

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
Department of Sociology

Sociology 3335b:
Community Leadership
Winter 2012

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Class Times:
Mondays: 8:30-11:20 a.m.
Office Hours:
Thursdays: 2:30-3:30 pm. Or,
please make an appointment.

Course Description:

This seminar course critically examines the meaning of community leadership. Topics to be considered include: the history and changing nature of leadership; the role of ideology, power and privilege in shaping leadership; exploring one's own potential for leadership; and leadership for social change.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course students will have:

- A better understanding of the relational nature of leadership;
- Some appreciation of how community leadership is a diverse and ever-changing process;
- Examined, in some detail, the core competencies of community leadership
- A clearer sense of their own leadership challenges and strengths
- Practical experience collaborating with others to develop and present a workshop

Course Prerequisites:

Students must have taken Sociology 2215 a/b, or have permission from the instructor.

Assignments and Grading Structure:

Participation.....	5%
Reflection Questions.....	15%
Midterm Exam.....	25%
“Learning Team”-Led Workshop.....	20%
Major Assignment—Profiling a Local Community Leader.....	35%

Required Readings:

Komives, Susan R., Nance Lucas, Timothy R. McMahon. ***Exploring Leadership: For College Students Who Want to make a Difference.*** 2007. (Second Edition)
San Francisco CA.: Jossey-Bass.

Krile, James F. 2006. ***The Community Leadership Handbook: Framing Ideas, Building Relationships and Mobilizing Resources.*** USA: Fieldstone Alliance.

Recommended Readings:

Brown, Michael Jacoby. 2006. ***Building Powerful Community Organizations: A Personal Guide to Creating Groups that Can Solve Problems and Change the World.*** Arlington, MA.: Long Haul Press.

Brown, Cherie, R., George J. Mazza. 2005. ***Leading Diverse Communities: A How to Guide for Moving from Healing to Action.*** San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Komives, Susan R., Wendy Wagner. 2009. ***Leadership for a Better World: Understanding the Social Change Model of Leadership Development.*** San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Quinn, Robert E. 2004. ***Building the Bridge As You Walk On It: A Guide for Leading Change.*** San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Roberts, Dennis C. 2007. ***Deeper Learning in Leadership: Helping College Students Find the Potential Within.*** San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Detailed Course Outline:

*Students, please note that the following course outline is subject to revision. That is, throughout the term, circumstances may arise that will alter the ordering of the topics, the pace at which we move through the material and so on. **It is your responsibility to do all required readings, to attend class and to participate in all community and/or classroom activities as they are scheduled.** If, for whatever reason, you are unable to attend class, please consult your colleagues in order to catch up on any administrative details, or course content that you may have missed*

DATE	THEMES/DUE DATES	REQUIRED READINGS
JANUARY 9 TH	Course Introduction; Administrative Details	Komives et. al., Chapter 1
JANUARY 16 TH	The History and Changing Nature of Leadership	Komives et. al., Chapters 2 &3
JANUARY 23 RD	Understanding Yourself in Relation to Leadership Submit Reflection #1	Komives et. al., Chapters 4
JANUARY 30 TH	Diversity in the Community Classroom: Learning Styles	TBA

FEBRUARY 6 TH	Diversity and Leadership <i>Guest Speaker-to be confirmed</i> Submit Reflection #2	Komives et. al., Chapter 5
FEBRUARY 13 TH	Ethics and Leadership; Community Leadership as Process <i>Sr. Theresa Mahoney-to be confirmed</i> Submit Reflection #3	Komives et. al., Chapter 6 & 9
FEBRUARY 20 TH	READING WEEK; NO CLASSES	
FEBRUARY 27 TH	MIDTERM EXAM (25%)	NO NEW READINGS
MARCH 5 ND	Leadership and Social Change: The Social Model of Leadership Development	Komives et. al., Chapters 11 & 12
MARCH 12 TH	Core Competencies for Community Leadership: Framing Ideas (Learning Team Workshops)	Krile, Parts 1 & 2
MARCH 19 TH	Core Competencies continued: Building Social Capital—Effective Communication, Managing Interpersonal Conflict, & Building Social Capital Across Cultures (Learning Team Workshops)	Krile, Part 3
MARCH 26 TH	Core Competencies continued: Mobilizing Resources—Analyzing Stakeholders & Building Coalitions (Learning Team Workshops)	Krile, Part 4
APRIL 2 ND	Developing a Leadership Identity	Komives et. al., 13 & 14
APRIL 9 TH	Final Reflections; Last Day of Classes MAJOR ASSIGNMENT DUE (35%)	NO REQUIRED READINGS

Course Specific Policies:

1. Submission of Assignments

- All assignment due dates are firm and subject to a late penalty, except when the professor recognizes that there are legitimate and documented exceptional circumstances (eg. illness, death in the family). For each day the assignment is late, the student will lose .5 of a mark (.5% of final course grade). Except for exceptional circumstances such as those noted above, **assignments submitted 7 days or more past the due date will not be accepted.**

2. Cell Phones and Computers

- Out of respect for your colleagues and the instructor, please refrain from using cell phones during class time. Ensure that they have been turned off

before entering class. Similarly, computers are to be used to for note-taking and class related activities only—NOT surfing the net, chatting, looking at photos etc.

3. Late Submission of Assignments worth less than 10%

- For academic accommodation to be considered for any course component worth less than 10% of the final course grade, it is the responsibility of the student to approach the course instructor(s) in a timely fashion. Documentation may be required to be submitted to the academic advisor. If documentation is required, the request for accommodation will be decided by the academic advisor in consultation with the instructor. If documentation is not required, the instructor will make the final decision as to whether or not accommodation will be granted. The policies governing requests for academic accommodation for course components worth 10% or more of the course grade are outlined in the Academic Policies section included at the end of the course outline.

DETAILED OUTLINE OF GRADING AND ASSIGNMENT STRUCTURE

1) Ongoing Preparation and Participation- 5%

The success of the teaching and learning process depends on each person's preparation and participation. Being absent, or late, detracts from the learning experience for everyone.

Here are some guiding thoughts about preparation and participation. Regarding preparation, make every effort to read all required readings prior to class. In reflecting on the reading, think about what was positive about the material. What concepts were difficult to grasp? In what ways do you agree or disagree with the author?

Regarding participation, do your best to offer, each class, your thoughts, insights and questions about the activities and readings of the course. But, allow space for all students to participate. When your colleagues are participating, pose follow-up questions seeking clarification of a point if you need it, respectfully challenge their points of view (if you disagree), and offer comments that further the conversation. Finally, in the spirit of a classroom "community", you will be expected to attend and provide commentary on ALL of the presentations of your colleagues.

2) Reflection Questions 15% (3 questions worth 5 marks each)

Length: 2 pages, typed, double-spaced

Due Dates: January 23rd ; February 6th ; February 13th

Question 1:

Komives, page 146, #2: *Write your own personal mission statement. What is your purpose in life? What values are important to you? What do you want to be? What attributes and capabilities are important to you?*

Question 2:

Komives, page 177, #2: *Referring to David Hoopes' Intercultural Learning Process Model, think about where you are currently in this model. What stage best describes you now? What experiences will help you expand your openness to others?*

Question 3:

Komives, page 214, #4: *How would you approach someone in your group or community who is behaving unethically or who is violating the group's standards?*

3) Midterm Exam: Monday February 27th

Date: Monday February 27th, 2012

Time: 8:30 am to 10:30 am

Worth: 25%

This midterm will cover all material (i.e., lectures, readings, guest presentations) from the beginning of the course up to and including what is covered in class on Wednesday February 13th.

4) Learning Team Led Workshop (20%) (Approximately 1 hour in length each)

In this assignment, you will be placed in "learning teams" and your task will be to develop a workshop to teach your classmates about a "core competency" of community leadership. You will use as your starting point the *Community Leadership Workbook*, but, you may use additional resources if you wish. The topics for these workshops include:

- Framing Ideas
- Effective Communication
- Managing Interpersonal Conflict
- Analyzing Stakeholders
- Building Coalitions
- Respecting Diversity
- Visioning/ Translating Vision into Action

Beyond teaching your classmates about a core competency, you will be encouraged, as a team, to consider what you each hope to learn from the process of planning and leading a workshop?

Through consultation between the professor and students, these presentations will be scheduled for the following weeks of the term: **March 12th, March 19th, March 26th and April 2nd (this last date only if necessary)**. In this assignment, all team members will receive the same grade for their presentation.

5) Community Leader Profile (35%)

Due: Monday April 9th, 2012

Length: 8 pages, typed, double-spaced, properly referenced.

*****Please submit electronic copy to turnitin.com and hard copy in class.***

This assignment begins with the assumption that you are currently (or have in the past) been connected to a not for profit community organization.

Instructions:

- 1) Using course readings as your starting point, consider the various perspectives on leadership we have introduced/studied throughout the term. Based on this analysis, answer the following question: if you could create the “ideal” community leader, what qualities would s/he embody? Be sure to provide a rationale for your answer. *Please note that while you begin with course materials, the expectation is that your research will extend beyond class readings to include outside sources.*
- 2) Keeping Part 1 in mind, identify a “local” person (perhaps working in an organization with which you are connected, or, from your parish, school etc.) who you feel is the embodiment of a community leader. Justify your choice. In the process of justifying your choice, you may wish to consider the following questions:
 - What are the top 2 or 3 reasons you have chosen this person?
 - Was there a critical issue s/he addressed? If so, how was the decision made to act on this community issue?
 - Discuss ways that the approach to leadership adopted by this individual has made a difference in her/his community?

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

1. POLICY REGARDING MAKEUP EXAMS AND EXTENSIONS OF DEADLINES

When a student requests academic accommodation (e.g., extension of a deadline, a makeup exam) for work representing 10% or more of the student's overall grade in the course, it is the responsibility of the student to provide acceptable documentation to support a medical or compassionate claim. All such requests for academic accommodation **must** be made through an Academic Advisor and include supporting documentation. Academic accommodation on medical grounds will be granted only if the documentation indicates that the onset, duration and severity of the illness are such that the student could not reasonably be expected to complete her academic responsibilities. Appropriate academic accommodation will be determined by the Dean's Office in consultation with the student's instructor(s). Please note that personal commitments (e.g., vacation flight bookings, work schedule) which conflict with a scheduled test, exam or course requirement are not grounds for academic accommodation.

If supporting documentation is from a family physician, Hospital Urgent Care Centre or Emergency Department, or a walk-in clinic a UWO Student Medical Certificate (SMC) is **required**. To download an SMC go to <https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm> and follow the link under "Medical Documentation". Documentation should be obtained at the time of the initial visit. If it is not possible to have an SMC completed by the attending physician, the student must request documentation sufficient to demonstrate that her ability to meet academic responsibilities was seriously affected. Please note that under University Senate regulations document-ation stating simply that the student "was seen for a medical reason" or "was ill" is **not** considered adequate to support a request for academic accommodation. All documentation is to be submitted to an Academic Advisor.

Whenever possible, requests for academic accommodation should be initiated in advance of due dates, examination dates, etc. Students must follow up with their professors and Academic Advisor in a timely manner.

The full statement of University policy regarding extensions of deadlines or makeup exams can be found at <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2011/pg117.html>.

2. ACADEMIC CONCERNS

If you feel that you have a medical or personal problem that is interfering with your work, contact your instructor and Academic Advisor as soon as possible. Problems may then be documented and possible arrangements to assist you can be discussed at the time of occurrence rather than on a retroactive basis. Retroactive requests for academic accommodation on medical or compassionate grounds may not be considered.

If you think that you are too far behind to catch up or that your work load is not manageable, you should consult an Academic Advisor. If you consider reducing your

workload by dropping one or more courses, this must be done by the appropriate deadlines (refer to the Registrar's website, www.registrar.uwo.ca, for official dates). You should consult with the course instructor and the Academic Advisor who can help you consider alternatives to dropping one or more courses. *Note that dropping a course may affect OSAP eligibility and/or Entrance Scholarship eligibility.*

The Dean may refuse permission to write the final examination in a course if the student has failed to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year or for too frequent absence from the class or laboratory.

3. ABSENCES

Short Absences: If you miss a class due to a minor illness or other problems, check your course outline for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or assignment. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow notes from a classmate. Contact the course instructor if you have any questions.

Extended Absences: If you have an extended absence, you should contact the course instructor and an Academic Advisor. Your course instructor and Academic Advisor can discuss ways for you to catch up on missed work and arrange academic accommodations, if appropriate.

4. POLICY ON CHEATING & ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism and other academic offences. Students are urged to read the section on Scholastic Offences in the Academic Calendar. Note that such offences include plagiarism, cheating on an examination, submitting false or fraudulent assignments or credentials, impersonating a candidate, or submitting for credit in any course without the knowledge and approval of the instructor to whom it is submitted, any academic work for which credit has previously been obtained or is being sought in another course in the University or elsewhere. Students are advised to consult the section on Academic Misconduct in the Western Academic Calendar.

If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate or not, consult your instructor, the Student Services Centre, or the Registrar. A claim that "you didn't know it was wrong" is not accepted as an excuse.

The penalties for a student guilty of a scholastic offence (including plagiarism) include refusal of a passing grade in the assignment, refusal of a passing grade in the course, suspension from the University, and expulsion from the University.

Plagiarism:

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the

detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com.

Computer-marked Tests/exams:

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating. Software currently in use to score computer-marked multiple-choice tests and exams performs a similarity review as part of standard exam analysis.

5. PROCEDURES FOR APPEALING ACADEMIC EVALUATIONS

All appeals of a grade must be directed first to the course instructor. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, a written appeal signed by the student must be sent to the Department Chair. If the response of the department is considered unsatisfactory to the student, she may then submit a signed, written appeal to the Office of the Dean. Only after receiving a final decision from the Dean may a student appeal to the Senate Review Board Academic. A Guide to Appeals is available from the Ombudsperson's Office, or you can consult an Academic Advisor. Students are advised to consult the section on Academic Rights and Responsibilities in the Western Academic Calendar.

6. PREREQUISITES AND ANTIREQUISITES

Unless you have either the prerequisites for a course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from the course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Similarly, you will also be deleted from a class list if you have previously taken an antirequisite course unless this has the approval of the Dean. These decisions may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course because you have taken an antirequisite course.

7. SUPPORT SERVICES

The Brescia University College Registrar's website, with a link to Academic Advisors, is at http://www.brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar_services/index.html.

The University of Western Ontario Registrar's website is at <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/index.cfm>

Portions of this document were taken from the Academic Calendar, the Handbook of Academic and Scholarship Policy and the Academic Handbook of Senate Regulations.

This document is a summary of relevant regulations and does not supersede the academic policies and regulations of the Senate of the University of Western Ontario.