



Online Course Syllabus
MIN505.L1
Christian Leadership
Fall 2021

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Course Description and Prerequisites

An examination of distinctive principles of Christian leadership. Seeks to evaluate contemporary thought about leadership, assisting each student in achieving the most significant leadership skills possible. Attention is given to researching and developing a biblical philosophy of leadership and ministry.

Course Objectives

At the end of this course, the student should demonstrate the ability to satisfy the following course outcomes:

1. Biblical Studies: to have knowledge and to apply Christian leadership principles from the Bible and the life of Christ.
2. Theology: to understand and have knowledge to apply the biblical and theological foundations of Christian leadership.
3. Integration: to evaluate leadership principles and skills, and apply them to one's own context of ministry.
4. Research: to research and evaluate the life of a Christian leader to assist the student with the development of a biblical philosophy of leadership and ministry.

Required Textbooks

Malphurs, Aubrey, *Developing Emotionally Mature Leaders*, Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2018.

ISBN: 9780801019449

Plueddmann, James E. *Leading Across Cultures, Effective Ministry and Mission in the Global Church*,

Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2009. ISBN: 978-0-8308-2578-3

Youseff, Michael, *The Leadership Style of Jesus*, Eugene: Harvest House Publishers, 2013. ISBN: 978-0-7369-5230-9

Course Requirements and Assignments

- A. **Class Participation (5%):** All students are required to come to class ready to participate actively in class discussion of lectures, reading assignments and case studies.
- B. **Christian Leadership Journal (15%):** All students are required to keep a weekly journal of leadership terms, definitions, principles, skills, assessments, philosophy and application during the semester from assigned textbook readings, lectures, class discussions, research and case studies. Students are required write 1-2 page summary and upload it in Canvas each week (see Course Outline).
- C. **Reflective Summaries: (15%):** All students are required to write a 1-2 page (maximum) reflective summary of *The Leadership Style of Jesus*, Michael Youssef on chapters 1-10 assigned each week in the Course Schedule. You should analyze the chapters according to the following three dimensions: content, positive evaluation/negative evaluation, application. Each dimension should be titled. Your reflective summary should be uploaded in Canvas at least **one hour** before class starts each week.
- D. **Leader Paper (25%)** Each student will choose a leader from the list in Canvas and write ten to twelve pages, double-spaced paper on the leader. You should have at least 12 references including books and journal articles including proper footnoting for graduate level research. The following outline should be observed:

- I. Introduction with thesis statement (1/2 page)
- II. Body of Paper (9-10 pages)
 - A. Brief Bio of Leader (3 pages)
 - B. Life and Work of the Leader (5-6 pages)
 - C. Evaluation of the Leader (2-3 pages)
- III. Conclusion (1/2 page)

Title page: Due date: 08/30/21 @ 11:59pm, Bibliography: Due date: 09/06/21 @11:59pm, Outline of Paper: Due date: 09/20/20 @ 11:59pm, Research paper: Due date: 11/15/21 @ 11:59pm.

Note: Submit title page, outline, body of paper and bibliography in one document.

Note: All written assignments must be presented in the writing style outlined in the *Criswell College Manual of Style*, third edition, Dallas.

- E. **Assigned Textbook Chapter Readings (10%):** All students are required to read all assigned chapters in the course textbook, *Leading Across Cultures*, by James E. Plueddemann. Note: Students are required to read the assigned chapters each week and be ready to discuss in class. See Course Outline for Chapter Reading assignments. Report the percentage of the reading of the book in Canvas. Submit Reading Report in Canvas. Due date: **November 29, 2021 @ 11:59pm**
- F. **Assigned Textbook Chapter Readings and Assessments in Appendices (10%):** Each student will be required to read all assigned chapters in the course textbook, *Developing Emotionally Mature Leaders*, by Aubrey Malphurs. Note: Students are required to read the assigned chapters each week and be ready to discuss them in class. See Course Outline for Chapter Reading assignments. Report the percentage of the reading of the book (including Assessments in Appendices) in Canvas. Submit Reading Report in Canvas. Due date: **December 6, 2021 @ 11:59pm.**

- G. **Personal Leadership Case Study Paper (20%).** Each student will write a personal case study of the student's past & current ministry work with honest assessment on areas of ministry or business the student needs to improve and steps that will be taken to improve in leadership. The personal leadership case study will be a ten (10) page, double-spaced paper. The paper should be in your own words with less than 30% quotations from other materials. Submit in Canvas. Due date: **December 06, 2021 @ 11:59pm.** This assignment is in lieu of final exam. **Note: All written assignments must be presented in the writing style outlined in the *Criswell College Manual of Style*, third edition, Dallas.** The following outline should be observed:

- I. Introduction with thesis statement (1/2 page)
 - A. Your thesis statement: In the following paragraphs, I will give a personal case study of my past and current ministry work, give an assessment of areas I need to improve, and give steps I will take to improve my ministry work.
- II. Body of Paper (9 pages)
 - A. Past and Current Ministry Work (3 pages)
 - B. Assessment of My Ministry (3 pages)
 - C. Steps to Improve My Ministry (3 pages)
- III. Conclusion (1/2 page)

Course/Classroom Policies and Information

(Delete section if not needed or enter policies and/or information applicable to your course or classroom. Create relevant subheadings as desired.)

Attendance

Students are responsible for enrolling in courses for which they anticipate being able to participate weekly during the weeks appearing on course schedules, and then making every effort to do so. Such participation may include the following: completing quizzes or exams; emailing faculty or class members as part of an assignment; discussion board posting or response; turning in an assignment; or other communication reflecting ongoing learning in the course. When unavoidable situations result in non-participation, students are responsible for acquiring any information missed. Instructors are not obliged to allow students to make up missed work. Per their independent discretion, individual instructors may determine how participation affects students' ability to meet course learning objectives and whether participation affects course grades.

Grading Scale

(Assigning grade definitions [i.e., above average, average, below average] is optional. Please delete the last column below if not assigning definitions. Additionally, delete these instructions when completing syllabus.)

			Grade Definitions (optional)
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 instructors 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 close of the term or semester in which the grade was awarded, 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 Assessment

Material submitted by students in this course may be used for assessment of the college’s academic programs. Since programmatic and institutional assessment is done without reference to specific students, the results of these assessments have no effect on a student’s course grade or academic standing at the college. Before submitting a student’s work for this type of assessment, the course instructor redacts the work to remove anything that identifies the student.

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.

Identity Verification

Students enrolled in Distance Education courses are required to present a photo ID to verify their participation in each course at the beginning of the term. Confirmation will occur through live-streamed meetings, video assignments, scheduled video conference calls, and/or another online video medium the instructor assigns.

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 instructor, 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 contacting or visiting the Wallace Library, which is located on campus. For more information, email the Wallace Library at library@criswell.edu. Offsite login information is available in Canvas in the “Criswell Student Training Course” under “Library Information.”

Tutoring Center: Students are encouraged to consult with tutors to improve and enhance their skills and confidence in any subject matter taught at the college. Tutors have been recommended by the faculty to ensure that the tutor(s) are qualified to serve the student body. Every tutor brings experience and expertise in an effort to provide the proper resources for the subject matter at hand. To consult with a tutor, students can visit the Tutoring Center located on the second floor in room E203, or schedule an appointment by emailing tutoringcenter@criswell.edu or by calling 214.818.1373.

Distance Education

Students participating in courses through Distance Education, with or without live interaction, must complete the academic requirements for those courses with the integrity and commitment necessary to participate in and benefit from all of the exercises provided by the instructor for learning the subject matter of the course. Therefore, credit for Distance Education courses is the same as credit for courses taken on campus.

Course Outline/Calendar

Course Outline, Reading Assignments and Due Dates:

Y: Youssef; M: Malphurs; P: Plueddemann

WEEK 1 (8/16/21)	Introduction to the Course and Syllabus
WEEK 2 (8/23/21)	<p>The Beginnings of Leadership (Part 1: chs 1-2), Introduction to Emotional Intelligence (Part 1: ch 1), Multicultural Leadership (Part-I: ch 1) and Case Studies</p> <p>Assignments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Read Y: (ch 1); M: (Intro, ch 1). P: (intro, ch 1). Be ready to discuss them in class.2. Upload Youssef Reflective Summary: (ch 1) (Due: one hour before class in Canvas)3. Complete Basic Emotions Audit (Appendix A: Malphurs)4. Upload 1-2 page (summary for (Week 2) Christian Leadership Journal (Due: 11:59pm)
WEEK 3 (08/30/21)	<p>The Qualities of Leadership (Part 2: chs 3-4), Introduction to Emotional Intelligence (Part 1: ch 2), Multicultural Leadership (Part I: ch 2) and Case Studies</p> <p>Assignments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Read Y: (ch 2); M: (ch 2); P: (ch 2). Be ready to discuss them in class.2. Upload Youssef Reflective Summary: (ch 2) (Due: one hour before class in Canvas)3. Complete Emotional Disorders (Appendix B: Malphurs)4. Upload 1-2 page summary for (Week 3) Christian Leadership Journal (Due: 11:59pm)5. Upload title page for Leader Paper (Due: 11:59pm)
WEEK 4 (9/06/21)	<p>No Class meeting due to Labor Day (Complete assignments and upload them in Canvas)</p> <p>The Qualities of Leadership (Part 2: ch 5-6), Understanding Emotional Intelligence (Part 2: ch 3), Multicultural Leadership (Part I: ch 3) and Case Studies</p> <p>Assignments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Read Y: (ch 3); M: (ch 3); P: (ch 3).2. Upload Youssef Reflective Summary: (ch 3) (Due: one hour before class in Canvas)3. Complete Listening Skill Builder (Appendix C: Malphurs)4. Upload 1-2 page summary for (Week 4) Christian Leadership Journal (Due: 11:59pm)5. Upload bibliography of Leader Paper (Due: 11:59pm)

- WEEK 5 (9/13/21) The Qualities of Leadership (Part 2: ch 7), Understanding Emotional Intelligence (Part 2: ch 4), Leadership and Culture (Part II: ch 4) and Case Studies
Assignments
 1. Read Y: (ch 4); M: (ch 4); P: (ch 4). Be ready to discuss them in class.
 2. Upload Youssef Reflective Summary: (ch 4) (Due: one hour before class in Canvas)
 3. Complete Conflict-Resolution Skill Builder (Appendix D: Malphurs)
 4. Upload 1-2 page summary for (Week 5) Christian Leadership Journal (Due: 11:59pm)
- WEEK 6 (9/20/21) The Qualities of Leadership (Part 2: ch 8), Understanding Emotional Intelligence (Part 2: ch 5), Leadership and Culture (Part II: ch 5) and Case Studies
Assignments:
 1. Read Y: (ch 5); M: (ch 5); P: (ch 5). Be ready to discuss them in class.
 2. Upload Youssef Reflective Summary: (ch 5) (Due: one hour before class in Canvas)
 3. Complete Networking Skill Builder (Appendix E: Malphurs)
 4. Upload 1-2 page summary for (Week 6) Christian Leadership Journal (Due: 11:59pm)
 5. Upload Outline of Leader Paper (Due: 11:59pm)
- WEEK 7 (09/27/21) The Qualities of Leadership (Part 2: ch 9), Understanding Emotional Intelligence (Part 2: ch 6), Leadership and Culture (Part II: ch 6) and Case Studies
Assignments:
 1. Read Y: (ch 6); M: (ch 6); P: (ch 6). Be ready to discuss them in class.
 2. Upload Youssef Reflective Summary: (ch 6) (Due: one hour before class in Canvas)
 3. Complete Decision-Making Skill Builder (Appendix F: Malphurs)
 4. Upload 1-2 page summary for (Week 7) Christian Leadership Journal (Due: 11:59pm)
- WEEK 8 (10/04/21) The Temptations of Leadership (Part 3: ch 10), Understanding Emotional Intelligence (Part 2: ch 7), Leadership and Culture (Part II: ch 7) and Case Studies
Assignments:
 1. Read Y: (ch 7); M: (ch 7); P: (ch 7). Be ready to discuss them in class.
 2. Upload Youssef Reflective Summary: (ch 7) (Due: one hour before class in Canvas)
 3. Complete Risk-Taking Skill Builder (Appendix G : Malphurs)
 4. Upload 1-2 page summary for (Week 8) Christian Leadership Journal (Due: 11:59pm)
- Week 9 (10/11/21) NO CLASS: STUDENT DEVELOPMENT WEEK
Assignments:
 1. Write rough draft of Leader Paper
 2. Write rough draft of Case Study Paper
 3. Read Chapters 8-10 in Youssef and write Reflective Summaries for each chapter.
- Week 10 (10/18/21) The Temptations of Leadership (Part-3: ch 11), Understanding Emotional Intelligence (Part 2: ch 8), Leadership and Culture (Part II: ch 8) and Case Studies
Assignments:
 1. Read Y: (ch 8); M: (ch 8); P: (ch 8). Be ready to discuss them in class.
 2. Upload Youssef Reflective Summary: (ch 8) (Due: one hour before class in Canvas)
 3. Complete Problem-Solving Skill Builder (Appendix H: Malphurs)
 4. Upload 1-2 page summary for (Week 9) Christian Leadership Journal (Due: 11:59pm)

- Week 11 (10/25/21) The Temptations of Leadership (Part-3: ch 12), Understanding Emotional Intelligence (Part 2: ch 9), Contextualizing Leadership (Part III: ch 9) and Case Studies
Assignments:
 1. Read Y: (ch 9); M: (ch 9); P: (ch 9). Be ready to discuss them in class.
 2. Upload Youssef Reflective Summary: (ch 9) (Due: one hour before class in Canvas)
 3. Complete Confrontation Skill Builder (Appendix I: Malphurs)
 4. Upload 1-2 page summary for (Week 10) Christian Leadership Journal (Due: 11:59pm)
- Week 12 (11/01/21) The Problems of Leadership (Part-4: ch 13), Becoming An Emotionally Mature Leader (Part 3: ch 10), Contextualizing Leadership (Part III: ch 10) and Case Studies
Assignments:
 1. Read Y: (ch 10); M: (ch 10); P: (ch 10). Be ready to discuss them in class.
 2. Upload Youssef Reflective Summary: (ch 10) (Due: one hour before class in Canvas)
 3. Complete Encourage Skill Builder (Appendix J: Malphurs)
 4. Upload 1-2 page summary for (Week 11) Christian Leadership Journal (Due: 11:59pm)
- Week 13 (11/08/21) The Problems of Leadership (Part-4: ch 14), Becoming An Emotionally Mature Leader (Part 3: ch 11), Global Leadership in Practice (Part IV: ch 11) and Case Studies
Assignments:
 1. Read Y: (ch 11-12); M: (ch 11); P: (ch 11). Be ready to discuss them in class.
 2. Complete Trust-Building Skill Builder (Appendix K: Malphurs)
 3. Upload 1-2 page summary for (Week 12) Christian Leadership Journal (Due: 11:59pm)
- Week 14 (11/15/21) The Problems of Leadership (Part-4: ch 15), Global Leadership in Practice (Part IV: ch 12) and Case Studies
Assignments:
 1. Read Y: (ch 13-14); P: (ch 12). Be ready to discuss them in class.
 2. Complete Motivation Skill Builder (Appendix L: Malphurs)
 3. Upload 1-2 page summary for (Week 13) Christian Leadership Journal (Due: 11:59pm)
 4. Upload Leader Paper (Due 11:59pm) **(Note: Submit title page, outline of paper, body of paper and bibliography in one document in Canvas.)**
- (11/22-26/21) FALL BREAK: NO CLASS
- Week 15 (11/29/21) The Problems of Leadership (Part-4: ch 16) Leadership in the Global Church (Epilogue) and Case Studies
Assignments:
 1. Read Y: (ch 15-16); P: (Epilogue). Be ready to discuss them in class.
 2. Complete Team-Building Skill Builder (Appendix M: Malphurs)
 3. Upload 1-2 page summary for (Week 14) Christian Leadership Journal (Due: 11:59pm)
 4. Upload Reading Report of Plueddemann's book. (Due: 11:59pm)
- Week 16 (12/06/21) The Future of Leadership (Part 5: chs 17-18) and Case Studies
Assignments:
 1. Read Youssef: (ch 17-18). Be ready to discuss them in class.
 2. Complete Name-Recognition Skill Builder (Appendix N: Malphurs)

3. Upload 1-2 page summary for (Week 15) Christian Leadership Journal (Due: 11:59pm)
4. Upload Reading Report of Malphurs' book (Due 11:59pm)
5. Upload Personal Leadership Case Study Paper Due: 12/06/21 @ 11:59pm