

Code	B641
Title	Leading in a Local Church
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School	Moorlands College
Owning Course	BA (Hons) Applied Theology
Module Type	Standard Taught Module
Brief description	<p>This module focuses primarily on church leadership in the local missional congregation. The module aims to give students an understanding of issues in contemporary church life in which theory and practice interact with each other. Students are encouraged to consider the priorities of building spirit-filled, Christocentric congregations that facilitate fellowship, worship, biblical teaching, and local and global impact. Participants will gain an increased awareness of both the character and skills required to lead a local congregation.</p> <p>A regular placement provides a grounding in practice for the learning of the module.</p>
Level of study	Level 6
CATS points	30
Approved base location	Validated
Restrictions	None
Indicative syllabus	<p>The module comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A biblical and theological understanding of Christian leadership in the context of the local congregation; • Models of church planting and church growth; • Developing missional strategies; • Church practice and polity; • Everyday church practice such as corporate gatherings, rites of passage, marking seasons, etc.; • The theory and practice of preaching; • Understanding relevant legal frameworks such as employment; • Handling theological tensions; • The impact of context on church life; • The exercise and dynamics of power at local and national levels.
Learning outcomes	<p>A student passing this module should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. critically evaluate biblical and theological foundations for contemporary church life and leadership; 2. critically reflect on their own beliefs, commitments, practices and customs regarding church life and leadership within broader Christian tradition and wider social and cultural contexts; 3. engage in practice safely and effectively at a professional level, including the management of self and others, demonstrating initiative, personal responsibility, the linking of theory and practice, commitment to professional and personal development, and decision-making skills in complex and unpredictable contexts.
Learning and teaching activities	<p>Scheduled learning and teaching activities: 48 hours</p> <p>Guided independent study: 92 hours</p>

	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	<p>A: 50 % Presentation 25 mins</p> <p>B: 50 % Portfolio 3000 words or equivalent</p> <p>C: 0 % Confirmation of satisfactory practice</p> <p>D: 0 % Presentation 1 hour</p>
Special assessment requirements	The module has an 80% attendance requirement.
Indicative resources	<p>Allain-Chapman, Justine. <i>Resilient Pastors: The Role of Adversity in Healing and Growth</i>. London: SPCK, 2012.</p> <p>Branson, Mark Lau; Martinez, Juan Francisco. <i>Churches, Cultures and Leadership: A Practical Theology of Congregations and Ethnicities</i>. Downers Grove: IVP, 2011.</p> <p>Chapell, Bryan. <i>Christ-Centered Preaching: Redeeming the Expository Sermon</i>. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1994.</p> <p>Croft, Steven, ed. <i>Mission Shaped Questions: Defining Issues for Today's Church</i>. London: Church House Publishing, 2008.</p> <p>Green, Gene L; Pardue, Stephen T; Yeo, Khiok-Khng. <i>The Church from Every Tribe and Tongue: Ecclesiology in the Majority World</i>. Carlisle: Langham Global Library, 2018.</p> <p>Haslam, Greg. <i>Preach the Word!: The Call and Challenge of Preaching Today</i>. Ellet: Sovereign World, 2006.</p> <p>Keller T. <i>Center Church</i>. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012.</p> <p>Moynagh, Michael, with Harrold, Philip. <i>Church for Every Context: An Introduction to Theory and Practice</i>. London: SCM Press, 2012.</p> <p>Peterson, Eugene H. <i>The Contemplative Pastor: Returning to the Art of Spiritual Direction</i>. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1989.</p> <p>Tan, Siang-Yang. <i>Full Service: Moving from Self-Serve Christianity to Total Servanthood</i>. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2006.</p> <p>Tidball, Derek. <i>Skilful Shepherds: Explorations in Pastoral Theology</i>. Leicester: IVP, 1986.</p>
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