



DIVISION OF ADULT LEARNING

SYLLABUS

PASM-462: Pastoral Ministry II

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University Mission Statement:

Lee University is a Christian institution which offers liberal arts and professional education on both the baccalaureate and graduate levels through residential and distance programs. It seeks to provide education that integrates biblical truth as revealed in the Holy Scriptures with truth discovered through the study of arts and sciences and in the practice of various professions. A personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior is the controlling perspective from which the educational enterprise is carried out. The foundational purpose of all educational programs is to develop within the students knowledge, appreciation, understanding, ability and skills which will prepare them for responsible Christian living in a complex world.

Catalog Description:

A study of pastoral ministry with emphasis on the enabling model. Particular attention will be given to areas of pressure and pitfall (problem people, temptations, and burnout), budgeting, and administration.

Required Text(s) and/or Supporting Resources:**Required Text:**

James W. Thompson. *Pastoral Ministry According to Paul: A Biblical Vision*. Baker Publishing Group, 2006. ISBN: 9780801031090.

Derek Tidball. *Ministry by the Book: New Testament Patterns for Pastoral Leadership*. InterVarsity Press, 2008. ISBN: 978830838592.

Jerald Daffe. *Crosses Coffee & Community: Modern Ministry In An Emerging Culture*. Pathway Press, 2013. ISBN: 9781596847583.

Additional Supporting Resources:

Bible (one of these versions: KJV, NKJ, NIV, NAS, or RSV)

Resources provided in the Learning Management System (LMS).

Prerequisite Skills and Knowledge:

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Course Goals and Learning Outcomes:**PURPOSE**

This course is designed to introduce students to the scriptural model of shepherding people and how the pastor leads the Church. The student will formulate an understanding of the biblical principles of pastoral ministry. In addition, the student will examine biblical examples and apply these to contemporary ministry situations.

General Objectives (Course Goals):

This course seeks to:

1. Introduce students to the shepherd model of pastoral ministry.
2. Address theological concerns related to the practice of pastoral ministry.
3. Integrate practical pastoral responsibility in contexts of ministry.
4. Emphasize the roles of the Bible and the Holy Spirit in the contexts of pastoral ministry.
5. Address essential elements in the practice of pastoral ministry.
6. Clarify the unique elements of pastoral challenge.

Specific Objectives (*Learning Outcomes*):

As a result of the activities and study in this course, the student should be able to:

1. Understand the nature of pastoral ministry.
2. Understand the challenges and responsibilities of pastoral ministry.
3. Develop a working model for personal ministry.
4. Demonstrate awareness and sensitivity to real issues which impact church life, both positively and negatively.
5. Integrate the essential elements of pastoral ministry into practice.

Major Topics:

- A. Challenges to pastors in postmodern society.
- B. A biblical view of pastoral responsibility.
- C. Pastoral ministry reflections.

Course Assessments:

- A. **Text/Media.** All text/media is evaluated in the threaded discussions and assignments.
- B. **Threaded Discussions.** The threaded discussions are an opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge of the course material and interact with fellow students. Just doing an initial post and/or response will not guarantee any point value. Discussions will be evaluated as follows: a) on the depth of engagement with the discussion topic and/or issue; b) on the depth of understanding of the topic and/or issue; and c) on the depth of interaction with the other students. An initial post is required (evaluation of "a" and "b" above) and then response posts interacting to other students' initial posts (evaluation of "c" above). Once the discussion deadline is reached, there will be no further opportunity to attain points for that discussion. If a student freely discusses a "personal" issue . . . confidentiality is professionally expected (required) of all participants. Confidentiality is an essential element of pastoral ministry. Let's practice it here. In addition, moaning, groaning, complaining, and criticizing other ministries and ministers will not be tolerated in our threaded discussions . . . as in zero toleration! If you have further questions on how these are evaluated, please contact your instructor.
- C. **Course Project (Mentor).** In **consultation with the professor**, the student will choose a Pastoral Mentor for this session. Normally, a spouse, parent or other close relative **will not be acceptable** as a mentor for this course. The prospective mentor must have a minimum of 10 years' experience at the senior pastor level. If you have 10 years or more at the senior pastor level, you will be required to obtain a mentor with a minimum of 20 years at that level. The prospective mentor does not have to be from the student's denomination. This requirement involves Four 1-hour, face-to-face discussions with the mentor. Normally, phone calls, Facebook messaging, twittering and emails will not be acceptable to fulfill this requirement. The student and mentor must get together a minimum of one meeting every two weeks.
- D. **Course Projects (Essays).** There are 2 essays of 1500 words each for this course. They must be submitted as Word documents in proper scholarly form in the Turabian (SOR Manual of Style) format. Grammar and form will be considered when assigning a grade.
- E. **Exams.** There will be one exam given during this course: a Final exam. The exam will be drawn from the electronic lectures and required readings. The best way to prepare for the exam is to pay close attention to the lectures, threaded discussions and required readings. While these lectures, readings and discussions are not meant to be exhaustive **and exam questions can come from material not specified in them**, they provide a reliable guide that helps ensure

students are grasping the main points. The exam must be taken during the allotted time and in one sitting.		
Evaluation:		
A. Threaded Discussions	300	
B. Course Projects	600	
C. Exam	100	
Grading Scale:		
The standardized grading scale provides a uniform foundation from which to assess your performance.		
Grade	Quality Points per Credit	Score
A	4.0	930 - 1000
A-	3.7	900 - 929
B+	3.3	870 - 899
B	3.0	830 - 869
B-	2.7	800 - 829
C+	2.3	770 - 799
C	2.0	730 - 769
C-	1.7	700 - 729
D+	1.3	670 - 699
D	1.0	600 - 669
F	.0	0 - 599
Letter Grade Equivalencies:		
<p>A = Clearly stands out as excellent performance. Has unusually sharp insights into material and initiates thoughtful questions. Sees many sides of an issue. Articulates well and writes logically and clearly. Integrates ideas previously learned from this and other disciplines. Anticipates next steps in progression of ideas. Example "A" work should be of such nature that it could be put on reserve for all cohort members to review and emulate. The "A" cohort member is, in fact, an example for others to follow.</p>		
<p>B = Demonstrates a solid comprehension of the subject matter and always accomplishes all course requirements. Serves as an active participant and listener. Communicates orally and in writing at an acceptable level for a cohort member. Work shows intuition and creativity. Example "B" work indicates good quality of performance and is given in recognition for solid work; a "B" should be considered a good grade and awarded to those who submit assignments of quality less than the exemplary work described above.</p>		
<p>C = Quality and quantity of work in and out of class is average. Has average comprehension, communication skills, or initiative. Requirements of the assignments are addressed at least minimally.</p>		

D = Quality and quantity of work is below average. Has marginal comprehension, communication skills, or initiative. Requirements of the assignments are addressed at below acceptable levels.

F = Quality and quantity of work is unacceptable and does not qualify the student to progress to a more advanced level of work.

Unit and Time Distribution:

The time to complete each unit is approximately 17 hours per week on average for a three hour course. Actual assignment completion times will vary. A more detailed breakdown of each assignment can be found within the course.

POLICIES

Attendance Policy:

At Lee University student success is directly related to the student actively attending and engaging in the course. Online courses are no different from classroom courses in this regard; however, participation must be defined in a different manner.

Online courses will have weekly mechanisms for student participation, which can be documented by submission/completion of assignments, participation in threaded discussions, and/or specific communication with the instructor as outlined within the syllabus.

Academic Honesty Policy/Information:

Cheating is defined as the use or attempted use of unauthorized materials or receiving unauthorized assistance or communication during any academic exercise.

Examples of cheating include:

- Submitting work for academic evaluation that is not the your own.
- Receiving assistance from another person during an examination.
- Using prepared notes or materials during an examination.
- Permitting another student to copy your work.
- Plagiarism.
- Falsification.
- Other misrepresentations of academic achievement submitted for evaluation or a grade.

As stated in the LEE UNIVERSITY Catalog, plagiarism is presenting as your own work the words, ideas, opinions, theories, or thoughts which are not common knowledge. Students who present others' words or ideas as their own without fair attribution (documentation) are guilty of plagiarizing. Unfair attribution includes, but is not limited to, a direct quotation of all or part of another's words without appropriately identifying the source. It is also unfair attribution to have included a source within a Works Cited page without having carefully cited the source within the text of the document.

Plagiarism also includes, but is not limited to, the following acts when performed without fair attribution:

- a. directly quoting all or part of another person's words without quotation marks, as appropriate to the discipline.
- b. paraphrasing all or part of another person's words without documentation.

- c. stating an idea, theory, or formula as your own when it actually originated with another person.
- d. purchasing (or receiving in any other manner) a term paper or other assignment, which is the work of another person, and submitting that work as if it were one's own.

Late Policy:

- No credit is available for postings of any kind made in the **Threaded Discussions** after a given Unit ends.
- If your faculty approves your submission of late assignments, each assignment score will be penalized 10% per day up to five days late. After the fifth day, late assignments will not be accepted. (Note: An assignment is a paper, a project, a team presentation, etc., **not** a discussion)
- No late assignments will be accepted after the close of the final Unit.

EXPECTATIONS

Faculty Expectations of Students:

- Have consistent access to a computer and possess baseline computer and information skills prior to taking online courses.
- Log into their courses within 24 hours of the beginning of the session to confirm their participation. (Students who register after the session has begun will be responsible for any assignments or material already covered.)
- Take an active role in each unit, participating fully in discussions, assignments and other activities throughout the entire session. If some event interferes with that participation, the student is responsible for notifying the instructor in advance.
- Review the course syllabus and other preliminary course materials thoroughly as early as possible during the first few days of the course.
- Be responsible for raising any questions or seeking clarification about these materials, if necessary, within the first week of the session.
- Frequently check the course calendar for due dates.
- Submit assignments and papers on time, and take tests by the posted dates. Acceptance of late work and any penalties for late submissions are up to the discretion of the instructor, based on the expectations outlined in the course syllabus.
- Contribute meaningful, timely comments to online discussions according to guidelines provided.
- Contribute substantively to group assignments (if required in course).
- Check for University announcements each time you log onto the LMS. These postings are critical.
- Use Lee email address.
- Complete the "Student Survey of Instruction" for each course to evaluate the instructor and the course.

Students' Expectations of Faculty:

- The opportunity to be active participants in a stimulating and challenging education that is global in scope, interactive in process and diverse in content and approach.
- A friendly, respectful, open, and encouraging learning environment.
- A course outline or syllabus that clearly provides information regarding course content, teaching methods, course objectives, grading, attendance/participation policies, due dates, and student assessment guidelines.
- Instructors who are responsive and available to discuss within 48 hours students' progress, course content, assignments, etc. at mutually convenient times from the first day of the session through the last day of the session. (Check the faculty contact information regarding weekends and holidays.)
- Individual instructor's contact information, schedules, availability, and procedural details are located within the course.
- To have access to instructor feedback and grading on projects, exams, papers, quizzes, etc., within ten (10) days of assignment due date so students are able to determine where they have made errors or need additional work.
- Final grade/feedback provided within ten (10) days after the last date of course.

IMPORTANT STUDENT INFORMATION**Special Needs:**

Lee University, in conjunction with the Academic Support Office, works to ensure students with documented disabilities have access to educational opportunities. Students who need accommodations based on a disability should visit the Academic Support Office, call (423) 614-8181, or email academicsupport@leeuniversity.edu. It is the student's responsibility to share the Accommodations Form with the instructor in order to initiate the accommodations.

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