



**Leadership Studies 1031**  
**Intersession 2020**  
**Exploring Leadership**  
**Intersession with Professor Julie N. Young**

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This interdisciplinary course will provide students with an introduction to the concept and history of Leadership. Students will examine a variety of philosophical, psychological and theoretical perspectives of leadership through readings, hands-on activities and experiential simulations, and some engagement with representative leaders.

This introductory survey course assumes no prior knowledge of leadership. This course requires no prerequisites and has no antirequisites but is a prerequisite for Brescia University College's Major in Leadership Studies.

### **COURSE MATERIALS**

Textbook Bundle:

Northouse, P. G. (2019). *Leadership: Theory and practice* (8<sup>th</sup> ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.

Northouse, P. G. (2021). *Introduction to leadership: Concepts and practices* (5<sup>th</sup> ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.

Note Concerning Ordering textbooks online due to COVID 19: There are copies available from a company called VitalSource. Students will be provided with the ISBN to purchase online. Students may go to their website to purchase. <https://www.vitalsource.com/en-ca/>

Up-to-date information on class readings, assignments, tests, exams and grades is provided on: <https://owl.uwo.ca/>

### **BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COMPETENCIES**

Brescia's overarching goals are to foster the development of leadership among our students and to provide an academically superior university education. The competencies articulated as central to a Brescia education provide our students the tools they need to lead with wisdom, justice and compassion. As a university college we value academic excellence and the mastery of the scholarly knowledge in students' chosen areas of study.

1. **Communication:** The ability to exchange information and meaning across cultures, space and time through appropriate modes of communication. Includes oral, written, and interpersonal or group communication, as well as the ability to use current or innovative media.
2. **Critical Thinking:** The ability to engage in thinking characterized by the rational, informed, independent, and open-minded exploration of issues, ideas, and events before accepting or formulating a conclusion.
3. **Inquiry and Analysis:** The ability to reach informed decisions by breaking down complex issues, exploring evidence, and describing relationships among persons, things, or events.
4. **Problem Solving:** The ability to create and execute a strategy to answer a question or achieve a goal. Includes being able to anticipate the consequence of a potential solution, select a strategy among several alternatives, and decide when an acceptable outcome has been reached.
5. **Self Awareness and Development:** The ability to draw meaning, knowledge and value from honest and fair reflection and self-evaluation. Students are able to recognize their values and their impact on others, and make a commitment to personal growth.
6. **Social Awareness and Engagement:** The ability to respect and be open to diversity (e.g. cultural, religious, political) and social justice. Students take personal responsibility to actively engage in and contribute to creating positive change in local, regional, national, or global communities and societies.
7. **Valuing:** The ability to make decisions or choose actions based on the consistent application of moral principles and ethical codes. Students must also be able to understand the ideas informing one's beliefs and be accountable for their actions.

### STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (COMPETENCIES IN BRACKETS)

By the end of the course, students should be able to;

- L1. Describe, compare and critically evaluate a variety of Leadership theories and perspectives that have evolved over time (L1 Communication, L1 Critical Thinking)
- L2. Examine situations to identify which Leadership theories/skills/perspectives have been demonstrated and evaluate the effectiveness of that Leadership (L1 Inquiry/Analysis, L1 Problem-Solving)
- L3. Develop an understanding of past and present issues in Leadership (L1 Inquiry/Analysis, Social Awareness/Engagement)
- L4. Apply the aforementioned knowledge to evaluate their own skill sets, strengths and weaknesses through experiential exercises, self-reflection and assessment (L1 Self-Awareness/Development, L1 Valuing)
- L5. Identify and demonstrate their ability to both lead and follow (L1 Self-awareness & Development, Social Awareness/engagement, L1 Communication)

## EVALUATION

Grades cannot be adjusted on the basis of need. Your mark in the course will be the mark that you earn based on your demonstrated understanding of the course content. Extra credit assignments are not available and tests and exams cannot be rewritten to obtain a higher mark. Once a student has written a test or examination she is committed to the mark earned.

Evaluation of the student is achieved through two mid-term tests, a group project/presentation, a final examination, and class contribution. The weightings of the graded requirements are listed below:

Segment	Date	Objective	Weight
Leadership Blog – Contemporary Issues	Weeks 1-6	L3	15%
Leadership Reflections	Weeks 1-6	L4-L5	20%
Leadership Project	Week 6	L1-L2-L3	35%
Final Exam (take home)	Final Exam Period	L1-L5	30%
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>100%</b>

### Evaluation Component Descriptions

#### Leadership Blog – Contemporary Issues

Contribution by each and every student is a cornerstone of any effective learning experience. Active class involvement augments the learning experience, increases assimilation of material and stimulates the level of class discussion. The expectation is that you contribute not only for your own learning but to the learning of your classmates.

The aim of the blog is to create a space for student engagement (and to discuss positive social change) to think and co-create with your colleagues. Various contemporary issues that require leadership will be explored on the blog. The blog is where you will post your responses to my posted statements. I will post a deadline along with each forum topic. You will have 2 weeks to complete your forums. It is not advisable to leave your responses until the end of the allotted time period. If you leave it until the last minute you might not be able to access the Internet (this happens more than you would think). ANY late responses will not be graded.

### Leadership Reflections

Reflections involves learning from every-day experiences with the intent of applying learning and improving our leadership practice. Through reflection, an individual may gain insight into self and into their leadership practice. What is learned may be used to lead more effectively, justly, compassionately or collaboratively, for example, in future situations. Reflection is not always easy work, as it may illuminate tensions between values and norms, but provides an opportunity for us to consider how we might best respond in the future.

Reflection is generally viewed as having two dimensions: reflecting on experience after an event occurs and reflecting in action—in real time—during an event. Students will receive a series of weekly leadership reflection prompts and will respond in written format, by responding to each question provided in the reflection worksheet.

### Leadership Project Proposal:

You will develop a full proposal for a community engagement or development project serving a community group or issue of your choice. Your project presentation should aim to persuade your reader, who will act as the donor agency to whom you are applying for funds. You must “sell” your analysis of the problem and your recommended intervention. In order to secure this meeting with the donors you are required to come with a completed logic model. A proposal template will be provided to all students for the purposes of this assignment.

The second part of this assignment involves linking your proposed intervention to leadership theories and concepts. This portion of the assignment should include at least two instances where you expect to have the opportunity to lead (presuming you would execute the project plan). For each leadership instance, describe how this was a leadership role by linking it back to any leadership theory discussed in this course. Be sure to demonstrate the applicability of the theory by speaking about specific components/elements of the theory and applying those elements to your project. You must use different leadership theories for each leadership instance.

Final Exam: The final exam will be scheduled during the final exam period, and will be cumulative: it will cover material covered in the textbook, the additional readings, in class discussions and PowerPoint slides throughout the entire year. It will be a take-home exam completed individually and submitted through OWL which requires a comparison to other submitted work through Turnitin. Students will have three days to complete the take-home exam.

## TEACHING METHODOLOGY AND EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

This course will be taught online. Each week, a series of powerpoint presentations, video presentations, reflection worksheets and blog posts will be uploaded. Students may complete this coursework at a time and location convenient to them but are encouraged to stay on pace with the course week-to-week. Leadership requires a much greater involvement of the student in class than does some subjects. Students will read the assigned readings and complete the assigned exercises in preparation for the class discussion. The blog will take the place of the traditional class discussion, and students are encouraged to respond to the professor's prompts as well as their student colleague's comments.

In this way, the instructor will act as discussion leader, with emphasis on students' active participation. The very nature of this discussion approach demands a high level of thoughtful contribution.

### Privacy

In order to respect privacy laws, and the privacy of individual students, student grades will ONLY be communicated via OWL, in-person, or on a test/exam/report/essay paper. Your instructor is not able to email your grade to any email address, and will only discuss individual grades with the student in question via teleconference. Student grades are confidential. Please take this into consideration when sharing your grades or asking others to share their grades.

The University is committed to protecting specific types of information, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to result in harm to the University, an identifiable individual, or a third party. As a result, your professor is not able to release any information including, but not limited to, personal information, attendance or grade records, to anyone other than the individual involved.

### A Note Regarding Email

I will check email and our course site on OWL Monday through Friday during office hours; you can expect a response within 48 hours during the work week. Over weekends and holidays I will not be checking email or OWL, so plan accordingly.

### Appointments

Students are welcome to meet with the professor via teleconference or ZOOM. Please email to set up an appointment.

## ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

If, on medical or compassionate grounds, a student is unable to complete a course component worth **greater than 10 per cent** of the final course grade, it is the responsibility of the student to consult with an Academic Advisor and follow the procedures documented in the "**POLICY REGARDING MAKEUP EXAMS AND EXTENSIONS OF DEADLINES**" found below within this outline.

For academic accommodation to be considered for any course component worth **less than 10 per cent** of the final course grade, it is the responsibility of the student to approach the course instructor(s) in a timely fashion (within two business days of the missed deadline). 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.

# 2019-20 BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

## 1. POLICY REGARDING ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

The complete policy regarding [Accommodation for Illness - Undergraduate Students](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_12) can be found at [http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\\_12](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_12).

Students who have long-term or chronic medical conditions which may impede their ability to complete academic responsibilities should seek Academic Accommodation through Student Accessibility Services ([http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&Command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\\_10](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&Command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_10)).

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.

Students who experience an illness or extenuating circumstance sufficiently severe to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements may submit a request for academic consideration through the following routes:

1. Submitting a **Self-Reported Absence** form provided that the conditions for submission are met;
2. For medical absences, submitting a **Student Medical Certificate (SMC)** signed by a licensed medical or mental health practitioner;
3. For non-medical absences, submitting **appropriate documentation** (e.g., obituary, police report, accident report, court order, etc.) to their Academic Advisor. Students are encouraged to contact their Academic Advisor to clarify what documentation is acceptable.

### Requests for Academic Consideration Using the Self-Reported Absence Portal

Students who experience an unexpected illness or injury or an extenuating circumstance of 48 hours or less that is sufficiently severe to render them unable to meet academic requirements should self-declare using the online Self-Reported Absence portal. This option should be used in situations where the student expects to resume academic responsibilities within 48 hours. Note that the excused absence includes all courses and academic requirements within the up to 48 hours, it is not intended to provide an excused absence from a single course while students fulfill their academic responsibilities in other courses during that time.

The following conditions are in place for self-reporting of medical or extenuating circumstances:

1. Students will be allowed **a maximum of two self-reported absences** between September and April and one self-reported absence between May and August;
2. The duration of the absence will be for a maximum of 48 hours from the time the Self-Reported Absence form is completed through the online portal, or from 8:30 am the following morning if the form is submitted after 4:30 pm;
3. The excused absence will terminate prior to the end of the 48 hour period if the student undertakes significant academic responsibilities (writes a test, submits a paper) during that time;
4. Self-reported absences will **not** be allowed for scheduled final examinations; midterm examinations scheduled during the December examination period; or for final lab examinations scheduled during the final week of term;
5. Self-report absences may **not** be used for assessments worth more than 30% of any course;
6. Any absences in excess of 48 hours will require students to present a Student Medical Certificate (SMC), or appropriate documentation;

7. Students **must** communicate with their instructors **no later than 24 hours after the end of the period covered by the Self-Reported Absence form** to clarify how they will fulfil the academic expectations they may have missed during the absence.

### **Request for Academic Consideration for a Medical Absence**

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 for illness 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 their academic responsibilities. Minor ailments typically treated by over-the-counter medications will not normally be accommodated.

The following conditions apply for students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds:

1. Students must submit their Student Medical Certificate (SMC) along with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested no later than two business days after the date specified for resuming responsibilities. An SMC can be downloaded from [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf) ;
2. In cases where there might be an extended absence or serious issue, students should submit their documentation promptly and consult their Academic Advisor for advice during their recovery period;
3. Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, scheduled tests or examinations, and other academic requirements;
4. Students **must** communicate with their instructors **no later than 24 hours** after the end of the period covered by the SMC to clarify how they will fulfil the academic expectations they may have missed during the absence;
5. Appropriate academic accommodation will be determined by the Dean's Office/Academic Advisor in consultation with the course instructor(s). Academic accommodation may include extension of deadlines, waiver of attendance requirements, arranging Special Exams (make-ups), re-weighting course requirements, or granting late withdrawal without academic penalty.

The [full policy on requesting accommodation due to illness](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_12) can be viewed at:

[http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\\_12](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_12)

## **2. ACADEMIC CONCERNS**

If you feel that you have a medical or personal challenge 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 are not normally considered.

If you think that you are too far behind to catch up or that your work load is not manageable, you should consult your Academic Advisor. If you consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses, this must be done by the appropriate deadlines; please refer to the [Registrar's website](#),

<http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar-services/> or the list of official sessional dates in the Academic Calendar (<http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm?SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=>).

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.*

### 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 and warranted.

It is important to note that the Academic 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

([http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=5&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#SubHeading\\_68](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=5&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#SubHeading_68)).

### 4. SCHOLASTIC OFFENCES

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence at:

[http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\\_20](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_20).

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism and other academic offences. 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 Scholastic Discipline for Undergraduate Students in the Academic Calendar.

If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate or not, consult your instructor, the Academic Dean's Office, 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.

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 (<http://www.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 is to be sent to the School Chair. If the response of the Chair is considered unsatisfactory to the student, they may then submit a written appeal to the Office of the Dean. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the Dean, they may appeal to the Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA), if there are sufficient grounds for the appeal and if the matter falls within the jurisdiction of the SRBA. For information on academic appeals consult your Academic Advisor or see the Student Academic Appeals – Undergraduate in the Academic Calendar

[http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\\_14](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_14).

Note that final course marks are not official until the Academic Dean has reviewed and signed the final grade report for the course. If course marks deviate from acceptable and appropriate standards, the Academic Dean may require grades to be adjusted to align them with accepted grading practices.

## **6. PREREQUISITES**

Unless you have either the prerequisites for a course or written special permission from the 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 prerequisite(s).

## **7. SUPPORT**

### **Support Services**

The Brescia University College Registrar's website, with a link to Academic Advisors, is at <http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar-services/>. Students can access supports through Brescia's Student Life Centre (<http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/student-life/>) and Learning Skills Services at Western (<https://www.uwo.ca/sdc/learning/>)

### **Mental Health and Wellness**

Students may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to your learning, such as increased anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, feeling down or lost, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. Services are available to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. You can obtain information about how to obtain help for yourself or others through **Mental Health & Wellness at Brescia** (<http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/mental-health-wellness/>) and **Health and Wellness at Western**, [http://uwo.ca/health/mental\\_wellbeing/index.html](http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/index.html).

### **Sexual Violence**

All members of the Brescia University College community have a right to work and study in an environment that is free from any form of sexual violence. Brescia University College recognizes that the prevention of, and response to, Sexual Violence is of particular importance in the university environment. Sexual Violence is strictly prohibited and unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Brescia is committed to preventing Sexual Violence and creating a safe space for anyone in the Brescia community who has experienced Sexual Violence.

If you or someone you know has experienced any form of Sexual Violence, you may access resources at <http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/sexual-violence/>.

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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.

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