis paper	15%
Annotated list of sources	10%
Case study and assigned discussion	15%

Course Schedule

Week	Thursday 2:00-4:50pm	Assignments/Unit
One	8/19	Clarifying Your Call, Historical & Biblical Overview of Leadership
Two	8/26	Historical & Biblical Overview of Leadership, A Leader's Core
Three	9/2	Leadership Credibility & Capability
Four	9/9	Leadership Influence & Power
Five	9/16	Creating a Climate for Change
Six	9/23	Creating a Climate for Change/Leadership Context: Assignment due: Malphurs Chapter Summary
Seven	9/30	Establishing Ministry Vision
Eight	Break for Fall 10/7	
Nine	10/14	Risk Management: Safety, Security, Insurance, People, Abuse & other topics as time allows.

Ten	10/21	Constitutions, By-laws, and Church Policy Assignment due: 10/21 Annotated List of Sources
Eleven	10/28	Committees, Meetings, and Time Management
Twelve	11/4	Process of Administration and Planning the Work
Thirteen	11/11	Organizing and Leading the Work,
Fourteen	11/18	Evaluating and Financing the Work (Budgets) Assignment Due: 11/18 Administration Synthesis Paper
Fifteen	11/25	Thanksgiving
Sixteen	12/2	Minister 's Personal Finances How to Disciple and Motivate the People through the Administrative Work

Course Policies

Academic Honesty Policy: All graduate and undergraduate NOBTS students, whether on-campus, internet, or extension center students, are expected to adhere to the highest Christian standard of honesty and integrity when completing academic assignments for all courses in every delivery system format. The Bible provides our standard for academic integrity and honesty. This standard applies whether a student is taking tests, quizzes, exams, writing papers, completing Discussion Boards, or any other course requirement.

Assignment Formatting: Unless otherwise noted, all assignments are to follow Turabian 8th edition. All written assignments must be Word documents or PDFs to insure the professor or teaching assistant can open the document, written in third person unless otherwise instructed, and created in 12 pt. Times New Roman font.

Assignment Submission: All assignments are to be submitted to Blackboard by the assigned time of the due date unless otherwise indicated. Do not send files as attachments via email to the professor. For technical reasons, this mode of file transmission is extremely inefficient.

Grading Scale: Your final grade will be based on your total accumulation of points as indicated under the *Assignments and Evaluation Criteria* section of this syllabus according to the grading scale in the NOBTS 2017-2018 catalog.

A 93-100 B 85-92 C 77-84 D 70-76 F 69 and below

Late Assignments: Only under extreme circumstances, and with prior approval, will a late assignment be accepted. Late assignments will be assessed an initial 10 percent penalty and 1 percent for each day after the due date (i.e. 10/1 points for a 100 point assignment, 3/.3 points for a 30 point assignment). No assignments will be accepted more than two weeks after the original due date. Missed presentations may not be made up.

Netiquette: Appropriate Online Behavior: Each student is expected to demonstrate appropriate Christian behavior when working online. The student is expected to interact with other students in a fashion that will promote learning and respect for the opinions of others in the course. A spirit of Christian charity is expected at all times in the online environment.

Plagiarism: A high standard of personal integrity is expected of all students. Copying another person's work, submitting downloaded material without proper references, submitting material without properly citing the source, submitting the same material for credit in more than one course, and other such forms of dishonesty are strictly forbidden. *Although anything cited in three sources is considered public domain, we require that all sources be cited.* Any infraction will result in failing the course. Any infraction will be reported to the Dean of Students for further action.

Revision of the Syllabus: The course syllabus is not a legal contract. Any syllabus revision will be preceded by a reasonable notice to students. The standards and requirements set forth in this syllabus may be modified at any time by the professor. Notice of such changes will be by announcement in class or by email notice.

Withdrawal from the Course: The administration has set deadlines for withdrawal. These dates and times are published in the academic calendar. Administration procedures must be followed. You are responsible to handle withdrawal requirements. A professor can't issue a withdrawal. You must do the proper paperwork to ensure that you will not receive a final grade of "F" in the course if you choose not to attend once you are enrolled.

Technical Assistance: For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System NOBTS.Blackboard.com.
3. ITCsupport@nobts.edu - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

Help for Writing Papers at "The Write Stuff"

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer.

Additional Information

Blackboard and SelfServe: You are responsible for maintaining current information regarding contact information on Blackboard and SelfServe. The professor will utilize both to communicate with the class. Blackboard and SelfServe do not share information so you must update each. Assignment grades will be posted to Blackboard.

Correspondence with the Grader: You should contact the grader via email at sararobinson@gmail.com The grader responds to email during normal business hours, 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays only. The grader may not respond to late night or weekend e-mails until regular "business" hours. Please respect the grader's personal time. Remember, graders are students as well and have their own coursework and research to complete. Please be respectful in the language you use in your emails to the grader.

Writing Style Guide

Writing assignments should follow the **NOBTS/Leavell College Manual of Form and Style** (revised August 2019). To access this manual on the seminary website, please use the following link: <https://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/writing/StyleGuide.pdf>.

Correspondence with the Professor: Every effort is made to respond to emails and phone calls within 24-48 hours, excluding weekends. Please feel free to contact the professor(s) with any question you may have regarding this course.

NOBTS Emergency Text Messaging Service: Once you have established a SelfServe account you may sign up for the NOBTS emergency text messaging service by going to <http://nobts.edu/NOBTSEmergencyTextMessage.html>.

Special Needs: If you need an accommodation for any type of disability, please set up a time to meet with the professor(s) to discuss any modifications you may need that are able to be provided.

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