



**Fermanian School of  
Business**

**BLD4070-OL1 Leading Through  
Organizational**

**Crisis**

**3 Units**

**Spring 2024**

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<b>Additional info:</b>	<b>Additional info:</b>

**PLNU Mission**

**To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send**

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

**Foundational Explorations Mission**

PLNU provides a foundational course of study in the liberal arts informed by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In keeping with the Wesleyan tradition, the curriculum equips students with a broad range of knowledge and skills within and across disciplines to enrich major study, lifelong learning, and vocational service as Christ-like participants in the world's diverse societies and culture.

**Fermanian School of Business Mission**

**Character – Professionalism – Excellence – Relationships –  
Commitment - Innovation**

As members of a vital Christian community, we strive to provide high quality business programs that equip students to make a positive impact in their workplace and community by connecting purpose to practice.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course explores how leadership is utilized in crisis. Students will examine practical challenges to avert, respond, recover, and mitigate crises while managing internal and external factors. An emphasis is placed on situational awareness, overseeing transition, and dealing with conflict in order to create stronger and more

resilient organizations post-crisis.

## **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

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Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Exhibit an understanding of strategic and effective approaches to crisis situations.
2. Analyze various historical perspectives and approaches to leadership in times of crisis.

3. Discover the connections between practices of personal awareness, care, and growth as foundational to effectiveness in times of crisis.
4. Distinguish effective and ineffective current-day practices that lead to effective leadership in times of crisis.
5. Develop effective leadership practices connected directly to your current situation.

## **COURSE CREDIT HOUR INFORMATION**

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In the interest of providing sufficient time to accomplish the stated Course Learning Outcomes, this class meets the PLNU credit hour policy for a 3-unit class delivered over 8 weeks. It is anticipated that students will spend a minimum of 37.5 participation hours per credit hour on their coursework. For this course, students will spend an estimated 112.5 total hours meeting the course learning outcomes. The time estimations are provided in the Canvas modules.

## **REQUIRED TEXTS AND RECOMMENDED STUDY RESOURCES**

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Forged In Crisis. The Making of Five Courageous Leaders. Nancy Koehn (2017) Simon and Schuster

## **ASSESSMENT AND GRADING**

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	<u>Sample grade scale:</u>	
Weekly interview and post: 15%		
Weekly student post: 15%	A=93-100	C=73-76
Weekly PCS post: 25%	A-=90-92	C-=70-72
Weekly lecture and post: 15%	B+=87-89	D+=67-69
	B=83-86	D=63-66
Draft of final PCS: 10%	B-=80-82	D-=60-62
Final PCS: 20%	C+=77-79	F=0-59

## **INCOMPLETES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS**

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All assignments are to be submitted/turned in by the beginning of the class session when they are due—including assignments posted in Canvas. Incompletes will only be assigned in extremely unusual circumstances.

## **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) POLICY**

You are allowed to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools (e.g, ChatGPT, iA Writer, Marmot, Botowski) to generate ideas, but you are not allowed to use AI tools to generate content (text,

video, audio, images) that will end up in any work submitted to be graded for this course. If you have any doubts about using AI, please gain permission from the instructor.

## SPIRITUAL CARE

Please be aware PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as whole persons. To this end, we provide resources for our students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith.

PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as a whole person. To this end we provide resources for our Graduate and Adult Undergraduate students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith. At the Mission Valley (MV) campus we have an onsite chaplain who is available during class break times across the week. If you have questions for, desire to meet or share a prayer request please email [mvchaplain@pointloma.edu](mailto:mvchaplain@pointloma.edu).

In addition, on the MV campus there is a prayer chapel on the third floor which is open for use as a space set apart for quiet reflection and prayer.

## **STATE AUTHORIZATION**

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State authorization is a formal determination by a state that Point Loma Nazarene University is approved to conduct activities regulated by that state. In certain states outside California, Point Loma Nazarene University is not authorized to enroll online (distance education) students. If a student moves to another state after admission to the program and/or enrollment in an online course, continuation within the program and/or course will depend on whether Point Loma Nazarene University is authorized to offer distance education courses in that state. It is the student's responsibility to notify the institution of any change in his or her physical location. Refer to the map on [State Authorization](#) to view which states allow online (distance education) outside of California.

## **PLNU COPYRIGHT POLICY**

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Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those materials outside the class may violate the law.

## **PLNU ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY**

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Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog.

See [Academic Policies](#) for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

See the [Academic Honesty Policy](#) in the Graduate and Professional Studies Catalog for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

BBA/BAOL Only:

See [Adult Undergraduate Academic and General Policies](#) for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

During the first week of class, you will be asked to submit an Academic Honesty Verification Statement. Submitting the statement is a requirement of this course. By submitting the Academic Honesty Verification Statement, you will be verifying all assignments completed in this course were completed by you. Carefully review the Academic Honesty Statement below.

Statement: "In submitting this form, I am verifying all the assignments in this course will be completed by me and will be my own work."

## **PLNU ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY**

PLNU is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all its programs, services, and activities. Students with disabilities may request course-related accommodations by contacting the Educational Access Center (EAC), located in the Bond Academic Center ([EAC@pointloma.edu](mailto:EAC@pointloma.edu) or 619-849-2486). Once a student's eligibility for an accommodation has been determined, the EAC will issue an academic accommodation plan ("AP") to all faculty who teach courses in which the student is enrolled each semester.

PLNU highly recommends that students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester/term about the implementation of their AP in that particular course and/or if they do not wish to utilize some or all of the elements of their AP in that course.

Students who need accommodations for a disability should contact the EAC as early as possible (i.e., ideally before the beginning of the semester) to assure appropriate accommodations can be provided. It is the student's responsibility to make the first contact with the EAC.

## **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND DISCRIMINATION**

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Point Loma Nazarene University faculty are committed to helping create a safe learning

environment for all students. If you (or someone you know) have experienced any form of sexual discrimination or

misconduct, including sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, or stalking, know that help and support are available through the Title IX Office at [pointloma.edu/Title-IX](http://pointloma.edu/Title-IX). Please be aware that under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, it is required to disclose information about such misconduct to the Title IX Office.

If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact Counseling Services at [counselingservices@pointloma.edu](mailto:counselingservices@pointloma.edu) or find a list of campus pastors at [pointloma.edu/title-ix](http://pointloma.edu/title-ix)

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## **COURSE MODALITY DEFINITIONS**

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- 1. In-Person:** Course meetings are face-to-face with no more than 25% online delivery.
- 2. Online:** Coursework is completed 100% online and asynchronously.
- 3. Online Synchronous:** Coursework is completed 100% online with required weekly online class meetings.
- 4. Hybrid:** Courses that meet face-to-face with required online components.

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## **PLNU ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY**

Face-to-Face TUG Courses:

Regular and punctual attendance at all class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent for more than 10 percent of class sessions, the faculty member will issue a written warning of de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university drop date or, after that date, receive an "F" grade.

Face-to-Face BBA/BAOL Courses:

Regular and punctual attendance at all class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. Therefore, regular attendance and participation in each course are minimal requirements.

If the student is absent for more than 10 percent of class sessions, the faculty member will issue a written warning of de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university withdrawal date or, after that date, receive an "F" grade.

Students who anticipate being absent for an entire week of a course should contact the instructor in advance for approval and make arrangements to complete the required



coursework and/or alternative assignments assigned at the discretion of the instructor. Acceptance of late work is at the discretion of the instructor and does not waive attendance requirements.

Refer to [Academic Policies](#) for additional details

## Online BBA/BAOL Courses:

Regular and punctual attendance at all **synchronous** class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. Therefore, regular attendance and participation in each course are minimal requirements. If the student is absent for more than 10 percent of class sessions (virtual or face-to-face), the faculty member will issue a written warning of de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university withdrawal date or, after that date, receive an “F” grade.

In some courses, a portion of the credit hour content will be delivered **asynchronously** and attendance will be determined by submitting the assignments by the posted due dates. See [ADC Academic Policies in the Graduate and Professional Studies Catalog](#).

**Online Asynchronous Attendance/Participation Definition:** Students taking online courses with no specific scheduled meeting times are expected to actively engage throughout each week of the course. Attendance is defined as participating in an academic activity within the online classroom which includes, but is not limited to:

- Engaging in an online discussion
- Submitting an assignment
- Taking an exam
- Participating in online labs
- Initiating contact with faculty member within the learning management system to discuss course content

Note: Logging into the course does not qualify as participation and will not be counted as meeting the attendance requirement.

Students who anticipate being absent for an entire week of a course should contact the instructor in advance for approval and make arrangements to complete the required coursework and/or alternative assignments assigned at the discretion of the instructor.

## **USE OF TECHNOLOGY**

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In order to be successful in your course, you'll need to meet the minimum technology and system requirements; please refer to the [Technology and System Requirements](#) information. Additionally, students are required to have headphone speakers, microphone, or webcams compatible with their computer available to use for any online or hybrid classes. Please note that any course with online proctored exams require a computer with a camera (tablets are not compatible) to complete exams online.

Problems with technology do not relieve you of the responsibility of participating, turning in your assignments, or completing your class work.

## FINAL EXAMINATION POLICY

Successful completion of this class requires taking the final examination on its scheduled day. The final examination schedule is posted on the [Class Schedules](#) site. If you find yourself scheduled for three (3) or more final examinations on the same day, you are authorized to contact each professor to arrange a different time for one of those exams. However, unless you have three (3) or more exams on the same day, no requests for alternative final examination dates will be granted.

## COURSE SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS

Details and descriptions available in Canvas.

Week	Class Content	Assignments
One: Introduction	Introduction and orientation material	Video post Movie Review Discussion
Two: Crisis & Self Awareness	Lecture & Discussion: Listening & Self Awareness Interview: Dr. Jen King	Discussion Personal Case Study Slides 1&2 Thoughtful Feedback
Three: Crisis & Teams: Shackleton	Lecture & Discussion: Listening and Systems Interview: Hugh Blane	Discussion Personal Case Study Slides 3&4 Thoughtful Feedback
Four: Crisis & Conflict: Lincoln	Lecture & Discussion: Listening and Skills Interview: Rev. Karla Shaw	Discussion Personal Case Study Slides 5&6 Thoughtful Feedback Mid Course Survey
Five: Crisis and Sacrifice: Douglass	Lecture & Discussion: Listening and Skills II Interview: Dr. Nell Sweeden	Discussion Personal Case Study Slides 7&8 Thoughtful Feedback
Six: Crisis & Resistance: Bonhoeffer	Lecture & Discussion: Sleep Interview: Walter Augustine	Discussion Personal Case Study Slides 9&10 Thoughtful Feedback
Seven: Crisis & Sustainability: Carsen	Lecture & Discussion: Mindfulness	Discussion Personal Case Study: Draft Thoughtful Feedback
Eight: Crisis & Courageous Leadership	Lecture & Discussion: IntegrationI Interview: Kirstin and Justin Skeesuck	Discussion Personal Case Study: Final Thoughtful Feedback IDEA survey