

MF4905: Theology & Practice of Leadership – Andrey Shirin  
Tuesdays, 8:05 pm – 10:00 pm,  
Online: 7 synchronous and 7 asynchronous sessions.  
Virginia and Pennsylvania residents only.

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**DESCRIPTION:** The purpose of the course is to assist leaders in constructing and implementing their theologies of leadership.

**SIGNIFICANCE FOR LIFE AND MINISTRY:** The course is designed for those who seek to align their leadership approaches with faith, both in congregational and other public life settings.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:** Through the successful completion of this course students will be able to:

Gain a theological understanding of their ministry settings, both in congregations and other spheres of public life,  
Formulate their theologies of leadership,  
Construct, articulate and implement theological transformative leadership strategies.

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**COURSE FORMAT:** The course will be taught online. It will include eight synchronous sessions and the asynchronous portion.

**REQUIRED READING:**

Clarke, Andrew D., *Serve the Community of the Church: Christians as Leaders and Ministers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2000) ISBN-13: 978-0802841827, \$30.05.

Colonna, Jerry; *Reboot: Leadership and the Art of Growing Up* (HarperBusiness: New York, NY, 2019). ISBN-13: 978-0062749536. Hardcover \$26.99; Kindle \$14.99.

King, Martin Luther, Jr.; *Why We Can't Wait* (Signet: New York, NY, 2000). ISBN-13: 978-0451527530. Paperback \$8.11; Kindle \$12.99.

Osmer, Richard R.: *Practical Theology: An Introduction* (William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.: Grand Rapids, MI, 2008), ISBN-13: 978-0802817655, \$18.49, Kindle \$14.16.

Pierce, Ronald W., and Groothuis, Rebecca Merrill, general eds.; Lee, Gordon F., contributing ed., *Discovering Biblical Equality: Complementarity without Hierarchy* (Downer's Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2005) ISBN-13: 978-0830828340, \$20.96.

**ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENT:** Composition of the final grade will be as follows:

Final paper – 40%  
Asynchronous online portion – 25%  
Class attendance and participation – 20%  
Presentation – 15%

**PREREQUISITES:** None

**RELATIONSHIP TO CURRICULUM:** This course meets a core curriculum requirement for Master of Divinity, as well as for both Master of Christian Leadership and Graduate Certificate in Christian Leadership.

Note: This extended course description is a reliable guide to the course design but is subject to modification. Textbook prices are set by publishers and are subject to change.