

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:

As a result of this course students will have

- Prepared for continuing studies at Fuller through an orientation to campus resources
- Celebrated further development of the cohort learning community with fellow students
- Experimented with blogs (web logs) as tools for communities of practice
- Analyzed one model of character formation
- Examined several character formation issues of leaders
- Explored global leadership trends in emerging churches
- Revised 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 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students should expect to do pre- and post-seminar readings (read Thrall, et al., and Willard before class) and to complete assignments in their ministry contexts after they return home.

REQUIRED READING: Read:

- Drane, John. *The McDonaldization of the Church: Consumer Culture and the Church's Future*. Smyth & Helwys Publishing, 2002.
- Gibbs, Eddie. *Leadership Next*. Downers Grove: Intervarsity Press, 2005.
- 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
- 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: subject to change as the course progresses

1. Revise and adjust personal learning plans based on advising meetings (5%)
2. Make a 10 minute "personal journey" presentation to the class (10%)
3. Fully participate in class discussions and learning exercises (15%)
4. Seven 500-word (two-page) book reviews from required texts (35%)
5. A 3,750-word (15-page) paper integrating the themes of the course (35%)

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.