



PATH6335 PASTORAL LEADERSHIP
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Division of Church Ministry
Fall 2023 * Tues. & Thurs. * 8:00-9:20 AM
Plus NOLA2U Flex

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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.

Course Description

The purpose of this course is to explore leadership styles and principles from a pastoral perspective. Students will examine and analyze profiles from biblical, historic, and contemporary personalities. Students will also evaluate current emerging trends in pastoral leadership from the perspective of the senior pastor of a local church.

Student Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this course, each student should be able to:

1. Identify the current challenges facing pastoral leaders.
2. Develop and articulate a personal, comprehensive model of pastoral leadership.
3. Understand key components of pastoral leadership styles as they relate to pastoral ministry.
4. Analyze their ministry setting and determine the most effective pastoral leadership style.
5. Assess the strengths and weaknesses of their pastoral leadership.

Course Textbooks

Cowen, Gerald P. *Who Rules the Church? Examining Congregational Leadership and Church Government*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2003.

McIntosh, Gary L. *the 10 Key Roles of a Pastor: Proven Practices for Balancing the Demands of Leading Your Church*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2021.

Mohler, R. Albert. *The Gathering Storm: Secularism, Culture and the Church*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2020.

Course Teaching Methodology

1. Presentations and dialogue by the professor.
2. Case studies.
3. Interactive assignments with the course textbooks.

4. Q & A with the students.

Course Requirements

1. Develop a **Pastoral Leadership Biblical Profile**, utilizing the following biblical personalities and the related biblical passages:

- a. Moses – Exodus 18:9-27; Hebrews 11:23-31
- b. Jesus – Matthew 4:12-25; Matthew 10:1-42; Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 10:1-11:13; John 10:7-18.
- c. The Apostles – Acts 2:42-47; Acts 6:1-7
- d. Paul – Acts 20:17-38
- e. Peter – 1 Peter 5:1-11

The Pastoral Leadership Biblical Profile should answer the following questions:

- (1) What are the Duties and Responsibilities of a pastoral leader?
- (2) What are the Competencies/Skills that a pastoral leader must develop?
- (3) What is the difference between pastoral ministry and pastoral leadership?

Compose the Profile as if you were writing a biblical theology and philosophy of pastoral leadership. Format: Double-spaced, 6-8 pages, title page required. Place Scripture references as endnotes and not footnotes. First person not allowed. **Due: No later than 8:00 AM, August 24. Submit in Canvas course shell.**

2. Read the *Who Rules the Church?* textbook by Cowen and write a **Content Analysis**. The content analysis is to contain a one-half (½) page summary of EACH chapter of the book (total of three pages), a one-page discussion on the strengths and weaknesses of the book, and a one page discussion on the student's areas of agreement and disagreement, for a total of five (5) pages in length, single-spaced. Title page required. Endnotes instead of footnotes for direct quotes. **Due no later than 8:00 AM, October 26. Submit in Canvas course shell.**

3. Read *The Gathering Storm* textbook and write a **Reflection Paper**, to involve the following: Of the topics covered in the textbook, (a) which five (5) are the most surprising to the student regarding 21st century pastoral leadership and why? (b) which five (5) are the most challenging to the student regarding 21st century pastoral leadership and why? The discussion of (a) and (b) should include real life examples from the personal experience of the student. The Personal Reflection paper should be 10 pages in length (approximately one page per surprise and one per challenge, single-spaced, cover page required. Endnotes instead of footnotes for direct quotes. First person allowed for this assignment. **Due no later than 8:00 AM, November 28. Submit in Canvas course shell.**

4. Read required chapters in *the 10 Key Roles of the Pastor* by McIntosh. **Weekly chapter readings** will be assigned to supplement the class discussions. The **Midterm and Final exams** will cover material from the McIntosh textbook as well as presentations by the professor.

5. **Take Midterm and Final exams. The Midterm Exam is due no later than 9:20 AM, October 12. The Final Exam is due no later than 10:00 AM on December 5. Both exams should be submitted in the Canvas course shell.**

If you are taking this course as a NOLA2U Flex student, please note the following attendance policies:

1. You are required to be in class either through viewing the lectures live or viewing the recorded lectures on Canvas. When you view the recorded lecture, you will be considered present for that class. Regardless of if you watch the class live or recorded, you are only allowed to miss the amount of class time specified in the NOBTS attendance policy as stated in this syllabus.
2. You will be asked to certify that you have been present for the live session or have viewed the recorded session. This certification will be done through identifying a key word or phrase after having watched the class live or viewing the recorded session.
3. All video lectures are available for 7 days after the video is posted. If you are unable to view the video within that time frame, you will be considered absent for that class session.
4. Technical issues will not be considered a valid reason for missing a lecture.

Course Schedule

August 15/17 – Critical Issues in Contemporary Pastoral Leadership

August 22/24 – The Pastor as Preacher: Chapter 1 – The Speaker’s Hat

Pastoral Leadership Biblical Profile Due

August 29/31 -- The Pastor as Strategic Leader: Chapter 2 – The Captain’s Hat, Chapter 7 – The Student’s Hat

September 5/7 -- The Pastor as Evangelist: Chapter 8 – The Pioneer’s Hat

September 12/14 -- The Pastor as Disciple-maker: Chapter 5 – The Director’s Hat

September 19/21 -- The Pastor as Administrator: Chapter 4 – The Executive’s Hat

September 26/28 -- The Pastor as Leader-developer: Chapter 9 – The Conductor’s Hat

October 3/5 -- Fall Break – No Class

October 10/12 – Midterm Exam Review/**Midterm Exam**

October 17/19 -- Discussion on Church Governance Issues & The Pastor as Equipper: Chapter 3 – The Coach’s Hat

October 24/26 – The Pastor as Counselor: Chapter 6 – The Counselor’s Hat

Cowen Content Analysis Due

October 31/November 2 -- The Pastor as Community Leader: Chapter 10 – The Reporter’s Hat

November 7/9 -- The Pastor as Conflict Manager

November 14/16 -- The Pastor as Change Agent

November 21/23 -- Thanksgiving Break – No Class

November 28 – Discussion on the Issues of *The Gathering Storm*

Mohler Reflection Paper Due

December 5 – **Final Exam** – 8:00-10:00 AM

Evaluation of Grade

The student's grade will be computed as follows:

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| Pastoral Leadership Biblical Profile | 20% |
| Cowen Content Analysis | 20 % |
| Mohler Reflection Paper | 20% |
| Midterm Exam | 20% |
| Final Exam | 20% |

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend and participate in the class sessions. Any student missing more than nine hours may receive an automatic grade of “F” for the course. Three tardies will count as one absence.

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 or My.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. Canvas@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Canvas Learning Management System (Faculty/Students/Staff) Canvas.NOBTS.edu.
3. Bluejeanshelpdesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Bluejeans & NOBTS Bluejeans classrooms (On and Off-Campus)
4. TelephoneHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS On-Campus Phone system.
5. ITCSupport@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests in the Flex classrooms and for general technical questions/support requests. If you are not sure who to contact, use this email address!
6. [504.816.8180](tel:504.816.8180) - Call for any technical questions/support requests. (Currently available Mon-Thurs 7:00am-9:00pm & Fri 7:00-7:00pm Central Time)
7. 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. A copy of the approved NOBTS Style Guide can be found in the course Canvas shell, or can be located online at the Writing Center’s page on the seminary website at: <https://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/writing/StyleGuide.pdf>

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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