

LDR 2201 Final Paper Rubric
100 points

A 5-7 page Final Paper is expected at the end of the course (cover pages are not needed and bibliography pages do not count toward the total). This paper is in place of a final exam and should be viewed as a cumulative reflection of the course, so you need to make sure you are including solid details and explanations of your ideas. Support your thoughts with course concepts, terminology, and outside research.

This paper is to be your synopsis of the course including your own self-understanding of leadership and how you will use that to make a difference in the world. Remember, that leadership happens in big and small settings and so changing the world can happen on big and small scales as well.

You should be incorporating examples from both texts for the course and ensuring proper use of terminology. Demonstrate what you have learned during this course and develop those ideas into a personal leadership philosophy.

In your paper, you should respond to the following (not necessarily in this order):

- What is your leadership philosophy?
- What famous leaders would you look to as leadership role models and why? (think about your Who Is assignments)
- How has your understanding of leadership changed or developed during the course?
- Which of the leadership theories we discussed resonate with you and why?

Papers need to follow standard academic writing expectations (double-spaced, 11-12 point font, proper grammatical structures). You should include at minimum 3 different academic quality references (only one can be the textbook) to support your ideas and cite them appropriately using an academic format such as APA or MLA. You must include a bibliography at the end of the paper, in addition to your in-text citations.

Grading Criteria (100 pts total)

Personal Leadership Philosophy (well-developed statement about who you are as a [Christian] leader)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Supporting Personal Examples (uses examples from life to connect to course content)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Use of outside resources (includes a minimum of 3 sources – only one can be the course textbook - and uses appropriate academic citation in text and reference page)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Clarity & Correctness of Writing (writing is clear and flows from beginning to end – strong writing skills)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Notice that these last 3 criteria count as double points

Personal Reflection (reflects deeply and is able to connect ideas to personal growth and change)	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
Supporting Course Examples (uses examples from course readings, discussions, etc. to connect to course content)	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
Depth of Thought (shows understanding of course content – able to analyze and synthesize into paper)	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20