

Code	B440
Title	The Christian Leader 1
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School	Moorlands College
Owning Course	BA (Hons) Applied Theology
Module Type	Standard Taught Module
Brief description	<p>This module introduces students to the practical, biblical and theological study of being a Christian leader in a variety of contexts. It allows students the opportunity to develop a broad knowledge and understanding of competencies, paradigms, models, and frameworks central to the formation of mature Christian leaders, assessing their strengths and weakness. It includes the study of Christian character and virtue. This module also helps the student to progress in their awareness of their capabilities in key areas and engages them in processes of self-reflection in order to develop interpersonal, communication, cognitive, intellectual, and enabling skills.</p> <p>A regular placement provides a grounding in practice for the learning of the module.</p>
Level of study	Level 4
CATS points	30
Approved base location	Validated
Restrictions	None
Indicative syllabus	<p>The module comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of the biblical and theological paradigms, models and frameworks central to Christian formation and leadership, including the examination of key biblical texts; • Identifying current points of tension, emphasis, and de-emphasis in these paradigms in contemporary Christian ministry and church life; • Working with others, teamwork and developmental group work including the establishment of boundaries, dealing with crisis and conflict and communication in varied contexts and settings; • Understanding and discerning vocation, calling, and future orientations; • Safeguarding and risk management; • A critical examination of the tensions, similarities and differences between discipling, coaching, mentoring, teaching, managing, and leading; • An overview of concepts of worship, virtue, character development and spiritual formation; • A critical discussion of spiritual disciplines and the practices that promote spiritual growth; • Theological reflection, self-awareness and being able to link theory and practice; • Training in skills development to allow students to thrive in varied practice settings.
Learning outcomes	<p>A student passing this module should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. demonstrate a broad knowledge of principles, concepts, and underlying theoretical frameworks and approaches relating to Christian formation and leadership; 2. develop foundational skills in reflective practice; 3. show awareness of relevant models of theological reflection and theories of self-development; 4. plan and assess their own personal, spiritual, practical, and relational growth;

	5. engage in practice safely at a foundational level, including developing meaningful relationships and managing their placement, and evidencing the exercise of personal responsibility.
Learning and teaching activities	Scheduled learning and teaching activities: 48 hours Guided independent study: 92 hours Placement/study abroad: 160 hours
Mark Scheme	Undergraduate: Assessed by combination of S/UF & Mark/Grade All elements of the assessment must be passed in order to complete the module
Assessment	A: 50 % Assignment 2000 words B: 50 % Portfolio 2000 words or equivalent C: 0 % Confirmation of satisfactory practice D: 0 % Presentation 1 hour
Special assessment requirements	The module has an 80% attendance requirement.
Indicative resources	Calhoun, Adele Ahlberg. <i>Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices that Transform us</i> . Downers Grove: IVP, 2015. Fernando, Ajith. <i>Jesus Driven Ministry</i> . Leicester: IVP, 2002. Barton, Ruth Haley. <i>Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership</i> . Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2008. Hull, Bill. <i>The Christian Leader: Rehabilitating Our Addiction to Secular Leadership</i> . Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2016. McNeal, Reggie. <i>A Work of Heart: Understanding how God Shapes Spiritual Leaders</i> . San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2000. Nee, Watchman. <i>The Normal Christian Life</i> . Ulrichsville, Oh: Barbour Publishing, 1961. Nouwen, Henri, J.M. <i>In the Name of Jesus : Reflections on Christian Leadership</i> . New York: The Crossroad Publishing Company, 1989. Pue, Carson. <i>Mentoring Leaders: Wisdom for Developing Character, Calling, and Competency</i> . Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2005. Scazzero, Peter. <i>The Emotionally Healthy Leader: How Transforming your Inner Life will Deeply Transform your Church, Your Team, and the World</i> . Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2015. Willard, Dallas. <i>Renovation of the Heart: Putting on the Character of Christ</i> . Colorado Springs: NavPress, 2002.
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