



On-Campus Course Syllabus

CSL 540 L00.A

Conflict Management

Fall 2019

Class Information

Day and Time: Tuesday 4:15 to 6:45pm

Room Number: E205

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Course Description and Prerequisites

An examination of the causes of conflict, the role of emotional intelligence in conflict management, and techniques for conflict resolution.

Course Objectives

At the end of this course, students should be able to:

1. Understand more clearly the nature of conflict and the dynamics surrounding conflict.
2. Explore common theories and techniques for managing conflict.
3. Identify basic skills necessary for Conflict Management in relationships including both counseling, ministry, teaching, and work-related settings.
4. Practice listening skills and conflict resolution skills to serve as a model for implementation outside the classroom
5. Create a personal philosophy of Conflict Management that is coherent, balanced, and practical.

Required Textbooks

Harper, G. (2004). *The joy of conflict resolution: Transforming victims, villains and heroes in the workplace and at home*. Gabriola Island, BC: New Society Publishers. ISBN: 9780865715158

Patterson, K., Grenny, J., McMillan, R., & Switzler, A. (2012). *Crucial conversations: Tools for talking when stakes are high* (2nd ed.) New York, NY: McGraw-Hill. ISBN: 9781469266824

Shelley, M. (1994). *Well-intentioned dragons: Ministering to problem people in the church*. Minneapolis, MN: Bethany House Publishers. ISBN: 9781556615153

Course Requirements and Assignments

1. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the student's semester grade will depend upon the completion of a Mid-Term exam.
2. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the student's grade will depend upon the completion of a Comprehensive Final Exam.
3. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the student's grade will depend on the completion of a Research Project consisting of a Research Paper and associated Class Presentation. First, the student will write a Research Paper on a topic related to this course: Conflict Management. Students must choose a topic within the first two weeks of class that is approved by the Professor. Topics can include things like: 1) Conflict Resolution in Marriage, 2) Conflict Resolution in the Church, 3) A Peace Strategy to Ease Racial Tensions in the Local Community, 4) A Strategy of Peace and Forgiveness for Estranged Family Members 5) Forgiveness: My Personal Journey, or another topic approved by the Professor. In addition to the textbooks assigned for the class, the Research Paper should have a minimum of 5 additional sources. These sources are to be books and reputable journal articles (as opposed to "research" retrieved from the internet). The body of the paper will be approximately eight to 10 double-spaced pages, according to APA Style and Format. A sample paper and detailed instructions for APA Style and Format can be viewed at the following link:

- <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

When writing and organizing the paper, the student is to create and maintain a basic structure according to APA style. In addition, the following questions, and suggestions, can help guide the student section by section:

- Introduction: _____ (10 pts.) The introduction to the paper addresses current statistics, current events, and/or current research regarding the topic in order to appropriately introduce and grab the reader's attention? The writer defines key terms and concepts related to the topic. The writer provides an overall structure, and purpose for writing the paper (objectives) in the Introductory section of the paper.
- Body of the Text: _____ (20 pts.) Does the paper address the most important dimensions and key concepts regarding the topic from the assigned textbooks? Are these resources cited throughout the body of the paper according to APA style? Does the student link together his/her thoughts throughout the paper? Is there a logical flow of thought? Does the student use third person, instead using first person? Does the student use substantive research/resources to support the textbooks from at least 5 additional sources—either books or journal articles (not "research" cut and pasted from online)? Does the body of the paper flow in a logical fashion using effective transition sentences to link the paragraphs together?
- Practical Application _____ (20 pts.) Did the student apply the knowledge from the research in a real life situation? Did the student develop a strategy to implement Peace, in a way that was a blessing for all involved individuals, or groups? What was the strategy? What were the steps? Did the student protect the confidentiality of all participants? What were the results?
- Conclusion and Implications: _____ (20 pts.) Did the student provide a summary of the main points, and practical suggestions for counselors, teachers, and/or ministers to keep in mind when serving individuals, couples and/or families? Did the student summarize the key insights, principles, and practical steps? In other words, did the student adequately, and effectively answer the "So what?" question for this Research Project?

- Grammar and Style ____ (10 Pts.) Are the sentences complete as opposed to fragmented sentences? Are there few grammatical mistakes? Are there spelling mistakes? Is there a title page, abstract, and Reference page? Is the paper written in 3rd person? Is the paper according to APA style?
- Presentation ____ (20 Pts.) Did the student hit the highlights for the topic? Was the presentation interesting and creative? Did the presentation finish and end in a timely fashion (30 minutes with a time for questions)? Was there a PowerPoint and handout? Did the presenter handle the questions from the class in an effective manner? Was the written portion of this Research Project presentation submitted to the professor before the time of the presentation?

The following two rubrics will also be used to score the research paper:

<https://www.rcampus.com/rubricshowc.cfm?code=Z99W78&sp=yes&> (APA Style Rubric)

<http://assessment.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/CriticalThinking.pdf> (Critical Thinking Rubric)

4. Twenty five percent (25%) of the student's grade will depend on regular class attendance, class participation, and 7 quiz grades throughout the course of the semester. Some of the quizzes will be unannounced to encourage class attendance, and to encourage students to stay up with their assigned reading requirements. In addition, a final class attendance and participation grade will be worth one quiz grade (Quiz #6). This subjective grade will be assessed at the conclusion of the semester. Hence, in order for students to receive full credit for this requirement for the course, students must not only attend class, but also participate in class.
5. Finally, it is important to note that no late work, or excuses, will be accepted. It is the student's responsibility to fulfill all requirements for the course in a timely fashion.

Course/Classroom Policies and Information

Students in this class will be allowed 2 absences. A third absence will result in the loss of a letter grade for the course. A fourth absence will result in a failing grade, "F" for the course. As mentioned earlier, no late work will be accepted for any reason. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure all required work is turned in on time. Scores on the Quizzes, the Midterm and Final Exam, and the Research Paper will not be accepted after the due dates in the Syllabus.

Class Attendance

Students are responsible for enrolling in courses for which they anticipate being able to attend every class session on the day and time appearing on course schedules, and then making every effort to do so. When unavoidable situations result in absence or tardiness, students are responsible for acquiring any information missed. Professors are not obliged to allow students to make up missed work. Per their independent discretion, individual professors may determine how attendance affects students' ability to meet course learning objectives and whether attendance affects course grades.

Grading Scale

A	93-100	4.0 grade points per semester hour
A-	90-92	3.7 grade points per semester hour
B+	87-89	3.3 grade points per semester hour
B	83-86	3.0 grade points per semester hour
B-	80-82	2.7 grade points per semester hour
C+	77-79	2.3 grade points per semester hour
C	73-76	2.0 grade points per semester hour
C-	70-72	1.7 grade points per semester hour
D+	67-69	1.3 grade points per semester hour
D	63-66	1.0 grade point per semester hour
D-	60-62	0.7 grade points per semester hour
F	0-59	0.0 grade points per semester hour

Incomplete Grades

Students requesting a grade of Incomplete (I) must understand that incomplete grades may be given only upon approval of the faculty member involved. An "I" may be assigned only when a student is currently passing a course and in situations involving extended illness, serious injury, death in the family, or employment or government reassignment, not student neglect.

Students are responsible for contacting their professors prior to the end of the semester, plus filing the appropriate completed and approved academic request form with the Registrar's Office. The "I" must be removed (by completing the remaining course requirements) no later than 60 calendar days after the grade was assigned, or the "I" will become an "F."

Academic Honesty

Absolute truth is an essential belief and basis of behavior for those who believe in a God who cannot lie and forbids falsehood. Academic honesty is the application of the principle of truth in the classroom setting. Academic honesty includes the basic premise that all work submitted by students must be their own and any ideas derived or copied from elsewhere must be carefully documented.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- cheating of any kind,
- submitting, without proper approval, work originally prepared by the student for another course,
- plagiarism, which is the submitting of work prepared by someone else as if it were his own, and
- failing to credit sources properly in written work.

Institutional Email Policy

All official college email communications to students enrolled in this course will be sent exclusively to students' institutional email accounts. Students are expected to check their student email accounts regularly and to

respond in an appropriate and timely manner to all communications from faculty and administrative departments.

Students are permitted to setup automatic forwarding of emails from their student email accounts to one or more personal email accounts. The student is responsible to setup and maintain email forwarding without assistance from college staff. If a student chooses to use this forwarding option, he/she will continue to be responsible for responding appropriately to all communications from faculty and administrative departments of the college. Criswell College bears no responsibility for the use of emails that have been forwarded from student email accounts to other email accounts.

Disabilities

Criswell College recognizes and supports the standards set forth in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and similar state laws, which are designed to eliminate discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities. Criswell College is committed to making reasonable accommodations for qualifying students, faculty, and employees with disabilities as required by applicable laws. For more information, please contact the Student Services Office.

Intellectual Property Rights

Unless otherwise specifically instructed in writing by the professor, students must neither materially nor digitally reproduce materials from any course offered by Criswell College for or with the significant possibility of distribution.

Resources and Support

Canvas and SONIS: Criswell College uses Canvas as its web-based learning tool and SONIS for student data. Students needing assistance with Canvas should contact the Canvas Help Support line at (844) 358-6140. Tech support is available at this number, twenty-four hours a day. Students needing help with SONIS should contact the Campus Software Manager at studenttechsupport@criswell.edu.

Student Services: The Student Services Office exists to foster and encourage success in all areas of life—physical, intellectual, spiritual, social, and emotional. Students are encouraged to reach out for assistance by contacting the office at 214.818.1332 or studentservices@criswell.edu. Pastoral and certified counseling services are also available to Criswell students. Appointments are scheduled through the Dean of Students, at deanofstudents@criswell.edu.

Wallace Library: Students can access academic resources and obtain research assistance by visiting the Wallace Library, which is located on campus. For more information, go to the library website, or email the Wallace Library at library@criswell.edu.

Writing Center: Students are encouraged to consult with writing tutors to improve and enhance their skills and confidence by practicing techniques of clear and effective writing. To consult with a tutor, students can visit the Writing Center located on the first floor near the Computer Lab, or they can schedule an appointment by emailing writingcenter@criswell.edu or calling 214.818.1373.

Course Outline/Calendar

Week	Dates	Learning Opportunities
1	Aug. 19—23 Aug. 20	Introductions, Syllabus Review Start with Heart (Patterson Chapters 2 and 3)
2	Aug. 26—30 Aug. 27	Make it safe (Patterson Chapter 4) Last Day to Drop this Course (Friday August 30); Quiz 1
3	Sept. 2—6 Sept. 3	Master My Stories (Patterson Chapter 5)
4	Sept. 9—13 Sept. 10	My Paths/Your Paths (Patterson Chapter 6)
5	Sept. 16-20 Sept. 17	Move to Action (Patterson Chapters 7 and 8) Quiz 2
6	Sept. 23—27 Sept. 24	Crucial Conversations Conclusion (Patterson Chapters 9-11)
7	Sept. 30—Oct. 4 Oct. 1	Victims, Villains, Heroes (Harper Chapters 1, 2, 3) Review for Mid Term Exam
8	Oct. 7—11 Oct. 8	Mid Term Exam
9	Oct. 14—18 Oct. 15	Defensiveness (Harper Chapters 6 and 10)
10	Oct. 21—25 Oct. 22	Anger Mountain Harper (Chapters 7 and 8) Oct. 25 Last Day to Withdraw Quiz 3
11	Oct. 28—Nov. 1 Oct. 29	Listening (Harper Chapters 9, 11, 12)
12	Nov. 4—8 Nov. 5	Class Field Trip TBD
13	Nov. 11—15 Nov. 12	Road to Resolution (Harper Chapters 13 and 14) Quiz 4
14	Nov. 18—22 Nov. 19	Guest Presenter
14	Nov. 25—29	Fall Break
15	Dec. 2—6 Dec. 3	Student Presentations Review for Final Exam
16	Dec. 9-13 Dec 10	Final Exam

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