



School of Humanities and Leadership

Wayland Baptist University Mission Statement:

Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused, and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, and service to God and humankind.

Course Name:

6328 Leadership Topics in Humanities and Culture

Term and Year:

Summer 2026

Full Name of Instructor:

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Office Hours, Building, and Location:

Gates Hall 206-B and Online, various times, and by appointment

Class Meeting Time and Location:

WBU's Virtual Campus

Catalog Description: Elective track for the Doctor in Strategic Leadership – Course research topics will be specific to the student's field of interest.

Prerequisite: Advanced standing

Required Textbook and Resources:

This course will take place entirely online. You must have a reliable and secure computer connection and internet service, as well as access to software for writing papers (such as Microsoft Word) and software capable of reading documents produced in .pdf formats; backup media such as a USB flash drive, google docs, or Dropbox, etc. Reliable internet service and WBU email account. Your WBU email is the way that I will contact you.

Course Outcome Competencies:

Although the outcomes will be the same, the method of completion may vary according to the topic selected for the semester.

Upon the conclusion of this course students actively engaged in learning will be able to:

1. Create a working syllabus that demonstrates rigor and research (must be approved by the instructor of the course) that furthers the student's knowledge in the field of study and includes the following three competencies.
2. Demonstrate how the chosen topic is connected to student's field of interest and explains why it should be included in the scholarly conversation.
3. Communicate persuasively about the subject selected in both a written and oral assignment.
4. Conduct in-depth research on the chosen topic that applies the content to the theories of leadership.
5. Produce doctoral-level deliverables outlined in the approved syllabus (created in number 1).

Attendance Requirements:

As stated in the Wayland Catalog, students enrolled at one of the University's external campuses should make every effort to attend all class meetings. All absences must be explained to the instructor, who will then determine whether the omitted work may be made up. When a student reaches that number of absences considered by the instructor to be excessive, the instructor will so advise the student and file an unsatisfactory progress report with the campus executive director. Any student who misses 25 percent or more of the regularly scheduled class meetings may receive a grade of F in the course. Additional attendance policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the University's attendance policy.

Artificial Intelligence Policy:

[Link to WBU's Statement on Academic Integrity](#), and reference one of the following in regard to how generative artificial intelligence (GAI) such as ChatGPT may or may not be used in this course:

- b. Generative AI tools permitted in specific context and with proper citations.
 - i. Students are allowed to use, reference, or incorporate generative AI tools into specific assignments for this course. When used, students must properly cite the generative AI tool in their submitted work.
 - ii. While there is no true substitute for direct help and instruction for your instructor, students may be allowed to use generative AI tools to provide further explanations of course content, readings, and other assignments. Any use of generative AI tools to help further explain or translate content must be properly referenced and cited.
 - iii. Specific parameters for generative AI usage are provided by the instructor.
 - iv. Any use of generative AI tools outside of the approved instructor parameters will be considered a form of plagiarism and academic dishonesty.

All the words and ideas must be yours. Content like a works cited, if you have determined what the sources will be (because we all know that AI will hallucinate sources), can be formulated through AI. Grammar and spelling can be checked with AI.

Course Requirements and Grading Criteria:

The course will be graded according to the syllabus that you create in addition to the
10% Syllabus
15% Research Paper

75% Material as determined by the student's syllabus

Due Dates and Late Penalties:

Assignments are due by 11:59 p.m. (Central Time Zone) on the date posted. Be sure that your clock matches the clock in WBU's Blackboard. All assignments must be submitted to the Blackboard site to receive a grade. These deadlines, like most deadlines in life, are not negotiable. *Any late assignment will receive a 15 point deduction if it is late.* Nothing will be accepted after the last regular day of the course.

If for any reason you have trouble submitting your assignment online, send me an email with the attached assignment (in Microsoft Word) before the due date/time, with an explanation of the technical problem. I will note the submission time of the email in order to assess removing late penalties. You will be required to re-submit the assignment within 24 hours, or once the technical problem is resolved.

Expectations, Communication, & Other Information:

Announcements and important information will be posted on the Blackboard site. Be sure to check the site often. Additional information may be sent to your WBU emails, so make sure you've set up a WBU email and are checking it often. Always feel free to email me or chat online anytime I'm signed on if you are concerned about the course or your progress. I am available to help you, provide resources, and give direction—but I cannot help you if I do not know you're struggling.

Students should contact me by using my wbu.edu email. I am also available on zoom by appointment. I have an office on the Plainview campus, as well, so Plainview campus students can set up an appointment to visit with me there. Please note that the phone number listed in this syllabus is my office number, which may be checked periodically throughout the week during the spring and fall Plainview semesters, but not often during the summer. The best way to get in touch with me quickly is through email.

Technical Support:

If you need assistance with your Wayland email, call IT @ (806) 291-3540, OR go here: [student IT help](#)

If you encounter other technical problems, contact the Virtual Campus (VC) via this link: [Virtual Campus Online](#), or feel free to call direct (866) 547-9192 or email virtualcampus@wbu.edu

Statement on Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty:

Wayland Baptist University observes a zero tolerance policy regarding academic dishonesty. Per university policy as described in the academic catalog, all cases of academic dishonesty will be reported, and second offenses will result in suspension from the university. Plagiarism is described in part as:

1. asking or paying someone else to write your paper;
2. copying, stealing, or "borrowing" another's paper, or portions of a book, article, or website, without using quotation marks and proper acknowledgement.

Submitting your own work for more than one course without permission of both instructors can also constitute plagiarism. For any work submitted in this course, documentation should follow current MLA form; the current MLA guide is available at

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/>. If you have questions about fair use or documentation, please do not hesitate to consult me.

Disability Statement:

“In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university. The Coordinator of Counseling Services serves as the coordinator of students with a disability and should be contacted concerning accommodation requests at (806) 291- 3765. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.”

Grade Appeal:

“Students shall have protection through orderly procedures against prejudices or capricious academic evaluation. A student who believes that he or she has not been held to realistic academic standards, just evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations or course bypass examinations. Appeals are limited to the final course grade, which may be upheld, raised, or lowered at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Executive Vice President/Provost to the Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.”

Schedule

Week	Reading/Viewing	Wednesday	Sunday/Saturday Assignment
Week 1	1. Syllabus	1. Send me an email introducing yourself by Wednesday	1. Your Syllabus
	2. Readings/Videos on Blackboard	2. Do the Required First Assignment. (You will be dropped from the class if you don't submit this assignment.)	
Week 2-7	These weeks will be determined by your syllabus and your agenda		
Week 8	1. Research Paper Due		Saturday Due