4PT512 LEADERSHIP  
Spring 2011  
Professor: S. H. Larsen, D.Min., Ph.D. (rev. 11/30/2010)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

2 hours. Addresses the theory and practice of effective leadership for ministry, including ministry in intercultural contexts. Considers biblical principles and cultural and interpersonal dynamics relating to ministry leadership. Focuses especially upon pastoral leadership skills necessary both for a local church and for ministry teams.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Course participants will demonstrate the following competencies:

1. Outline biblical leadership principles and criteria for assessing the health of a local church and its leadership.

2. Demonstrate an understanding of how interpersonal and intercultural dynamics influence development and exercise of intercultural leadership.

3. Describe and critique ten major schools of contemporary secular leadership theories as represented by Peter Northouse and develop a biblical model for use in the participant’s own ministry context.

4. Demonstrate basic skills in management tools and an understanding of appropriate leadership styles which fit the participant’s ministry context.

REQUIRED READING:  (1016 pp)


RECOMMENDED READING:


Eims, Leroy. 1982. *Be the leader you were meant to be: Biblical principles of leadership.* Wheaton, Ill.: Victor Books. (132 pp.)


**COURSE ASSESSMENT:**

1. Class participation, informed by assigned readings. (20%)

2. Major paper. Participants will explore, contextualize, and apply some aspect of leadership theory within the cultural or intercultural context of their ministry. Topics must be pre-approved by the Professor. Papers will be 12 - 15 pages in length, excluding any appendices and reference list (or bibliography). (80%)

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Dr. Larsen is available outside of class hours by appointment.

**COURSE SCHEDULE:**

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