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We are excited about your interest in the Leadership Academy. This document is designed to give you a brief overview of what our organisation is all about.

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In addition to this document we have several other documents that provide more in depth details about particular aspects of the Leadership Academy. Please contact the Academy office if you would like a copy of any of them. The titles are as follows:

Practical Information for Applicants – useful details on topics like housing and finances for those considering a full-time application to the Academy.

Guidelines for Student Life – an outline of the expectations we have of students whilst they are on the Academy.

Classes and Curriculum Guide – a detailed description of the material that students will cover on the first year part-time and full-time and the second year courses.

Tuition Fees – a breakdown of all the tuition fee payment plans available to students and information about methods of payment.

Assignments and Reading Lists – a list of all the assignment titles that students will complete on the course and the books we recommend.

Official Policies and Facilities Information – a concise explanation of how the Academy handles specific circumstances that may occur with students.

Part-time Course Guide – an overview of the part-time study option available on the Leadership Academy.

Application Process – a detailed explanation of the application process and copies of all the documents required.
A Message from Stephen Matthew

The Leadership Academy was founded in 1999 with the vision to train people from all walks of life in Biblical leadership, helping them to grow in their understanding of God and develop their passion for building the local church. To date over 500 students have graduated from the Academy. The course functions entirely within our church and as they study with us students become involved, engaged and immersed in the culture and ministry of LIFE Church.

It is our plan and hope that you will graduate having caught the essence of who we are and what we do, and that you will have both practical and theoretical tools at your disposal. But first and foremost it is our prayer that during your time here you will get to know God more and that as a result, your life will be enriched.

Stephen Matthew
Leadership Academy Principal

A Message from Steve and Charlotte Gambill

We are thrilled about your interest in the Leadership Academy. When God wants to do something incredible he starts with people. We believe that there is tremendous potential in the life of every person. But it is your choice whether to develop that potential or not.

Studying on Academy is a tailor made opportunity for you to grow and develop your leadership skills within the local church. The future of the Church depends on you, so invest in yourself today.

Steve and Charlotte Gambill
Life Church Lead Pastors

Mission Statement

To provide a Bible-based leadership training programme within the context of Life Church that raises up and trains individuals to lead effectively in the local church.

An Overview of the Leadership Academy

The Leadership Academy comprises of seven main components:

1). Theological Training
Through classes delivered between 9.30am and 1.00pm from Monday to Friday students will grow in their understanding of Biblical Theology.
2). Leadership Development
Students will also be equipped through the classroom sessions with leadership skills, particularly focused on Christian leadership within the local church.

3). Spiritual Growth
Through ministry time, worship and other forums provided during the classroom sessions, students are encouraged to deepen their walk with God.

4). Ministry Specialism
On Thursday each week first year students will split into three ministry specialisms, students must choose one elective stream to attend:

- Pastoral and Community Care
- Youth Ministry
- Worship Ministry

These elective streams can be attended in isolation from the rest of the programme as a part-time course.

5). Internship Placement
In addition to classes each morning, full-time students will complete an internship where they work with a member of staff from our church. This internship will give the students real ministry experience and leadership opportunities. On the first year course students must complete a minimum of 5 hours of internship time per week.

6). Sunday Services
Each Sunday during term-time students will be involved in helping to make Sunday services happen by being part of a ministry team.

7). Assignments
Students will complete a series of assignments to further develop their understanding of theology, leadership and spirituality.

The Leadership Academy Team
A dedicated team of individuals manage the day-to-day operations of the Leadership Academy. This team is lead by Tim Staples, the course coordinator. The team are supported by some of the wider church staff and pastoral team who assist with various aspects of academic and pastoral support.

A diverse and experienced teaching team deliver the lectures. Key teachers that students will see on a regular basis will include:

First Year Core Lectures
Stephen Matthew Leadership Academy Principal
Simon Hammond Leadership Academy Seminar Coordinator
Tim Staples Leadership Academy Coordinator
Liz Gordon Worship Department Coordinator
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**Pastoral and Community Elective Team**

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**Additional Teachers**

In addition to their core lectures full-time students will be part of monthly staff meetings lead by Senior Pastors, Steve and Charlotte Gambill. First year students will also have a variety of guest speakers throughout the year.

**Additional Support Personnel**

There is a wider team of volunteers who play a big role in the Leadership Academy. Each week full-time students will take part in seminar groups where they will have an opportunity to discuss core lecture material with a seminar tutor. These seminar tutors are all volunteers and will provide a primary source of pastoral care to students. Also, a team of volunteer markers will grade student's assignments.