

**The Pastor and the Gospel
Together for the Gospel Conference**

**Course M-MN 5468 LEADERSHIP PRACTICUM;
M-MN 5475/U-MN 231 PERSONAL LEADERSHIP PRACTICUM**

SYLLABUS

**Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Midwestern Baptist College, SBC**

Kansas City, Missouri

Class times April 3-5, 2017 Credit hours 3

Spring 2017

PROFESSOR/CLASS INFORMATION

Professors: Owen Strachan, Associate Professor of Christian Theology
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Leadership Practicum

An opportunity to develop fundamental understanding and skill in Christian Leadership in a local church or ministry setting.

Personal Leadership Practicum

This course is designed to develop personal leadership competencies that encourage self-awareness and as a confidence in a Christ-centered leadership approach that builds healthy, growing leaders for the church and her ministries.

This innovative course offering combines the best of in-person and online education. The course is structured around the 2017 national conference of The Gospel Coalition meeting April 3-5 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Students will watch video lectures, participate in a MBTS event at TGC, and attend all sessions of TGC. The course aims to train students to develop a rich understanding of the core message of Christian pastoral ministry, the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students who complete this course should be able to:

- a. Develop a general and practical awareness of the various leadership skills necessary to support the church's understanding of the doctrine of salvation.
- b. Develop and gain basic knowledge of biblical texts and theological arguments for the doctrine of salvation required of a church leader.
- c. Apply Biblical concepts of the work of church leaders to local church practice
- d. Attend and reflect on the ideas gleaned from the national conference of The Gospel Coalition.

TEXT BOOKS & REQUIRED READING

Required Texts and Readings:

Required for Masters and College students:

1. David Allen, *The Extent of the Atonement: A Historical and Critical Review*. B&H Academic, 2016. (read 150 pages minimum)
2. David Gibson and Jonathan Gibson, eds. *From Heaven He Came and Sought Her: Definite Atonement in Historical, Biblical, Theological, and Pastoral Perspective*. Crossway, 2013. (read 150 pages minimum)
3. Kevin Vanhoozer and Owen Strachan, *The Pastor as Public Theologian: Reclaiming a Lost Vision*. Baker, 2015.
4. Jared Wilson, *The Pastor's Justification: Applying the Work of Christ in Your Life and Ministry*. Crossway, 2013.
5. Owen Strachan and Douglas Sweeney, *Jonathan Edwards on Heaven and Hell*. Moody, 2010.

Required for Masters students only:

1. Stephen Wellum and Brent Parker, *Progressive Covenantalism: Charting a Course between Dispensational and Covenantal Theologies*. B&H, 2016.
2. Jared Wilson, *The Prodigal Church: A Gentle Manifesto against the Status Quo*. Crossway, 2013.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDIT

1. *Pre-Convention Meeting Lectures:*

Coursework begins March 20, 2017 and closes on May 11, 2017. Four pre-course lectures are required preparation and must be viewed online prior to April 3.

2. *Reading & Attendance Report:*

Because this is a unique course and little meeting time will occur with the professors and the students, the students will be required to complete a reading & attendance report stating:

(1) what percentage of the reading in page numbers the student completed and

(2) indicating percentage of attendance at the:

- a. Pre-Convention Meeting Lectures (can be viewed online)
- b. For The Church event held during The Gospel Coalition (Monday, April 3 in the evening)
- c. 8 of 9 Plenary Sessions / 2 of 3 Breakout Sessions

All students need to arrive by 11:00 a.m. Monday morning, April 3 and depart no earlier than noon on Wednesday, April 5. Students are responsible for the costs and logistics of conference registration, travel, room, and meals.

3. *Comparison Book Review:*

Students are required to read 150 pages of David Allen's *The Extent of the Atonement* and 150 pages of David & Jonathan Gibson's *From Heaven He Came and Sought Her*. Students may choose which chapters they would like to read from each volume. They will then write a book review (5 pages in length) comparing the case made by the different books on the subject of the atonement's extent. The review should consist of:

- 1) An introductory paragraph
- 2) Their take on which book makes the best case for the extent of the atonement with reasons behind this view (2 pages)
- 3) An application of the student’s personal view on the extent of the atonement to ministry—what difference does the finished work of Christ make for ministry to needy sinners? (2 pages)

This review is due on April 1, 2017 and should be uploaded on the course Blackboard page.

4. *Reflection Paper*

Following the Conference, students will submit a 8-page paper on the connection of gospel theology to gospel ministry. The paper must cite at least 8 sources (books, articles, TGC conference messages, and the teaching of Strachan and Wilson can all be cited as individual sources). Papers are to be written according to the MBTS Style Manual.

The paper should address the following questions:

- 1) *How does the gospel of grace shape the pastor’s theology and character?* (4 pages)
- 2) *How does a gospel-driven, God-focused, theology-rich, people-centered ministry differ from a ministry grounded in business practices, life-coaching, task-oriented-programs, political causes, self-esteem-enhancement, and other popular models?* (4 pages)

The paper is due on May 1, 2017 and should be uploaded on Blackboard.

GRADING SCALE

Undergraduate		A	93+ points	A-	90-92 points
B+	88-89 points	B	83-88 points	B-	80-82 points
C+	78-79 points	C	73-77 points	C-	70-72 points
D+	68-69 points	D	63-67 points	D-	60-62 points
F	59 or less points				

Graduate		A	96+ points	A-	93-95 points
	90-92 points	B	87-89 points	B-	84-86 points
	80-83 points	C	77-79 points	C-	73-76 points
	70-72 points	D	67-69 points	D-	64-66 points
	63 or less points				

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| 1. Book Review | 30% |
| 2. Reading & Attendance Report | 30% |
| 3. Reflection Paper | 40% |

COURSE ORGANIZATION

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 Owen D. Strachan and Jared C. Wilson, Spring 2017

<i>Date</i>	<i>Assignment</i>
Online	Pre-Convention Meeting Lectures (watch 1-4)
1-Apr	Upload Comparison Book Review to Blackboard (by noon)
3- Apr	Arrive in Indianapolis no later than 11:00 am Attend sessions of the 2017 TGC National Conference Attend the evening FTC event (learn more at mbts.edu/ftcindy)
4- Apr	Optional lunchtime discussion session with Dr. Owen Strachan Attend sessions of the 2017 TGC National Conference
5- Apr	Attend sessions of the 2017 TGC National Conference Depart Indianapolis no earlier than 12 Noon.
1- May	Upload Reflection Paper to Blackboard (by noon)

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Class Attendance & Late Assignments:** Students are expected to attend all meetings of all classes in which they are enrolled. A student's grade may be penalized for absences. In the event of an absence it is the student's responsibility to obtain the material covered and any assignments or notes given. All class work is due in class at the date set by the instructor.
2. **Academic Integrity:** Plagiarism is the misrepresentation of another's work as one's own. Plagiarism is a serious ethical and legal matter and instances of plagiarism will result in an "F" for an assignment and possibly an "F" for the course. Students are to read and abide by the section entitled "Integrity in Seminary Studies" in the MBTS Academic Catalog.
3. **Midwestern is committed to facilitating students with disabilities.** Students seeking effective auxiliary aids for a current documented disability need to conform with Seminary policies and procedures as listed in the Midwestern *Students with Disabilities Information Brochure* available in the Student Development Office. Students are responsible for contacting the Student Development Office for verification and recommendations for any disability case. The Student Development Office will then recommend to the professor any necessary effective auxiliary aids.
4. **To assist Midwestern in the ongoing assessment of student learning and achievement,** students are asked to complete the confidential, internet-based assessment of learning for each classroom experience. Course assessment(s) may be accessed at https://portal.mbts.edu/student_portal/login.asp and are made available at the end of each semester or term. Students have the option of completing the online course assessment after the end of the semester or term and then being able to retrieve the grade(s) for their course(s). Students who do not have internet access may obtain access and/or assistance in Midwestern Library. Students having difficulty accessing their online course information should contact Information Technology department at (816) 414-3763 or helpdesk@mbts.edu.