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Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should not be used to purchase course materials.

COURSE SYLLABUS

LEAD 635

THEOLOGY OF PASTORAL MINISTRY

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A study of the different phases of the daily work of the pastor. Attention is given to the call, character, leadership, and responsibilities of the pastor. Opportunities are also given for the student to practice methods of pastoral work.

RATIONALE

The calling and responsibility of a man of God is one to be taken soberly. LEAD 635 prepares the pastoral student so that he can successfully fulfill his role in the sight of his Lord and His people.

I. PREREQUISITE

For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the [Academic Course Catalog](#).

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE

Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm>

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

- A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
- B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
- C. Microsoft Word
(Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to Liberty University students.)

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Explain the biblical concept of pastoral ministry.
- B. Articulate the elements related to the call to pastoral ministry.
- C. Evaluate their qualifications for pastoral ministry in light of Scripture.
- D. Determine personal theological positions for use in pastoral ministry.
- E. Construct scripturally-based responses to typical pastoral ministry scenarios.
- F. Apply course principles to actual church situations.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations
- B. Course Requirements Checklist
After reading the Course Syllabus and [Student Expectations](#), the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.
- C. Discussion Board Forums (4)
The student will post a thread of at least 400 words to the forum topic presented for the assigned module/week. In the following module/week, the student will reply to the threads of at least 2 classmates using at least 200 words for each reply to complete the discussion for the topic of the previous module/week. Discussion Board assignments are required in every module/week. Please read the instructions included in the Assignment Instructions section of the Course Content carefully.
- D. Pastoral Interview
The student will interview a pastor with significant experience, either as a senior pastor or as an associate or youth pastor, and provide a transcript of the conversation (3–5 pages), listing the questions and describing the pastor’s responses. The student must also include a 1-page summary of what he/she learned through the interview. (Syllabus Outcomes: E, F)
- E. Call and Qualifications Analysis
Using the MacArthur text, the student must submit a well-written 3–5-page document analyzing his/her personal call to ministry according to the instructions provided. (Syllabus Outcomes: A, C)
- F. Personal Prayer Analysis
The student must submit a well-written 3–5-page to include a table analysis of chosen Scripture as it relates to prayer according to the instructions provided. (Syllabus Outcomes: C, E)
- G. Book Critiques (2)
The student will read assigned chapters of the Spurgeon and MacArthur texts and submit a well-written, 3–5-page critique on each book according to the instructions provided. (Syllabus Outcomes: A, B, F)
- H. Final Exam
The Final Exam consists of 4 case studies that will help the student apply what has been learned in the course, and each will require an answer between 400–500 words for each question. The student will have 2 hours to complete this exam. (Syllabus Outcome: F)

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Points	
Course Requirements Checklist	10
Discussion Board Forums(4 threads at 50 pts ea; 4 reply sets at 50 pts ea)	400
Pastoral Interview	50
Call and Qualifications Analysis	75
Personal Prayer Analysis	75

Book Critiques (2 at 100 pts ea)	200
Final Exam	200
Total	1010

B. Scale

A = 940–1010 A- = 920–939 B+ = 900–919 B = 860–899 B- = 840–859
 C+ = 820–839 C = 780–819 C- = 760–779 D+ = 740–759 D = 700–739
 D- = 680–699 F = 0–679

C. Style Guidelines

All assignments for this course are to be formatted in accordance with the [LUSD Writing Guide](#) and the latest edition of the Turabian style manual (*A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*). Discussion assignments and essay examinations may use the parenthetical citation style. All other written assignments should use the footnote citation style. Supplemental writing aids are available via the [Online Writing Center](#).

D. Extra Credit

No additional “for credit” assignments will be permitted beyond those given in the course requirements stated above.

E. Course Changes

Course requirements are subject to change by the administration of the University at any time with appropriate notice.

F. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.

COURSE SCHEDULE

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Textbooks: Earley, *Prayer: The Timeless Secret of High Impact Leaders* (2008).
 Fearon & Mikoski, *Straining at the Oars* (2013).
 MacArthur, *Pastoral Ministry: How to Shepherd Biblically* (2005).
 Spurgeon, *Lectures to My Students* (1979).

MODULE/ WEEK	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
1	MacArthur: chs. 1, 2, 4–8 1 presentation	Course Requirements Checklist Class Introductions DB Forum 1 Thread	10 0 50
2	MacArthur: ch. 3 Spurgeon: chs. 1–7 1 presentation	DB Forum 1 Replies Pastoral Interview	50 50
3	Spurgeon: chs. 12, 14–15, 21, 24 1 presentation	DB Forum 2 Thread Call and Qualifications Analysis	50 75
4	Fearon & Mikoski: chs. 1–5 MacArthur: chs. 9–13 1 presentation	DB Forum 2 Replies Book Critique: Spurgeon	50 100
5	Earley: All Fearon & Mikoski: chs. 6–10 1 presentation	DB Forum 3 Thread	50
6	Fearon & Mikoski: chs. 11–15 MacArthur: chs. 14–18 1 presentation	DB Forum 3 Replies Personal Prayer Analysis	50 75
7	Fearon & Mikoski: chs. 16–20 MacArthur: chs. 19–22 1 presentation 1 website	DB Forum 4 Thread Book Critique: MacArthur	50 100
8	Fearon & Mikoski: ch. 21 1 presentation	DB Forum 4 Replies Final Exam	50 200
TOTAL			1010

DB = Discussion Board

NOTE: Each course module/week begins on Monday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Sunday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final module/week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.