

ML582: CHARACTER, COMMUNITY, AND LEADERSHIP (4 units)

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DESCRIPTION:

This one-week intensive course serves primarily as a campus orientation to Fuller Seminary resources, the MAGL program, and cohort members. Students from around the globe will join faculty in dialogue around topics of character formation. Through reading, discussions, lectures, small group exercises, experimentation with electronic community building tools, community meals, tours of the campus, and silent reflection, the challenge of developing character as a foundation for leadership will be applied to student's lives.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

During this course students will

- Prepare for continuing studies at Fuller through an orientation to campus resources
- Celebrate further development of the cohort learning community with fellow students
- Experiment with blogs (web logs) and design eportfolios as tools for communities of practice
- Analyze one model of character formation
- Examine several character formation issues of leaders
- Explore global leadership trends in emerging churches
- Apply learning by participating in an online discussion about personal character development and writing a monthly journal entry during the 10 week quarter
- Revise MAGL learning plans through conversations with advisors and peers

COURSE FORMAT:

This is a one-week intensive that forms part of the Global Leadership Seminar 1, a required two-week intensive course for the MA in Global Leadership. This class will meet for the first week of the seminar, 8a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and will continue online. Students should expect to do pre- and post-seminar readings and to complete assignments in their ministry contexts after they return home.

REQUIRED READING: Read 1,200 pages from:

- Hauerwas, Stanley. *A Community of Character: Toward a Constructive Christian Social Ethic*. Notre Dame, Ind.: University of Notre Dame Press, 1981
- Jenkins, Philip. *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity*. Oxford ; New York: Oxford University Press, 2002
- Lohfink, Gerhard. *Jesus and Community: The Social Dimension of Christian Faith*. New York: Fortress Press, 1984
- Ritzer, George. *The Globalization of Nothing*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press, 2004
- Thrall, Bill, Bruce McNicol, and Ken McElrath. *The Ascent of a Leader: How Ordinary Relationships Develop Extraordinary Character and Influence*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Publishers, 1999
- Willard, Dallas. *Renovation of the Heart: Putting on the Character of Christ*. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 2002.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Six 500-word (two-page) proactive book reviews from required texts
2. Outline a design for a personal eportfolio
3. Six 500-word (two page) journal entries
4. A 3,750-word (15-page) paper integrating the themes of the course
5. Revise and adjust personal learning plans based on advising meetings

PREREQUISITES: This course is only available to MA in Global Leadership students.

RELATIONSHIP TO CURRICULUM: Required course for cohort sequence. *NO AUDITORS*.

FINAL EXAMINATION: None.