



PMLS8300 Strategic Leadership

A Professional Doctoral Seminar

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

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Tuesday (1:00 – 9:00 pm); Wednesday-Thursday (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)

All times listed = Central Time

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to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.*

Course Description

The purpose of this seminar is to study strategic leadership theory and its applications and implications upon churches and ministry organizations. Strategic dimensions of leadership to be examined include strategic thinking, strategic foresight, strategic influence, strategic team-building, and strategic action.

Student Learning Outcomes

By the completion of the course, each student will be able to:

1. Identify the biblical concepts for strategic leadership, utilizing case studies from biblical leaders.
2. Develop an understanding of strategic leadership principles and their application to a church or ministry organization context.
3. Value strategic leadership and its function in a church or ministry organization context.
4. Increase and implement strategic leadership skills in a church and ministry organization context.

Required Textbooks

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

Adair, John. *Strategic Leadership: How to Think and Plan Strategically and Provide Direction*. Philadelphia: Kogan Page, 2010.

Hughes, Richard L., Katherine Colarelli Beatty, and David L. Dinwoodie. *Becoming a Strategic Leader: Your Role in Your Organization's Enduring Success*. Second Edition. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2014.

Seminar Requirements and Assignments

Before the Seminar:

Format for Assignments 1 and 3: Single-spaced, a space between each single-spaced paragraph, no paragraph indentions, informal writing style. However, the title page, margins, pagination, and heading/subheadings should utilize Turabian 8th edition. Students may use first person in Assignments 1 and 3. However, first person should be reserved for what you did or what you are going to do – not what you think.

Format for Assignment 2: The Case Study is to be 10-12 pages, double-spaced, utilizing formal style according to Turabian 8th edition, regarding title page, margins, pagination, headings/subheadings, etc. Textbook and Scripture references must utilize footnotes in Turabian form. Students may not use first person in Assignment 2.

1. Each student will read *Becoming a Strategic Leader* by Hughes, Beatty, and Dinwoodie and compose a **Critical Analysis**, containing the following components for EACH chapter of the text:
 - a. A one-paragraph summary of the chapter.
 - b. A two-paragraph discussion of the application of the chapter content to a Congregational or Ministry organization context.
 - c. Select two significant components from the chapter, and give a one paragraph discussion for each component regarding how to improve or enhance that component in the student's ministry context.
2. Each student will read *Strategic Leadership* by John Adair. Utilizing the Seven Functions of Strategic Leadership in Part Two of the textbook, develop a **Case Study** of a biblical leader who modeled strategic leadership. The Case Study should include: (1) a brief description of the strategic personality of the biblical leader, (2) two examples from the life of the biblical leader for EACH of the Seven Functions of Leadership, and (3) a brief discussion of three applications from the case study to a Congregational or Ministry Organization context. The professors will assign a biblical leader to each student by August 28, 2023 on CANVAS.
3. Each student will read **ONE** (1) of the textbooks listed below, and compose an **Annotated Analysis**, to involve the following components: (1) a two-page summary of the contents of the book, (2) the identification of five [5] key insights and issues addressed in the book related to strategic leadership and a one-page discussion for EACH

insight, relating the importance and utilization of the insight in the student's ministry context, and (3) a one-page reflection on the two significant strengths of the book for strategic leadership in a Congregational or Ministry Organization context. (Total page count for this assignment = 8 pages). The Annotated Analysis is to be single-spaced, a space between each single-spaced paragraph, no paragraph indentions, and must utilize formal style according to Turabian, 8th edition, regarding cover page, margins, pagination, headings/subheadings, etc. Instead of footnotes, quotations or content material can be referenced with end notes. First person allowed.

NOTE: Each student will be assigned a book for the Annotated Analysis. Please complete the assignment individually and upload to CANVAS as noted elsewhere in the syllabus. During the seminar, the professors will give instructions for group presentations utilizing a PowerPoint presentation or talking points list. The assignment for book selection will be posted on CANVAS by August 28, 2023.

Cuss, Steve. *Managing Leadership Anxiety: Yours and Theirs*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2019.

Groeschel, Craig. *Lead Like It Matters: 7 Leadership Principles for a Church That Lasts*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2022.

Kouzes, James M. and Barry Z. Posner. *Everyday People, Extraordinary Leadership: How to Make a Difference Regardless of Your Title, Role, or Authority*. Hoboken, New Jersey: John Wiley and Sons, 2021.

Nieuwhof, Carey. *At Your Best: How to Get Time, Energy & Priorities Working in Your Favor*. Colorado Springs, CO: WaterBrook, 2021.

Perkins, Dennis N.T. *Leading at The Edge: Leadership Lessons from the Extraordinary Saga of Shackleton's Antarctic Expedition*. Second Edition. New York: AMACOM, 2012.

Stowell, Stephen J. and Stephanie S. Mead. *The Art of Strategic Leadership: How Leaders at all Levels Prepare Themselves, Their Team, and Organizations for the Future*. Hoboken, New Jersey: John Wiley and Sons, 2016.

Assignments 1, 2, & 3 are to be submitted to CANVAS no later than midnight, Monday, November 27, 2023.

During the Seminar

Seminar Presentations: Each seminar participant will be involved in seminar presentations and discussions involving all three Pre-seminar assignments.

Seminar Participation: Seminar participants are expected to be active participants in all sessions of the seminar.

After the Seminar:

Each student will develop a **Strategy for Implementing Strategic Leadership** in their Congregation or Ministry Organization context. The Strategy must utilize all of the seminar textbooks and class discussions. Specific instructions regarding the format, structure, and components of the Strategy will be given by the professor prior to the end of the seminar. **The Strategy Paper is to be posted in CANVAS no later than Friday, December 22, 2023.**

Course Evaluation:

Case Study	25%
Critical Analysis	25%
Annotated Analysis	25%
Strategy	25%

Learning Management System (CANVAS): You will be enrolled in the CANVAS class. Pre-seminar and Post-seminar assignments should be uploaded on or before the assigned due date. Course schedule, documents, and other presentations will be shared on Canvas by the professors.

Student Canvas Resources

Student Guide to Canvas: <https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Student-Guide/tkb-p/student>

Canvas Tutorial Videos: <https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Video-Guide/tkbp/videos#student-videos>

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](https://nobts.edu/selfserve) site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
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.
4. Canvas.NOBTS.com - Click on the “Help” button for technical questions/support requests regarding the NOBTS CANVAS System. You can also email questions to Canvas@nobts.edu.

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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- _____. *The Habits of Highly Effective Churches: Being Strategic in Your God-given Ministry*. Grand Rapids: Regal, 1999.
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