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Concepts and Practice of Leadership

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CONCEPTS AND PRACTICE OF LEADERSHIP - (Leadership II)
Fall 2003 (3102)
Tuesdays, 1.00 p.m.- 3.30 p.m.
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OVERVIEW:

The course will build on the work done during the Fall Semester on the components of Leadership and their actual implementation in the real world over the course of history.

The second part of this course over the Spring Semester will be divided into two main halves. The first half will continue with a certain number of new Case Histories, and apply them to actual situations in the contemporary world. The second half will shift focus towards Leadership in the Business World in an era of globalisation where the private sector now plays an increasingly determinant role.

By the end of the course, the student should be able to:
• apply the norms of leadership to most situations of daily life,
• synthesize information and articulately ask questions and state positions,
• explain the role of cultural diversity in global business,
• describe a variety of global business topics and the roles and responsibilities of the relevant national, regional, and international actors involved,
• draft documents and position papers succinctly and convincingly.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

During the first half of the course, the following fifteen Case Studies will be studied:

The Iliad of Homer
The Odyssey
Sophocles’ Philoctetes
Themistocles of Athens
Confucius, Machiavelli, Rousseau -- Studies in Contrast
Carl von Clausewitz on War
Adolf Hitler
Churchill
Gandhi
Hartwick Classic Leadership Cases are available from Oneonta: Hartwick Humanities in Management Institute. (Students do not have to have their own copies of all Case Studies, as each set of sixteen Case Studies can be shared among two or three classmates).

During the second half of the course, the following two books will be studied:


**SUGGESTED ADDITIONAL READINGS:**

Warren Bennis Books
- *Managing People Is Like Herding Cats.*
- *On Becoming a Leader.*
- *Old Dogs, New Tricks.*
- *Learning to Lead.*
- *Why Leaders Can't Lead.*
- *Organizing Genius.*

*Principle Centered Leadership*, Stephen Covey

*Lying. Moral Choices and Private Life*, Sissela Bok

*Leadership in Administration. A Sociological Interpretation*, Philip Selznick

*Riding the Waves of Culture Understanding Diversity*, Trompenaars, Hampden, and Turner

*Getting to Past No. Negotiating Your Way From Confrontation To Cooperation*, William Ury.


**CLASS POLICIES:**

**Class Participation:** Class participation is essential in this course, and therefore, timely and regular class attendance is mandatory. Class attendance will be marked during the first minute of each class. Attendance will be graded. Except for serious emergencies, and medical reasons, which must be brought
to notice immediately over e-mail, absences will not be “excused” during this semester. It should be clearly noted that almost one-third of the Final Grade is dependant on punctuality and attendance.

**Drafting:** Particular emphasis will be placed in this class on building up an ability to draft home-works and papers in a grammatically correct and logical manner, in presentations that can carry weight and conviction with the reader. The same will hold true of oral presentations in class.

**Email:** Because of the importance attached to e-mail and web pages, all students must have proper e-mail accounts, and must check them regularly every day. (All email addresses will be collected in the first class). Students should also maintain a group address (Listserv) of all classmates, including the Professor, so that messages of common interest can be circulated to all. Blackboard may be used as a user-friendly medium.

**Reference Formula:** All email correspondence MUST also contain the following four-part Reference Formula in FOUR places, namely, (a) as the only “subject” of the email; (b) as the only first line of the text of the email; (c) as part of the “header” of the attached assignment, and (d) as the “filename” of the attachment:

(initials of university)-(course symbol)-(initials of student)-(assignment number)

Example of the four-part Reference Formula: “SHU-L2-XXX-A#” (where SHU stands for Seton Hall University, L2 stands for the Practice of Leadership course, XXX are the student’s initials in capital letters, and A# or “keywords” are the assignment number or the keywords of the email).

**Format of assignments:** Assignments will normally be submitted in hard copies, and must be in saved Microsoft Word or WordPerfect formats exclusively. They should be saved with the same filename as the “reference formula” above, so that no confusion is ever created.

**Web-Sites:** Each student will be encouraged to maintain a personal web-page, which will be graded. (Some tips on the quickest means to establish student web-sites will be discussed in the first class). In addition, a Class Web-Page will also be maintained as a group project. Each student will have to provide a personal “thumbnail” picture and a few lines of descriptive text for this Class Web-Page. Material on the class web-page will include summaries of class notes, and links to the personal web pages of each student reflecting their respective assignments.

**Homeworks**

All home-works and other instructions will be given through e-mail. All students are therefore expected to provide their e-mail contacts, and to check
and respond over this medium regularly. Home-works will however be submitted in hard copy, and grading will be done over the same medium.

**GROUP ASSIGNMENTS**

At the very beginning of the semester the class will be divided into groups of 2 students each. These groups will have two different types of assignments for each class. Group assignments will be graded.

*Type A: Preparation of Presentations:* The assigned group will be responsible for “preparing” the presentation of the day, and will be required to:

1. Submit the summary of the presentation (via email) a full 24 hours before the presentation.
2. Prepare handouts for students for distribution in class.

The presentation should consist of the following elements:

1. Presentation of the prepared topic.
2. Lessons learned from the material presented.

*Type B: Preparation of Class Notes:* The objective is to maintain a complete record the notes from each class on the home-page. The assigned group (which will always be different from the group preparing the presentations) will be responsible for preparation of the class notes. Class notes MUST be written within one day after the class, and then circulated via email to all classmates. Class notes should not be longer than one page and should contain the following:

1. The gist of the topic discussed in class.
2. The lessons learned

**CLASS PROJECT**

It would be desirable to organize a class project. Part of the first class will involve a discussion about the class project. Agreement will have to be arrived at by the end of that class on the project that the whole class will undertake.

**TESTS**

There will be three tests during this semester, namely during Class One, Class Six, and Class Nine, for which students should bring their laptop computers (in proper working order), or arrange access to a computer laboratory. Hard copies of the test will have to be handed over at the end of the test. Tests will be graded.
For their Final Paper students will have to prepare a comprehensive Class Report on six different aspects of contemporary Leadership, namely:

- Political Leadership.
- Business Leadership.
- Religious Leadership.
- Sports Leadership.
- Cultural Leadership.
- Military leadership

For this purpose, all students will be divided into six groups, with each group being responsible for one of the above chapters. Each group will distribute responsibilities evenly among its members, with each student contributing a clearly identifiable portion of the assigned chapter. Each individual contribution, which should deal with a specific leader, should be:

- Length: 10-12 pages
- Format: Single space
- Font: Garamond 14 pt. or equivalent

The group, as a whole, will be responsible for ensuring that the individual contributions in the assigned chapter have a clear Introduction and Conclusion, so that the chapter reads as a single and complete unit. One of the students in the group may be assigned the responsibility for drafting the Introduction and Conclusion, which should also add up to about 10-12 pages in length.

Each group will also be required to make two oral presentations, both of which will be graded:

First Oral Presentation (Fifth Class): The purpose of this first Presentation is to examine the progress of the team work, and to acquire feedback for further research and drafting (time reserved for each group: 10 min.). The Presentation should consist of:

- Information about the distribution of tasks among group members.
- Research questions and problems likely to be elaborated in the Paper.

Second Oral Presentation (Thirteenth Class): The purpose of this second Presentation is to orally introduce the Final Paper. (Time reserved for each group: 30 min.)

The deadline for the submission of the Final Paper is also at the beginning of the Thirteenth Class both for the e-mailable versions and the hard copies. There will be NO extensions of this deadline.
**Grading Policy:**

**Grading Notes:** In judging the quality of Home-works and Final Papers, the total grade for each of these will be divided into three portions, one-third for the quality and formatting of the presentation, one-third for the factual accuracy of research, and one-third for the strength and persuasiveness of the opinions expressed.

**Grading Improvements:** Extra weightage will be given for any visible improvement of work manifested over the semester.

**Grading Break-Up:**
- Class attendance and participation: 30%
- Web-page design and maintenance: 10%
- Homeworks and Tests: 30%
- Final Paper: 30%

**Grading Scale:**

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**Class Schedule**

**First Class**
Recapitulation of lessons learnt during the First Semester
Class Project - discussion

**First Written Test.**

**Second Class**
The Iliad of Homer
Penelope in The Odyssey
Sophocles’ Philoctetes
Themistocles of Athens
**Third Class**
Confucius, Machiavelli, Rousseau -- Studies in Contrast
Carl von Clausewitz on War
Adolf Hitler
Plato, the Republic

**Fourth Class**
Gandhi
Martin Luther King
The Autobiography of Malcolm X
Woodrow Wilson's Leaderless Government

**Fifth Class**
King David
Jesus and the Gospels
Muhammad

**Final Report (First Presentation)**

**Sixth Class**
*Second Written Test.*

**Seventh Class**
The book by Nancy J. Adler, Organizational Behavior should be read by students by this date.
The discussion on the book will start with the first four chapters;
Ch.1 - Culture and Management
Ch.2 - How Do Cultural Differences Affect Organizations
Ch.3 - Communicating Across Cultures
Ch.4 - Creating Cultural Synergy
Ch.5 - Multicultural Teams

**Eighth Class**
Ch.6 - Global Leadership, Motivation, and Decision Making
Ch.7 - Negotiating Globally
Ch.8 - Cross-Cultural Transitions Expatriate Employees Entry and Reentry
Ch.9 - A Portable Life - The Expatriate Spouse
Ch.10 - Global Careers
Ninth Class

Third Written Test

Tenth Class
The book by Harris, Moran, Managing Cultural Differences should be read by students by this date.
The discussion on the book will start from the first four chapters;
Ch.1 - Leadership in Globalization
Ch.2 - Leadership in Global Communication
Ch.3 - Leadership in Global Negations and Strategic Alliances
Ch.4 - Leadership in Cultural Change
Ch.5 - Leadership in Cultural Synergy

Eleventh Class
Ch.6 - Managing for Cross-Cultural Effectiveness
Ch.7 - Managing Transitions and Relocations
Ch.8 - Managing Diversity in Global Work Cultural
Ch.9 - Effective Performance in the Global Marketplace
Ch.10 - Doing Business with North Americans

Twelfth Class
Ch.11 - Doing Business with Latin Americans
Ch.12 - Doing Business with Asians
Ch.13 - Doing Business with Europeans
Ch.14 - Doing Business with Middle Easterners
Ch.15 - Doing Business with Africans

Submission of hard copies of Final Report

Thirteenth Class
Oral Presentation of Final Report.

Fourteenth Class
Distribution of Final Grades.