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[This course begins **January 19, 2021**, and, by
that date, students should have access to
Blackboard.]

*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.

Core Value Focus

Doctrinal Integrity – Knowing that the Bible is the Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit to it. The doctrinal statements used in our evaluations are our Articles of Religious Belief and the Baptist Faith and Message Statement.

Spiritual Vitality – We are a worshiping community, with both personal spirituality and gathering together as a Seminary for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word.

Mission Focus – We are not here merely to get an education or to give one. We are here to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

Characteristic Excellence – What we do, we do to the utmost of our abilities and resources as a testimony to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Servant Leadership – We follow the model of Jesus and exert leadership and influence through the nurture and encouragement of those around us.

Annually, the President will designate a core value that will become the focus of pedagogy for the year. For 2020-2021 academic year that Core Value is *Mission Focus*.

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 (SLO)

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.

Optional Texts

See attached bibliography

Course Teaching Methodology

Units of Study

Unit 1 – Leadership in the Church & Christian Organization

Unit 2 – Leadership Definitions & Biblical Leadership

Unit 3 – Leadership Influence & Power

Unit 4 – Creating a Climate for Change

Unit 5 – Key Traits of Effective Leadership

Unit 6 – The Role of Creating Vision

Unit 7 – Personal & Church Leadership Synthesis

Unit 8 – Planning as an Administrative Process

Unit 9 – Organizing

Unit 10 – Leading as an Administrative Process

Unit 11 – Evaluating as an Administrative Process

Unit 12 – Time Management Skills for Leaders

Unit 13 – Dealing with Meetings, Committees, and Teams

Unit 14 – Budgeting

Unit 15 – The Minister and His Personal Finance Plan

Teaching Method. The course is team taught by faculty representing both pastor and staff perspectives of church leadership and administration. If two professors are listed as instructors, a student should include both professors in their email for communication since the course is team-taught with two professors.

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

Assignments and Evaluation Criteria

- 1. Chapter Summary (15%):** Develop a chapter-by-chapter summary of the Malphurs’s text: *Being Leaders: The Nature of Authentic Christian Leadership*. Write approximately one-half page Summary/ one-half page perspective on each of the eight chapters for a total of 8 pages (double-spaced). **Due: Friday March 12th @ 11:59 p m** (Following Unit 8)

- 2. Administrative “Pretest” (20%):** A pretest on administrative vocabulary and important processes is available on Blackboard for you to complete before the workshop begins. The purpose of this assignment is to gain familiarity with the terms, processes, and people in order to inform class discussions. **DUE: March 8th**

- 3. Administration Synthesis Paper (15%):** Write a five-page, double spaced paper outlining your implementation plan for how administrative work in the local church. Think of an overview explaining admin processes to a deacon body or administrative team. The student should combine the planning, organizing, leading, and evaluating components outlined in the *Church Administration* textbook with insight from articles (annotated bibliography assignment) discussions in class, interviews with church leaders and common sense. Include aspects of personnel management, guiding church documents, policy documents, and financial processes within this paper. *This assignment is related to SLO #3. A rubric for this assignment may be found on Blackboard.* **DUE: April 15 (tax day ☺)**

- 4. Leader Discussion Boards (15%):** Pre-Course Blackboard Discussion Posts are integral to the design of this course. It allows students to interact prior to in-class workshop. Each student is expected to participate by responding to each of the professor’s posted questions. A total of five (5) pre-course discussion questions will post on Blackboard every other week covering Units 1-5.

- 5. Leadership Final Exam (20%) Due April 30th, 2021**

- 6. Annotated List of Sources: (15%):** You will create 5 leadership 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.* **Due April 5th, 2021**

Summary of Grading and Percentages

Chapter Summary of Malphurs Text	15%
Administration Synthesis paper	15%
Annotated List of Resources	15%
Leadership Discussion Boards	15%
Midterm/Final Exams	40%

Pre-Workshop Schedule

Week One: Jan. 18th-24th

Reading: *Designed to Lead*: Intro, Chapter 1 | Being Leaders Chapter 1,2
 Blackboard Discussion Post #1: Leadership: What's missing

Week Two: Jan. 25th-31st

Reading: *Designed to Lead*: Chapter 2,3 | Being Leaders Chapter 3,4
 Blackboard Discussion Post #2: Leadership: Conviction

Week Three: Feb. 1st-7th

Reading: *Designed to Lead*: Chapters 5,6 | Being Leaders Chapter 5,6
 Blackboard Discussion Post #3: Leadership: Culture

Week Four: Feb. 8th-14th

Reading: *Designed to Lead*: Chapters 7,8 | Being Leaders Chapter 7,8
 Blackboard Discussion Post #4: Leadership: Pipeline

Week Five: Feb. 15th-21st

Reading: *Designed to Lead*: Chapters 9
 Blackboard Discussion Post #5: Leadership: Continued

Week Six: Feb. 22nd-28th

Video Series w/Dr. Mark Johnson

Week Seven: March 1st-7th

Video Series w/Dr. Mark Johnson

Workshop Schedule

Monday March 15 th 2021	Topic
1:00pm – 4:00pm	Christian Leadership
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Administration
Tuesday March 16 th 2021	Topic
8:00am – 11:00am	Christian Leadership
1:00pm – 4:00pm	Administration
Wednesday March 17 th 2021	Topic
8:00am – 11:00am	Christian Leadership
1:00pm – 4:00pm	Administration
Thursday March 18 th 2021	Topic
8:00am – 11:00am	Christian Leadership
1:00pm – 4:00pm	Administration
Friday March 19 th 2021	Topic
8:00am – 12:00pm	Wrap-Up/Final Instructions

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, written in third person unless otherwise instructed, and created in 12 pt. Times New Roman font. PDFs will not be accepted.

Assignment Submission: All assignments are to be submitted to Blackboard by 11:59 p.m. 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 2019-2020 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.

NOBTS Style Guide: This course will follow the NOBTS Writing and Style Guide.

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. BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System NOBTS.Blackboard.com.
2. ITCSupport@nobts.edu - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
3. 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.

Plagiarism on Written Assignments

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

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