

MN-601: Foundations of Christian Leadership

University of Dubuque

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DESCRIPTION	<p>This course introduces a Christian understanding of the theory and practice of leadership focusing on four core aspects of leadership: practices, organization, environment, and God's sovereignty. It examines Biblical and theological concepts of leadership, explores modern understandings of leadership, and applies these concepts and understandings to missional contexts.</p>
OBJECTIVES	<p>Course Learning Outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introduce the Biblical and theological foundations of the practice of leadership. <i>Assessment: Weekly Discussion/Responses God's Sovereignty and Human Leadership</i>2. Integrate contemporary theories of leadership into a holistic framework. <i>Assessment: Weekly Discussion/Responses Personal Practice of Leadership Organization Impact on Leadership Greater Environment and Leadership</i>3. Articulate a missionally-oriented commitment to a Christian leadership. <i>Assessment: Weekly Discussion/Responses Biblical Analysis of Holistic Leadership</i> <p>Program Goals Met by this Course:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Identify and interpret key themes from the Christian scriptures. (Reinforced)2. Articulate key theological affirmations of the church's theological tradition. (Reinforced)3. Develop a missional strategy with attention to a particular cultural context. (Reinforced)4. Articulate a coherent personal philosophy of Christian leadership. (Introduce and Reinforce)

RESOURCES

Kouzes, James and Barry Posner. *The leadership challenge* (Sixth ed.). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2017. ISBN 978-1119278962

Bolman, Lee and Terrence Deal. *Reframing organizations: Artistry, Choice, and Leadership* (Fifth ed.). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2013. ISBN 978-1118573334

Nouwen, Henri. *In the Name of Jesus*. New York: Crossroad Publishing, 1989. ISBN 978-0824512590

Bolsinger, Tod. *Canoeing the Mountains*. Downers Grove, Ill.: Intervarsity Press, 2015. ISBN 978-0830841264

In addition, each student will read and analyze a book of Scripture selected in consultation with the instructor.

Other video and written resources will be provided online.

REQUIREMENTS

Weekly Responses to Readings/Lectures	25%
Personal Practices of Leadership	15%
Organizational Impact on Leadership	15%
Greater Environment and Leadership	15%
God's Sovereignty and human Leadership	15%
Biblical Analysis of Holistic Leadership	<u>15%</u>
	100%

GRADING SCALE

3 Credits; Letter grade only	A 93-100	C 73-76
	A- 90-92	C- 70-72
	B+ 87-89	D+ 67-69
	B 83-86	D 63-66
	B- 80-82	D- 60-62
	C+ 77-79	F below 60

TOPICAL SCHEDULE

- I. Introduction to Christian Leadership
 - A. What is leadership?
- II. Personal Practices of Leadership
 - A. Action
 - B. Attitude
 - C. Vision
- III. Organizational Impact on Leadership
 - A. Structure
 - B. Conflict
 - C. Empathy
- IV. Greater Environment and Leadership
 - A. Change
 - B. Technical and Adaptive Competence
- V. God's Sovereignty and Human Leadership
 - A. Following while leading