



**GBUS 870 LEADERSHIP: THEORY AND PRACTICE**

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**CLASS DETAILS:**

Class Dates: Wednesdays  
Class Times: 7- 9:45  
Class Location: Hyflex - Education Building 514

***Land Acknowledgment***

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Leadership attracts considerable attention in both academic and popular business literature. This course is designed to help you integrate this diverse body of information to think about leadership in useful ways, and most important, to help you become a more effective leader.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES / OUTCOMES**

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 and events. 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, cases and simulations. Working in small groups, students will assess leadership through cases. Students can expect a relatively heavy reading load in the course and to be prepared to begin course work in September 2023.

**COURSE EXPECTATIONS**

Students should come to class prepared by reading the assigned chapter(s)/article(s) and staying informed on current business issues.

**Special Needs:**

If there is any student in this course who, because of disability, may have a need for accommodation, please contact the Coordinator for Special Needs Services at (306)585-4631, as well as discussing the accommodation with me.

**COURSE MATERIALS**

**Required Textbook and Materials**

- **Textbook:** Kouzes, J. M., & Posner, B. Z. (2017). The Leadership Challenge: How to make extraordinary things happen in organizations (6th edition). Josey-Bass.
- **Materials:**
  - **Harvard Business Publishing Course Pack:** Additional articles and cases are in an online course pack. Access: <https://hbsp.harvard.edu/import/1073325>
  - **Simulation link:** <https://hbsp.harvard.edu/import/1073334>
    - You will have to create an account or login after following the link.

**COURSE ASSESSMENT SUMMARY**

<b>Deliverable</b>	<b>Due date</b>	
Group Case Analyses	See schedule below	30%
Article Summary	Will be assigned	10%
Individual Leader Essay	Submission period	20%
Personal Reflection	Submission period	10%
Final Exam	Submission period	30%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>

For a description of the grading system, consult the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research link here: <https://www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/current-students/grad-calendar/grading-system.html#gradingsystem>

**DESCRIPTION OF ASSESSMENT**

**Assignment Format and Grading**

Assignments should be uploaded via UR Courses on or before the assignment due date.

**Group Case Analyses**

There will be **six** group case analyses throughout the semester (see class schedule). Assigned groups will be uploaded to UR courses before the first case is due. You will be given class time to complete the group case. Your group will submit a brief (1-2 page), point-form summary of your small group case analysis for each case. The summaries will be graded on a five-point scale:

- 1-indicates that the group put little effort into the analysis or made obvious errors
- 2- indicates the group put in some effort but did not analyze the case properly or make relevant recommendations
- 3-indicates that the group put in appropriate effort and analyzed the case content and made relevant recommendations
- 4-indicates that the group put in a good effort and analyzed the case content and made relevant recommendations
- 5 indicates that the group did an exceptional job integrating multiple theories/perspectives in the analysis and made insightful recommendations. Each group member should take turns leading the case.

### **Individual Article Summary**

Each student will be required to summarize **one** article throughout the class and be prepared with discussion questions to lead the class. This portion of your grade will be based on a 1) **half page summary** review of one of the assigned readings and 2) **prepared questions** for class discussion (five questions). The dates and readings will be assigned. Your summary should explain what the purpose of the reading was and how it is related to what we are currently learning about leadership. You should not simply reiterate the points made in the reading but should elaborate on the reading content with your own insight and use theory learned in class to enhance the understanding of the reading. Your questions should guide and enhance the group discussion of that article. You will submit your summary the day before the article is used in class and you will use your discussion questions to lead the class discussion of the article. More information will be provided in class.

### **Personal Reflection**

You will be given questions throughout the classes to develop a collection of leadership characteristics that you find relevant in light of your personality, values, and life experiences. You will be asked to submit a brief document (2-3 double-spaced pages) that describes some of your self-insights on the questions that are asked. It should be well-formatted and grounded in course content. This is due at the end of the class. As well, you will be completing a simulation in this class and your participation and reflection on the simulation will be included in this mark. This assignment is due on the last day of class and must be submitted via Course Tools.

### **Individual Leader Essay**

You will analyse the life of a real leader to develop a nuanced understanding of how personality characteristics, and leadership behavioural styles are related to both effective and ineffective leadership behaviours. You can choose to write about any leader, just ensure that you can access enough information to provide a detailed analysis about the person's personality, and leadership behaviour. Further guidelines will be posted on UR Courses and discussed in class. This assignment is due on the last day of class and must be submitted via Course Tools.

### **Final Exam**

The final exam will be an individual written case analysis to be written the last day of class. It is an open book exam that will cover all course content. Readings, lectures, videos, and class discussions are eligible materials for the exam. The final exam case is included in your Harvard course pack, read the case in advance of the writing the final exam.

## ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

### **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 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

**Request for Deferred Submission of Work.** *Eg Requests for deferred assignments / exams for assessment to be handed in during the semester (not final exams / assignments) are at the discretion of the instructor.*

Extensions or requests for changes by students to **final** exams and assignments due dates will require the student to complete a formal request for deferral. The student completes the request, consults with the instructor who must sign the form, and the instructor then submits the form (and any supporting documentation provided by the student) to Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR). The decision (approved or denied deferral) is made by FGSR and is usually only approved if there are extenuating circumstances (e.g., illness, death, etc). The decision is sent by mail to the student and it is the student's responsibility to ensure the deferred requirements are met within the outlined time frame. It is also the student's responsibility to follow-up with FGSR if they do not receive a response from FGSR on their submitted request. Requests for deferral received more than two (2) weeks after the final day of the examination period will be denied. The deferral form can be found on the FGSR website at: <https://www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/forms.html>

## **STUDENT RESOURCES**

### **Accessibility Services**

If there is any learner who, because of a disability or other consideration, may have a need for accommodation(s), please contact the Centre for Student Accessibility before or at the start of the course <https://www.uregina.ca/student/accessibility/> . The Centre will advise how you proceed and the required communication with your instructor.

### **Counseling Services**

If any learner is experiencing personal problems which may be affecting their studies, please consider consulting UofR Consulting Services. For more information check here <https://www.uregina.ca/student/counselling/services/index.html>

### **Writing Assistance**

The Student Success Centre ([www.uregina.ca/ssc](http://www.uregina.ca/ssc)) offers both on-line resources and in- person tutoring on writing skills.

### **Class Schedule & Topics:**

The following is a tentative schedule for the course. Students should come to class prepared by reading the assigned chapter(s)/article(s) and staying informed on current business issues.

#### **Class 1: Aug 30: Introduction**

#### **Class 2: Sept 6: *What leaders do and what followers expect; The Nature of Leadership***

- **Lecture**
  - Ch. 1 – When Leaders are at Their Best (textbook)
  - Are leaders born or made
- **Reading:** *What Leaders Really Do* (course pack)
- **Homework:** Create leader philosophy

#### **Class 3: Sept 13: *What leaders do and what followers expect Continued...***

- **Lecture**
  - Leadership philosophy
  - Ch. 2 – Credibility is the Foundation of Leadership (textbook)
- **Other materials**
  - TedTalk: The Power of Introverts
  - Personality assessment
- **Reading:** *The Authenticity Paradox* (course pack)
- **Group Case 1:** Katie Conboy: Leading Change at Simmons College (course pack)

#### **Class 4: Sept 20: *Practice 1- Model the Way***

- **Lecture**
  - Ch. 3 – Clarify Values (textbook)
  - Ch. 4 – Set the Example (textbook)
- **Reading:** *Discovering Your Authentic Leadership* (course pack)
- **Group Case 2:** Body Shop International (course pack)

#### **Class 5: Sept 27: *Practice 2- Inspire Shared Vision***

- **Lecture**
  - Ch. 5 – Envision the Future (textbook)
  - Ch. 6 – Enlist Others (textbook)
- **Other materials**
  - Ted Talk: Charisma
  - YouTube: Charisma clips
- **Reading:** “*I’m Not Mopping the Floors, I’m Putting a Man on the Moon*, Andrew Carton 2018” (conduct a Google Scholar search via the University Library)
- **Homework activity**
  - Learning Charisma (course pack)

**Class 6: Oct 4: Practice 3- Challenge the Process**

- **Lecture**
  - Ch. 7 – Search for Opportunity (textbook)
  - Ch. 8 – Experiment and Take Risks (textbook)
- **Other materials**
  - TedTalk: Grit
- **Reading:** *What good leadership looks like for this pandemic* (course pack)
- **Group Case 3:** The Perils and Pitfalls of Leading Change: A Young Manager's Turnaround Journey (course pack)

**No Class: Oct 11: Reading week**

**Class 7: Oct 18: Practice 4- Enable Others to Act**

- **Lecture**
  - Ch. 9 – Foster Collaboration (textbook)
  - **Reading:** “*Current Emotion Research in Organizational Behavior*” (conduct a Google Scholar search via the University Library)
- **Reading:** *If you can't empathize with your employees you better learn to* (course pack)
- **Group Case 4:** Gen Y in the Workforce (course pack)

**Class 8: Oct 25: Practice 4- Enable Others to Act Continued**

- **Lecture**
  - Ch. 10 – Strengthen Others (text)
  - Leadership and well-being
- **Reading:** *The harder they fall* (course pack)
- **Group Case 4:** Barbara Norris: Leading Change in the General Surgery Unit (course pack)

**Class 9: Nov 1: Group Simulation**

- Simulation (1.5 hours)
- Simulation debrief

**Class 10: Nov 8: Practice 5- Encourage the Heart**

- **Lecture**
  - Ch. 11 – Recognize Contribution (textbook)
  - Ch. 12 – Celebrate Values and Victories (textbook)
- **Reading:** *Great storytelling connects employees to their work* (course pack)
- **Group Case 6:** Cirque du Soleil (course pack)

**Class 11: Nov 15: *The Dark Side of Leadership***

- **Lecture**
  - Ch. 13 – Leadership is Everyone’s Business (text)
  - Special topic: The Dark Side of Leadership
- **Reading:** *The Disturbing Link Between Psychopathy and Leadership* (forbes.com)  
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/victorlipman/2013/04/25/the-disturbing-link-between-psychopathy-and-leadership/?sh=735a36c74104>

**Class 12: Nov 22: *Guest Lecturer***

**Class 13: Nov 29: *Final Exam***

- **Final Exam:** Kent Thirly: Mayor of DaVita
- **Individual Assignment due by 10pm**
- **Personal Reflection due by 10pm**