

GBUS 870
Leadership: Theory and Practice
Spring 2019 Course Outline

THIS IS A DRAFT COURSE OUTLINE
A FINAL VERSION WILL BE POSTED BY MID-APRIL 2019

Session Dates:

Introductory session (optional): Wednesday, April 24, 2019, noon to 1PM. Location TBA.

Begin course readings at the beginning of May

Classes: June 20, 21, 22, 27, and 28

8:30AM to 4:30PM

Room TBA

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Overview of Course:

In the first part of this course, students will learn about several popular leadership theories through a selection of related readings, self-reflection, and critical analysis of contemporary leaders. During the class portion of the course, we will review research related to the application of various leadership theories and examine the practice of leadership through the experiences of guest speakers. Working in small groups, students will gain hands-on experience designing and evaluating a leadership training intervention. Students should expect a relatively heavy reading load in the course and be prepared to begin course work at the beginning of May 2019.

Special Needs:

If there is any student in this course who, because of a disability, may have a need for accommodation, please contact the Coordinator of Special Needs Services at 585-4631, as well as discussing the accommodation with me.

Required Readings:

1. Excerpts from articles posted on UR Courses.
2. Carlin, J. (2008). *Playing the Enemy: Nelson Mandela and the Game That Made a Nation*. Penguin Press. [Available at the U of R Bookstore or an on-line retailer of new and used books]
3. Northouse, P.G. (2018). *Leadership: Theory and Practice* (Eighth edition). Sage. [Available at the U of R Bookstore or an on-line retailer of new and used books]

Course Assessment

Component	Due date	Percentage of final grade
Assignment 1	May 20	20%
Discussion questions (Discussion topics 1-3)	May 20	10%
Assignment 2	June 17	20%
Discussion questions (Discussion topics 4-8)	June 17	10%
Class participation	June 20, 21, 22, 27, 28	10%
Group project presentation	June 28	10%
Take home final exam	July 11-13	20%

Assignment 1 (20%) – Monday, May 20, 2019

Please read the article “The weight of the world” (Kolbert, 2015) and in no more than 1,700 words respond to these questions and issues:

1. Briefly define the term “leadership” in your own words and discuss the degree to which Christiana Figueres is a “leader” using your definition of leadership. (~ 300 words)
2. Evaluate the relationships among i) Christiana Figueres and those she seeks to influence in terms of leader-member exchange theory and servant leadership. Please briefly define these theories in your own words and marshal relevant examples and, where appropriate, use direct quotes from Kolbert’s article to support your arguments. (~ 1,000 words)
3. Does Christiana Figueres demonstrate hubris? Briefly justify your answer. (~200 words)

Assignment 2 (20%) – Monday, May 20, 2019

Please read the book “Playing with the Enemy” (Carlin, 2008) and in no more than 2,000 words respond to these questions and issues <**Details on Assignment 2 will be posted in May**>

Assignment format and grading

Written submissions must be double-spaced and apply 12 point font. Seventy percent of each assignment grade will be related to the quality of the analysis and 30% to referencing and the quality of writing (i.e., structure, grammar, logical flow). Assignments should be emailed to the instructor via UR Courses email on or before the assignment due date. **Please do not include your name anywhere on your assignments, rather use your University of Regina student number to identify your assignments.**

Group Project (10%) – Friday, June 28, 2019

Students will be assigned to groups and tasked with developing a practical leadership training intervention that addresses the challenges faced at Amnesty International (Avula, K. et al., 2019). Proposals will be presented in class (there is no written submission for this assignment) and should include, at a minimum, a problem statement, a concise and focused review of the relevant leadership research literature, detailed description of the leadership intervention and how its effectiveness will be evaluated, and limitations of the proposed intervention. Presentations will follow in class on Friday, June 28th and should be no longer than 20 minutes each.

Class Participation (10%) – June 20, 21, 22, 27, 28

Class participation is based on the degree to which your comments and insights enrich the learning experience of the class. Contribution marks for comments and insights are earned by:

- Making observations that integrate concepts and discussions.
- Citing relevant personal examples.
- Asking key questions that lead to revealing discussions.
- Engaging in devil's advocacy: disagreeing with the instructor and other students when the difference of opinion serves as both counterpoint and a way of exploring all sides of a concept, issue, or practice.
- Working with others to come to a common understanding of the topics – in and out of the classroom.
- Participating enthusiastically in classroom group activities and group discussions.
- Listening open-mindedly and responding to what others say.

Contribution marks will be allocated in the following manner:

Exceeds Expectations

9-10 Students in this category provide leadership in and out of the classroom and work toward enhancing the interpersonal dynamics of the class. Rather than dominating the setting, they act as facilitators, bringing others into the discussion.

Meets Expectations

7-8 Students show an active interest in class activities and participate actively in classroom discussions; regularly make insightful comments which help others to understand the course material; act as positive group role models, etc.

Does not Meet Expectations

6 Students attend class regularly but only occasionally contribute to the classroom experience.
< 5 Students fail to contribute in any of these ways.

Your presence will make a big difference to the dynamics of the class, the in-class activities, and the degree of learning that occurs. Therefore, students are expected to come to class on time, stay for the whole class, and make a positive contribution while present. Students are expected to log into UR Courses regularly to check for e-mails or any course-related announcements.

Discussion questions (20%) – Monday, May 20 and Monday, June 17, 2019

Please submit, in writing, one question based on each of the assigned readings denoted by an asterisk (*). These questions will be used to generate class discussion and should be related to interesting aspects of a reading while integrating ideas and concepts from other readings. Discussion questions must be submitted via UR Courses email.

Take Home Final Exam (20%): Thursday, July 11 to Saturday, July 13, 2019

The exam will consist of 4-6 questions with strict word limits for each response (approximately 200-500 words each). Students should spend no more than four hours writing the exam and the exam must be completed individually. More information about the coverage and format of the final exam will be provided during the week of class.

Academic Integrity:

“Assignments, tests, and examinations are designed for students to show the instructor how well they have mastered the course material. When the instructor evaluates the student's work, it must therefore be clear which ideas and words are the student's own. The general principles of academic integrity for students doing course work are that they are to do their own original, individual work, unless told otherwise by the course instructor, and are to give credit for other people's ideas or words. Students should be aware that while collaborative or group work on assignments may be encouraged in some disciplines, it is not acceptable in others. Discussion of ideas with faculty and other students (that is, intellectual debate) is both allowable and important, provided that credit is given in written work for ideas that are not one's own. Group study (as distinct from group work on an assignment that is to be graded) is likewise permissible unless explicitly forbidden by the instructor.”

“Acts of academic dishonesty or misconduct include acts which contravene the general principles described in section 2.1.2, above. In this section, some of these acts are described. Others which are not explicitly described here may also be considered academic misconduct. All forms of academic misconduct are considered serious offences within the University community.

Cheating

Cheating constitutes academic misconduct. Cheating is dishonest behaviour (or the attempt to behave dishonestly), usually in tests or examinations. It includes:

1. unless explicitly authorized by the course instructor or examiner, using books, notes, diagrams, electronic devices, or any other aids during an examination, either in the examination room itself or when permitted to leave temporarily;
2. copying from the work of other students;
3. communicating with others during an examination to give or receive information, either in the examination room or outside it;
4. consulting others on a take-home examination (unless authorized by the course instructor);
5. commissioning or allowing another person to write an examination on one's behalf;
6. not following the rules of an examination;
7. using for personal advantage, or communicating to other students, advance knowledge of the content of an examination (for example, if permitted to write an examination early);
8. altering answers on an assignment or examination that has been returned;
9. taking an examination out of the examination room if this has been forbidden.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty in which one person submits or presents the work of another person as his or her own, whether from intent to deceive, lack of understanding, or carelessness. Unless the course instructor states otherwise, it is allowable and expected that students will examine and refer to the ideas of others, but these ideas must be incorporated into the student's own analysis and must be clearly acknowledged through footnotes, endnotes, or other practices accepted by the academic community. Students' use of others' expression of ideas, whether quoted verbatim or paraphrased, must also be clearly

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acknowledged according to acceptable academic practice. It is the responsibility of each student to learn what constitutes acceptable academic practice. Plagiarism includes the following practices:

1. not acknowledging an author or other source for one or more phrases, sentences, thoughts, code, formulae, or arguments incorporated in written work, software, or other assignments (substantial plagiarism);
2. presenting the whole or substantial portions of another person's paper, report, piece of software, etc. as an assignment for credit, even if that paper or other work is cited as a source in the accompanying bibliography or list of references (complete plagiarism). This includes essays found on the Internet.

Students who are uncertain what plagiarism is should discuss their methodology with their instructors.”

Source: <https://www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/current-students/grad-calendar/policy-univ.html#conduct>. Retrieved February 20, 2018.

Course Readings

* **Required readings for Assignment 1 and first set of discussion questions**

** **Required readings for Assignment 2 and second set of discussion questions**

1. Defining Leadership and Current Controversies

* Northouse, P.G. 8th edition (2018). Chapter 1.

* Pfeffer, J. (2015). *Leadership BS*. Sage. Introduction. [Posted on UR Courses]

* Rothman, J. (February 29, 2016). Shut up and sit down: Why the leadership industry rules. *The New Yorker*. <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2016/02/29/our-dangerous-leadership-obsession>

2. Leader-Member Exchange and Servant Leadership

* Northouse, P.G. 8th edition (2018). Chapters 7 & 10.

Kolbert, E. (August 24, 2015). The weight of the world: Can Christiana Figueres persuade humanity to save itself? *The New Yorker*. <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/08/24/the-weight-of-the-world>

* Crippen, C. L., & Nagel, D. (2013). Exemplars of servant leadership in sport: Henrik & Daniel Sedin. *Revue phénEPS/PHEnex Journal*, 5(2).

<http://ojs.acadiau.ca/index.php/phenex/article/viewFile/1518/1270>

3. Authentic and Ethical Leadership

* Northouse, P.G. 8th edition (2018). Chapters 9 & 13.

* Petit, V., & Bollaert, H. (2012). Flying too close to the sun? Hubris among CEOs and how to prevent it. *Journal of Business Ethics*. [read pp. 265-272].

* Unsworth, K. L., Kragt, D., & Johnston-Billings, A. (2018). Am I a leader or a friend? How leaders deal with pre-existing friendships. *The Leadership Quarterly*, 29(6), 674-685.

4. Charismatic, Laissez-Faire, Transactional, and Transformational Leadership

** Northouse, P.G. 8th edition (2018). Chapter 8.

** Vinkenbunrg, C.J. van Engen, M.L., Eagly, A.H., & Johannesen-Schmidt, M.C. (2011). An exploration of stereotypical beliefs about leadership styles: Is transformational leadership a route to women's promotion? *The Leadership Quarterly*, 22, 2, pp. 10-21. [Please do not fuss about understanding the statistics in this article]

5. Indigenous Perspectives on Leadership

** Wendy Grant-John. (no date). Beyond Politics (CPAC). Interview with Catherine Clark.

<http://www.cpac.ca/en/programs/beyond-politics/episodes/39827645>

** Julien, M., Wright, B., Zinni, D.M. (2010). Stories from the circle: Leadership lessons learned from aboriginal leaders. *The Leadership Quarterly*, 21, 1, 114-126.

** Varley, L. (2016). The challenge of indigenous leadership within mainstream organizations. *Challenging Organizations and Society*, 5, 976-987. [Posted on UR Courses]

6. Leadership and Gender

** Northouse, P.G. 8th edition (2018). Chapter 15.

** Ryan, M. K., Haslam, S. A., Morgenroth, T., Rink, F., Stoker, J., & Peters, K. (2016). Getting on top of the glass cliff: Reviewing a decade of evidence, explanations, and impact. *The Leadership Quarterly*. 1-8.

** Sojo, V. E., Wood, R. E., Wood, S. A., & Wheeler, M. A. (2016). Reporting requirements, targets, and quotas for women in leadership. *The Leadership Quarterly*, 27(3), 519-536. [Skim article. Focus on understanding the main findings from each study].

7. Influence Tactics and Leadership Development

** Lee, S., Han, S., Cheong, M., Kim, S. L., & Yun, S. (2017). How do I get my way? A meta-analytic review of research on influence tactics. *The Leadership Quarterly*, 28(1), 210-228. [Pages to be assigned]

** Antonaskis, J. Fenley, M., Liechti, S. (2011). Can charisma be taught? Tests of two interventions. *Academy of Management Learning & Education*, 10, 3, pp. 374-396. [Skim the introduction, understand the nature of the two interventions, and read the discussion section (pp. 388-392)].

8. Amnesty International Case Study

** Avula, K., McKay, L., Galland, S. (2019). *Amnesty International Staff Wellbeing Review*.

<https://www.amnesty.org/download/Documents/ORG6097632019ENGLISH.PDF> (Skim report focusing on the issues and recommendations identified by the consulting group)

Class Timetable Updated March 11, 2019

	Thursday June 20	Friday June 21	Saturday June 22	Thursday June 27	Friday June 28
8:30 – 10:00AM	Introduction & discussion of 'Playing the Enemy'	Review of leadership theories	Reading discussion	Reading discussion	Group presentations
10:00 – 10:15AM	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:15 – 11:45AM	Reading discussion	Reading discussion	Film "Iron Ladies of Liberia"	Guest Speaker: TBA	Group presentations / Course review and synthesis
Noon – 1PM	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1 – 2:15PM	Guest Speaker: TBA	Guest Speaker: TBA	Are leaders born or made? Reading discussion	Film "The Education of Michelle Ree"	Review
2:15 – 2:30PM	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
2:30 – 4:30PM	Group project time	Group project time	Group project time	Group project time	Break