LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
ELPS 125 05E: Introduction to Leadership Studies
Mondays, 5:15-7:45, Cuneo 203

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Description:

This course is designed to provide an introduction to the concept of leadership, including an exploration of contemporary leadership knowledge and skills that may be utilized in a variety of disciplinary contexts and settings. The course will flow through: 1) an exploration of self, 2) understanding self in the context of others, and 3) recognition of broader social systems and ways of influencing them. Two learning experiences are central to this class: service and critical reflection. This is an Engaged Learning course, approved for the Service-Learning category, and thus satisfies the Loyola University Chicago Engaged Learning requirement of CORE.

Central Themes

▪ (Re)Learning Leadership. This class will grapple with the concept of leadership exploring its meaning and wrestling with many of the (mis)perceptions about it. We will explore who can exercise leadership, what skills and abilities are important for leadership, and how leadership can be practiced across various disciplines, contexts, and settings.

▪ Exploring Identity and Context. Engaging in leadership necessitates a strong understanding of self. This course -- through classroom, coursework, and service-learning experiences -- will help students critically examine their social identities, values, and experiences and also explore how one’s personal characteristics interact with organizational, social, and other contextual factors in the leadership process.

▪ Building Efficacy. Students will gain greater confidence in their ability to engage in leadership. Self-improvement is not just about learning particular skills or techniques; students must also develop an internal appreciation and conviction in their own power, agency, and capacity to practice leadership.

Central Pedagogies

▪ Service Learning. Service sites provide students with the opportunity to explore principles covered in class as well as rich experiences for further reflection on both their identities and aspects of leadership. The service-learning component is carefully integrated into the course structure and will be used to explore the three, previously stated, central themes. Students must, therefore, be prepared to learn while actively engaged in service and to continually reflect upon the deeper meaning of their service experiences. The more students invest in the experience, the more they stand to gain from it.

▪ Critical Reflection. Classroom activities are designed to stimulate student reflection and meaning-making regarding thoughts, feelings, and experiences associated with leadership.
Service also provides a shared reference point for community learning and collective reflection on course themes. This affords the opportunity to move beyond routine reflection about students’ past experiences to deeper levels of critical reflection about students’ current and ongoing experiences. This includes examining considerations of identity, context, and process as they are happening versus solely after the fact.

**Outcome & Objectives:**

**Learning Outcome**
Students will demonstrate enhanced understanding of and efficacy related to fundamental principles of leadership.

**Objectives**
Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:
- Understand fundamental concepts of leadership, including essential knowledge, attitudes, and skills (CF1);
- Identify a conceptualization of leadership consistent with personal life experiences and values;
- Foster an internal foundation of leadership efficacy;
- Demonstrate increased awareness of self in the context of group processes;
- Recognize unique ways in which leadership manifests through service;
- Recognize unique ways in which leadership manifests across disciplinary contexts.

**IDEA Objectives**
The following outcomes are deemed *ESSENTIAL* to this course:
- Gaining factual knowledge (terminology, classifications, methods, trends)
- Developing skill in expressing oneself orally or in writing
- Developing a clearer understanding of, and commitment to, personal values

The following outcomes have been deemed *IMPORTANT* to this course:
- Learning fundamental principles, generalizations, or theories
- Acquiring skills in working with others as a member of a team

Note that course objectives will be evaluated electronically at the end of the semester. The link that follows is for the IDEA Campus Labs website: [http://luc.edu/idea/](http://luc.edu/idea/). At the end of the semester you will be promoted to complete your evaluation at this site by clicking on the Student IDEA Log In.

**Dispositions**
The School of Education at Loyola University Chicago requires assessment of all students across dispositions associated with each class. See Appendix A.

**Conceptual Framework:**
The School of Education at Loyola University Chicago advances a conceptual framework that emphasizes “Professionalism in Service of Social Justice.” This framework is consistent with the
design and content of this course. Specifically, the course will increase students’ knowledge, skills, and attitudes as well as ability to serve others through the examination of leadership as a construct focused on social justice.

**Diversity**
This course approaches the topic of leadership from a lens grounded in social justice. Particular attention is paid to culture and leadership and the differing ways in which social identities influence how one views and experiences the concept. Students in the course will be introduced to case studies, literature, and scholarship that emphasize leadership as a tool for empowerment, and students will also engage in a service-learning experience to help demonstrate the need for leadership to reflect -- and contribute to -- a diverse and socially just society.

**Technology**
Technology is integrated into the design and delivery of this course in a variety of ways. The course will rely on Sakai as an educational tool that connects students and encourages intellectual engagement outside traditional classroom boundaries. Additionally, both course delivery methods and student assignments draw on a range of technological tools with the goal of increasing students’ self-efficacy for using technology as well as enhancing learning.

**Institutional Policies & Philosophies:**

You are encouraged to visit the following website which provides information related to (among other topics): academic honesty, accessibility, the School of Education conceptual framework, ethics reporting, and electronic communication policies: [http://www.luc.edu/education/syllabus-addendum/](http://www.luc.edu/education/syllabus-addendum/)

**Reading Materials:**

**Required Texts**


[NOTE: You must purchase a new version of this book because each comes with a unique code to access the strengths inventory online. If you don’t purchase a new copy of the book, you will still need to pay separately to access the inventory.]

**Additional Readings:**
Available on Sakai (and identified below in the course schedule)

**Requirements & Expectations:**

**Preparation**
This course is designed so that learning emerges from group discussion and student engagement with each topic as well as through personal reflection and participation in the service-learning
experience. As such, preparation through completion of each week’s readings as well as thoughtful reflection on the topics is critical not only for each individual’s intellectual development, but the group’s collective development as well. Readings have been purposefully selected for their relevance to the given topic and contribution to the overall literature. Given much thought has gone into the selection of readings, students are expected to complete them in advance of each class. Occasional quizzes and reading for meaning activities may be incorporated into the grading structure should evidence emerge that students are not completing the necessary reading.

Class Participation
Given the format employed in this course design and the topic of leadership, student participation in discussions and learning activities is critical. However, it is important to note that how a student participates is often a function of their particular learning style. Therefore, participation is less about the frequency with which a student engages in class discussion and more about the quality of the contributions. For the purposes of this course, participation is valued in which students build upon one another’s comments, provide meaningful connections to practice, share critical observations and insights on a topic, and generally increase the complexity and richness of the discussion. Students are also encouraged to act as gatekeepers to the conversation encouraging the participation of others as well as posing questions to one another. To achieve this, a variety of pedagogical approaches are used to ensure that each individual’s preferred learning style is addressed over the course of the semester. A portion of the final grade is dedicated to participation and a rubric is provided that outlines how this will be assessed.

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<td>Occasionally late to class, does not return promptly from designated breaks; OR occasionally leaves early/ is absent</td>
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<td>QUALITY OF CONTRIBUTIONS</td>
<td>Contributions are relevant and routinely integrate course reading and life experiences into the discussion; Arguments are evidenced-based and supported through course content and/ or life experiences</td>
<td>Contributions lean more toward either course readings or life experiences, but are relevant to the conversation; Arguments are generally evidence-based</td>
<td>Contributions are not relevant to the conversation and rarely incorporate course readings; Contributions betray a lack of preparation for class; Arguments are rarely evidence-based</td>
<td>No or minimal contributions or arguments are offered</td>
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<td>SIGNIFICANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS</td>
<td>Contributions add complexity to the conversation and support or build off of others’ contributions</td>
<td>Contributions are generally substantive, but occasionally indicate a lack of attention to what others have shared</td>
<td>Contributions repeat what others have shared and thus do not advance the conversation</td>
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<td><strong>GENERAL ENGAGEMENT</strong></td>
<td>Regularly contributes to the class in both large and small group formats; Routinely engaged with course activities and/or discussions</td>
<td>Contributions generally favor either the small or large group; Does not consistently appear engaged in activities and/or discussions</td>
<td>Minimal contributions are offered in the small or large group; Appears disengaged from activities and/or discussions; Addresses core issues in activities and/or discussions quickly and shifts to personal conversations or off-topic material</td>
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<td><strong>GATE-KEEPING</strong></td>
<td>Does not dominate the conversation; Regularly encourages the participation of others by posing questions or asking for other students' thoughts</td>
<td>Student occasionally encourages the participation of others; recognizes the contributions of others</td>
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<td><strong>LISTENING/ATTENDING SKILLS</strong></td>
<td>Is considerate (verbally and nonverbally) of appropriately expressed feelings and opinions of others; Actively listens to both peers and instructor; Actively supports peers' learning processes</td>
<td>Generally considerate (verbally and nonverbally) of appropriately expressed feelings and opinions of others; typically displays active listening; generally supports peers' learning processes</td>
<td>Is dismissive (verbally or nonverbally) of others' feelings and opinions; Displays a lack of interest; Does not actively support peers' learning processes</td>
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**Attendance**
You must be present to engage fully in the course content. I understand that sometimes life priorities can make this challenging. However, the expectation is that you will be present for the full class session each week. Should you miss a class, arrive late, or leave early, you are responsible for identifying and obtaining missed material from your peers. **Within two weeks of a missed class, you are expected to send the instructor a short essay on the assigned readings for the class you missed. This essay should be between 1-3 pages, single spaced, and summarize the core content of the readings and your reactions to it.** Please notify the instructor via email prior to the start of class should you need to be absent. Any absence will result in the loss of participation points for that day. Routinely arriving or leaving late will result in the loss of participation points as well.

**Civil Discourse**
Although deep and meaningful learning often comes as a result of cognitive and emotional dissonance, I firmly believe that transformative learning is the result of compassionate communities in which individuals feel both challenged and supported. The underlying expectation of this course is that participants will approach one another with an ethic of care. This approach requires a willingness to engage in critical and controversial but ultimately civil discourse aimed at advancing our individual and collective knowledge. Students are expected to engage in social perspective-taking, a skill that requires both empathy and the ability to acknowledge multiple points of view. The importance of engaged, sustained, civil dialogue cannot be overstated; it is the very heart of leadership.
Cell Phones
If you bring a cell phone to class, please be sure it is either off or set to a silent mode. Texting and/or instant messaging are not allowed during class as a matter of respect to the learning community.

Email/Sakai
Email will be used as the primary mode of correspondence for this course. As such, it is imperative that you activate your Loyola University Chicago account and check it daily. Please also check your Loyola spam mail to ensure course related messages are not misdirected.

ePortfolio
This course (and all other courses in the Leadership Studies area) will make significant use of Loyola’s ePortfolio system (TaskStream). In general, students will be asked to submit assignments through Sakai, but also post assignments to the ePortfolio. Information, tutorials, and log-in information for the ePortfolio is found at: http://www.luc.edu/experiential/eportfolio/

Assignments:

Assignments are due at the time specified in the course syllabus and should be submitted according to the directions provided. Assignments are expected to be turned in on time so please plan appropriately to avoid unnecessary penalties. Any assignment submitted after the due date will be reduced by a half letter grade. An additional full letter grade reduction will be applied for each 24-hour period after the original time due. Extensions will not be granted. Note that the instructor will not hunt down missing assignments and it is your responsibility to ensure that they are turned in by the stated deadlines.

Note that if an assignment fails to follow the instructions provided a grade of zero will be assigned. This includes adherence to page/word lengths and formatting as well as addressing the core content specified for each assignment. Students are encouraged to consult with the instructor regarding any questions associated with assignments. Unless otherwise indicated, all assignments must be submitted in Sakai AND posted to your ePortfolio. If you do not receive a confirmation email from Sakai, you should assume that the submission was not received and re-submit the original to verify it was submitted by the stated due date and time.

Written Assignments
Guidelines for writing in this class will vary in level of formality from assignment to assignment. All written work, however, is expected to adhere to the grammatical guidelines associated with the APA Style Guide (6th ed.). Formal written assignments should conform to APA formatting, which generally includes:

- **Cover Page**: Title and author on the first page (not counted toward page length)
- **Margins**: 1-inch on all sides of paper (top, bottom, left and right)
- **Font**: Times New Roman, 12 point
- **Spacing**: Double-spaced throughout (including all quotations)
- **Citations**: If you reference another person’s ideas or quote from an outside source, you must include the last name(s) of the author(s), the year of publication, and the page number (if
you used a direct quote) in parentheses at the end of the sentence or quotation. Example: (Matusak, 1997, p. 5)

- **Reference List**: Included at the end of the paper (not counted toward page length). Please include the authors’ names, the title of the article/chapter, the title of journal/book, the name and location of the publisher (for books). See the list of class readings for examples.

Students should **not** exceed the suggested length of assignments. Additionally, the **suggested length does not include the title or reference pages**. The quality of writing is also of high importance. Students are encouraged to submit drafts of papers and other written assignments to the Writing Center for initial feedback ([http://www.luc.edu/tutoring/Writing_Center.shtml](http://www.luc.edu/tutoring/Writing_Center.shtml)).

### Service Learning Participation

*Students are required to complete 25 hours of community service as part of this class, with specific projects and duties to be determined by community partners.* Dedicated course time will be provided to review the expectations associated with the service component of this course. This includes providing you with a handout on how to secure a service site. Because this is an Engaged Learning course, if students do not complete the 25 service hours required within the specified parameters of this course, they may not receive a passing grade. Required due dates for identifying service sites and monitoring the completion of service hours are outlined below:

- **Week 3 (Feb 1)**: Service site and description submitted in **Sakai**, posted to your **ePortfolio**, and entered into **LOCUS** (see instructions on Sakai).
  - This should include both a 500 – 600 word description of your service site and include a visual element (photo, picture, logo, etc.)

- **Week 4 (Feb 8)**: Service Learning Agreement Form **submitted in person during class**
  - Form available on Sakai (must be SIGNED by you and your site supervisor)

- **Week 6 (Feb 22)**: Service Hours Log #1 – approximately 8 hours completed
  - Submitted through **Sakai only**

- **Week 10 (Mar 21)**: Service Hours Log #2 – approximately 16 hours completed
  - Submitted through **Sakai only**

- **Week 14 (Apr 18)**: Required 48 hours after class ends:
  1. Service Hours Log #3 – 25 hours **must** be completed
     - Submitted through **Sakai** (must be SIGNED by you and your site supervisor)
  2. Engaged Learning Reflection
     - Respond to the following prompt on **ePortfolio only**

  Loyola University Chicago’s mission statement:
  “We are Chicago’s Jesuit Catholic university - a diverse community seeking God in all things and working to expand knowledge in the service of humanity through learning, justice, and faith.”
Referencing Loyola’s mission statement above, compose a written reflection (at least 2 pages, double-spaced) that connects your in-class and out-of-class experience responding to the following:

- How did your Engaged Learning experience help you to connect to the mission?
- How did the Engaged Learning experience in this course impact your personal, intellectual, civic, and/or professional development?

Regular attendance at service sites is essential. Service site supervisors will be contacted by the instructor in the middle of the semester to confirm students are on track to complete hours. Not only will our community partners be dependent on your attendance, these experiences will provide you with a practical experience through which to make sense of course content. Additionally, it will not be possible to complete many of the assignments associated with the class if you are not meeting the service requirement. You should approach your service site with a mindset that is open to learning about “leadership in action.” Community partners should be viewed as co-educators contributing to both your personal development and course learning. This is a reciprocal relationship based on mutual investment. Please conduct yourself with respect and professionalism, provide your most competent work, and communicate effectively with everyone connected with the organization. Additionally, be sure to discuss with your on-site supervisor the appropriate protocol for notifying them of unexpected absences and rescheduling missed hours when rare situations happen that prevent you from attending (e.g., when you become ill).

Critical Reflection Exercises

Reflection plays an essential role both in leadership and service-learning. Reflection generally involves: (1) thinking intently about our experiences, (2) careful contemplation of our actions and their effects, and (3) interpreting meaning to what happens to us. Put another way, reflection serves as a bridge between our experiences and our education; it is how we turn our lived experiences into life lessons.

This course includes a variety of both formal (graded) and informal (ungraded) reflection exercises, with the goal of encouraging students to be more thoughtful, deliberate, and meaningful as they attempt to understand themselves, their experiences, and how they interact with the world. For each formal reflection exercise outlined below, students are expected to give careful thought to the prompts and then produce a meaningful, reflective essay that addresses each component of the assignment. Each reflection should be approximately 750 words (approximately 250 words for each prompt).

Reflection Exercise #1: What is your Emerging Leadership Philosophy?

Due: Week 2, January 25th, prior to start of class, submitted through Sakai and posted on your ePortfolio

Prompts:
- How do you define the term leadership?
- What does the term leadership mean to you?
What informs your definition and meaning?

Reflection Exercise #2: Using Your Voice
Due: Week 4, February 8th, 48 hours after class ends, submitted through Sakai and posted on your ePortfolio

Prompts: Select one of the works posted to Sakai, which includes poems, short stories, musical compositions, and works of art. After reviewing it, respond to the following:
- How did the artist express personal efficacy and use their voice?
- How does this work connect to your experiences?
- What lessons do you take from this exercise that you hope to apply to your service site?

Reflection Exercise #3: Finding and Clarifying Your Strengths
Due: Week 5, February 15th, 48 hours after class ends, submitted through Sakai and posted on your ePortfolio + Save and post your StrengthsFinder results (pdf) on your ePortfolio

Prompts:
- State your strengths and briefly assess the degree to which you believe they accurately reflect your talents.
- Where do you see your strengths showing up (or being most useful) at your service site?
- How might you use your strengths as a leader within your chosen passion or profession?

Reflection Exercise #4: Navigating Your Social Identities
Due: Week 7, February 29th, 48 hours after class ends, submitted through Sakai and posted on your ePortfolio

Prompts:
- Which of your social identities are most salient to you and why?
- How do these social identities show up or surface in your service site?
- How do these identities shape or inform your understanding of leadership?

Interpreting Leadership in Context

The objective of this assignment is for students to gain a broader understanding and appreciation of how context (including social identities) influence leadership and to engage in a reflective exercise with a small group of classmates.

First, identify a leader at your service-learning site (e.g., supervisor, employee, volunteer, client, community member) and verify/confirm with your site supervisor that engaging with them for this project is appropriate. Set up a face-to-face dialogue with this person (i.e., not via email, phone, or skype). Think about what topics and information you want to discuss ahead of time formulating questions in advance. When you meet, your goal is to gain a greater understanding of:
How your dialogue partner defines or understands leadership in general;
How your dialogue partner practices or exercises leadership both at the service site and in other aspects of their lives;
How the various social identities of your dialogue partner affect their leadership;
How your dialogue partner believes various social identities impact or affect the service-learning site; and
How your dialogue partner approaches making groups and teams most effective.

Remember, you are an active partner in this dialogue not a passive receiver of information. Therefore, you should be engaging in the subject matter, seeking clarification of information, and even (appropriately) challenging your dialogue partner in an effort to obtain the most helpful information possible. Once you have completed your dialogue, there are two parts of the written assignment.

Part I: Listicle on Leadership
**DUE: Week 9, March 21st**, 48 hours after class ends *submitted through Sakai and posted on your ePortfolio*

Distill the information you learned from your dialogue partner into 3-5 important lessons and craft them into a “Listicle” (i.e., a post that you might find on Buzzfeed that has a catchy title, a list of related themes or items, and a 2-3 sentence short description for each item). These types of lists will also often contain a picture, gif, or short video to further illustrate each point; you are encouraged (but not required) to include these as well. If you are not familiar with this format, you can visit the following websites:
- [http://mag.uchicago.edu/arts-humanities/listicle-literary-form](http://mag.uchicago.edu/arts-humanities/listicle-literary-form)
- [http://www.wikihow.com/Write-a-Listicle](http://www.wikihow.com/Write-a-Listicle)
- [http://www.copyblogger.com/better-list-posts/](http://www.copyblogger.com/better-list-posts/)

Keep in mind that the overall goal is to identify the most important lessons that will help you and your classmates in your leadership development process. These can be specific things that your dialogue partner told you, but they can also be realizations from reflecting on your dialogue. When crafting your listicle, please keep the following in mind:

- Your listicle should be fun, engaging, and inventive;
- The lessons you identity should be meaningful and deep; and
- You should model good leadership practice by demonstrating respect for social identities and engaging in civil discourse.

Part II: Listicle on Listicles (Group Reflection)
**DUE: Week 10, March 28th**, 48 hours after class ends, *submitted through Sakai and posted on your ePortfolio*

Student will be assigned to 3-5 person reflection groups. Start by reviewing each of the Listicles from your other group members. Then, after reflecting on all of the leadership lessons, each member should compose a group listicle ... a “Listicle on Listicles.” The goal of this list is to
further reflect on and refine leadership lessons learned. Your group listicle should include between 2-4 higher-order lessons that you have gleaned from your dialogue, your classmates’ listicles, and deeper group reflection.

**EXPRESS Project**

The purpose of this assignment is to think creatively about leadership and capture your emerging philosophy in a way that reflects your learning and narrative styles. Learning outcomes for the assignment include:

- The ability to articulate a personal conceptualization of leadership grounded in course content;
- Understanding of how one’s philosophy of leadership reflects personal life experiences and social identities; and
- Application of one’s service experiences to their understanding of leadership.

This culminating assignment asks you to consider your evolving definition of leadership within the context of course learning. *The assignment is an opportunity to express in your preferred format your definition of leadership as well as offer insights into how your service experience has informed your definition.* Your final product should address the following prompts:

- What is your evolving understanding of leadership, and how has it changed over the course of this semester?
- What personal insights or discoveries this semester helped inform your evolving understanding of leadership?
- How do your social identities and various social contexts influence the ways you understand and/or exercise leadership?
- In what ways did your service site offer insight into or help you further comprehend leadership?
- How do you anticipate putting your leadership definition into practice in the future?

You are encouraged to be creative in how you construct your final product. You could create a spoken word piece, film a video blog, craft a photographic representation, or any other means of expression that foregrounds your voice in the process. You may, of course, also write a traditional paper. Ultimately, the EXPRESS Project will be completed in two parts.

**Part I: EXPRESS Presentation**  
**DUE IN CLASS: Week 13, April 18th**  
You will be asked to summarize your EXPRESS Project in a 5-minute presentation in class. Again, you are encouraged to find creative ways to articulate your voice and ideas on leadership. After you present your work, your classmates and the instructor may provide you with brief feedback.

**Part II: Curated EXPRESS Project**  
**DUE WEEK 15:** Prior to the start time for your final exam *submitted through Sakai and posted on your ePortfolio*
Utilizing the feedback from your classroom presentation, make any final modifications to your EXPRESS Project. If you took a creative approach (e.g., a song, video, painting), you must “curate” the work. This involves a written explanation of approximately 1,000 words that addresses the following:

- How does your work represent your philosophy of leadership?
- What personal insights or discoveries this semester inform your evolving understanding of leadership?
- In what ways did your service site offer insight into or help you further comprehend leadership?
- How do you anticipate putting your leadership definition to practice in the future?

Students who choose to write a more traditional paper should submit it in APA format and it should be approximately 5 pages (not including the title page or references) in length. Both traditional papers and curation statements should include relevant citations to course material.

**Evaluation & Grading:**

All coursework and assignments must be completed by the end of the term as grades of incomplete are generally not assigned. The distribution of points is provided below:

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Assignments in this course will be graded according to the rubric provided:

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<td>Demonstrated Understanding of Content</td>
<td>Exceptional ability to both synthesize course content and identify similarities and differences between and among content areas</td>
<td>Demonstrates adequate competence in articulating central points of core content</td>
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### Complexity of Thought & Creativity

- Demonstrates significant complexity of thought as well as creative approaches in both content and structure
- Complexity of thought is of adequate depth and elements of creativity are present in work
- Complexity of thought varies significantly between topics with some demonstrating adequate complexity and others inadequate
- Assignment is not completed or lacks complexity of thoughts required for graduate-level work

### Sophistication of Application to Practice

- Application to practice is accurate, creative, reasonable, and takes into account multiple perspectives and considerations
- Application to practice is accurate and adequate
- Application to practice varies in accuracy and does not take into account varying perspectives and considerations
- Assignment is not completed or application to practice fails to take into consideration context

### Depth of Analysis

- Depth of analysis is significant offering areas of both strength and limitation, connecting multiple dimensions of content, and offering substantive interpretations
- Depth of analysis is adequate and presents both strengths and limitations as well as general interpretations
- Depth of analysis varies greatly; fails to consistently assess strengths and weaknesses, make connections between various content areas, and/or add meaningful interpretations
- Assignment is not completed or depth of analysis is not consistent with requirements of collegiate-level work

### Appropriate Structure, Style, and Grammar

- The final product is well organized, structured in way that builds on the argument or central thesis, and is free of errors related to grammar or APA style
- The final product is well organized and clearly structured with only minimal grammatical and APA style errors
- The final product suffers from problems associated with organization and structure and/or grammatical and APA style errors
- Assignment is not completed or final product is poorly organized, structured, and/or possesses significant grammar and/or APA style errors

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The following point spread will be used to determine the final course grade:

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| Feb 1  | **Readings:**
|        | **Assignments:**
|        | - Identify service site in LOCUS
|        | - Describe your service site in Sakai and on your ePortfolio
|        | **Class:**
|        | - What are the core components of leadership? What distinguishes and how do we reconcile concepts like: leadership v. management, process v. position, and power v. authority?
|        | **Service:**
|        | - What are the differences between various types of philanthropy and service? What do we mean by “thick v. thin” forms of service? |

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| Feb 8  | **Readings:**
|        | **Assignments:**
|        | - Service-Learning Agreement (submit in class)
|        | - Reflection Exercise #2 (due 48 hours after class via Sakai and ePortfolio)
|        | **Class:**
|        | - What is efficacy? What experiences have empowered you? When and where do you feel constrained? What lessons have you learned (and internalized) about your own capabilities and agency?
|        | **Service-Learning:**
|        | - What concerns do you have about doing service? How do you build efficacy at your service site? How do you balance effort v. effect?
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<td><strong>Understanding Self Part II: Strengths and Values</strong></td>
<td><strong>Readings:</strong>&lt;br&gt;- Rath, Part I (“Finding Your Strengths,” pp. 1-32) + Read about each of your 5 strengths in Part II</td>
<td><strong>Assignments:</strong>&lt;br&gt;- Complete the StrengthsFinder Survey (due before class + bring results to class)&lt;br&gt;- Reflection Exercise #3 (due 48 hours after class via Sakai and ePortfolio)</td>
<td><strong>Class:</strong>&lt;br&gt;What are your strengths and core values? How do your strengths and values align? How do your strengths relate to the way you practice leadership?</td>
<td><strong>Service-Learning:</strong>&lt;br&gt;How do your strengths and values align with your service activities? What strengths and values are represented at your site?</td>
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**Week 7  
Feb 29**

### Understanding Self Part IV: How Social Identities Affect Leadership

**Readings:**

### Assignments:
- Reflection #4 (due 48 hours after class via Sakai and ePortfolio)

### Class:
What are the dangers of a singular story? How and why do people feel disenfranchised? How do identities shape how individuals understand, experience, and enact leadership?

**Service-Learning:**
How does social identity manifest itself at your service site? How are multiple voices and stories reflected at your service site?
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<th>Class: How do groups and teams form and function? What is the big deal about dialogue? How do we build collaboration and common purpose?</th>
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<th>Class: What does it mean to engage in collective leadership? What are the conditions that assist in creating this? What benefits are accrued?</th>
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| Week 10 Mar 28 | **Groups & Teams Part III: Creating (and Maintaining) Inclusive Environments** | **Assignments:**  
- Service Log #2 (target = 16 hours submitted via Sakai)  
- Leadership in Context -- Part II (due 48 hours after class via Sakai and ePortfolio) | **Class:**  
What is the difference between diversity and inclusion? What personal and organizational factors contribute to a climate of inclusion?  
**Service-Learning:**  
What role do clients and community members have in shaping the climate of your service site? |
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| **Readings:**  

| Week 11 Apr 4 | **Leadership in Practice Part I: Navigating Power & Authority** | **Assignments:**  
N/A | **Class:**  
What is my relationship with and reaction to authority? What are the different types and dimensions of power? What are my own sources of power?  
**Service-Learning:**  
How would you map the power dynamics at your service site? How do you navigate and make sense of “office politics”? |
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| **Readings:**  
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| 12 Apr 11 | *Readings:*  - Matusak, Ch. 9 & 11  
What does it look like to navigate power dynamics? How do we persist, remain resilient, and maintain critical hope in toxic situations? |

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| 13 Apr 18 | *Readings:*  None  | - EXPRESS Presentation in Class | What does leadership mean to me now? How has my understanding of leadership evolved or changed over the semester? What leadership lessons can I take from others?  
*Service-Learning:*  
How has my service experience informed my evolving understanding of leadership? What lessons can I learn from my classmates’ service experiences? |
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# APPENDIX A:
## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION DISPOSITIONS

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<td><strong>Professionalism</strong></td>
<td>Student demonstrates exceptional ability to work well with others, lead educational initiatives, and show leadership qualities in professional settings</td>
<td>Student demonstrates ability to work well with others in a professional setting through exhibiting behaviors such as punctuality, meeting deadlines, and being open and responsive to feedback</td>
<td>Student fails to demonstrate professional behavior in the academic or work setting</td>
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<td>Student meets all deadlines</td>
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<td>Student attends class and is punctual for all professional obligations</td>
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<td>Student communicates promptly with faculty, supervisors, employers, and peers (no longer than 2 business days)</td>
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<td>Student is able to express himself or herself appropriately (verbally and in writing) with faculty, supervisors, employers, and peers</td>
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<td>Student is able to work effectively with peers on assignments</td>
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<td>Student demonstrates ethical behavior in all professional and graduate student work</td>
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<td>Student adequately addresses feedback provided on coursework (e.g., grammar, APA style, content)</td>
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<td>Student accurately cites material in academic work ascribing appropriate credit for information conveyed</td>
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<td><strong>Fairness</strong></td>
<td>Student demonstrates exceptional ability to understand the situations of others and responds in an appropriate, proactive manner</td>
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<td>Student fails to consider the situation of others in making professional decisions and acts inequitably</td>
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<td>Student is considerate (verbally and nonverbally) of appropriately expressed feelings and opinions of others</td>
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<td><strong>All students can learn</strong></td>
<td>Student exhibits exemplary understanding and practice reflecting the belief that all students, regardless of contextual influences, are capable of learning</td>
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