

University of International Business and Economics International Summer School

MGT 374 Leadership and Teams

Term: December 19th, 2022 – January 13th, 2023 Instructor: Fuxi Wang Home Institution: China Agricultural University Email: wangfuxi@cau.edu.cn Class Hours: Monday through Friday, 120 minutes each day (2,400 minutes in total) Discussion Session: 2 hours each week Office Hours: TBD

Total Contact Hours: 64 contact hours (45 minutes each, 48 hours in total) Credit: 4 units Location: WEB

Course Description:

The course explores effective leadership behavior and teamwork skills in work organizations. Students will engage in the enhancement of their own skills in these areas combined with the study of empirical findings and classic and contemporary models of leadership and group dynamics.

Learning Outcomes:

By taking the course, students should be able to achieve the following:

- ♦ Identify the different ways leadership has been defined
- ♦ Discuss types of teams
- ♦ Identify the different roles and activities commonly required for managers
- ♦ Discuss how teams are designed
- ♦ Identify how leader behavior can be described with either broad or specific categories
- ♦ Identify methods for leading teams
- ♦ Recognize how to build team cohesion and trust
- ♦ Describe how to develop an appealing vision for the organization
- ♦ Recognize methods for improving performance and productivity
- ♦ Identify different forms of participative leadership and empowerment
- ♦ Discuss methods to enhance team communication and intelligence
- ♦ Identify how leader traits and skills are related to effective leadership



Required Textbook:

Leadership in Organizations, by Gary Yukl and William Gardner, 9th Edition, Pearson, 2020.

Course Grading:

EXAMS (60%): Four exams from the textbook are scheduled for this course.

- 1. Module One Exam (Chapters 1, 2, 3 & 4)
- 2. Module Two Exam (Chapters 5, 6, 7 & 8)
- 3. Module Three Exam (Chapters 9, 10, 11 & 12)
- 4. Module Four Exam (Chapters 13, 14 & 15)

Teams Article - Module Discussions (20%):

There will be four Team Article - Module Discussions (Modules 1-4). Instructor will provide a team related topic for each discussion in class. Students will provide a summary of the article in class. The student, to receive an "A" grade, needs to respond with their article summary by the first due date and a minimum of two (2) substantive comments to other students by the second due date. To be substantive, all discussion need to contain specific examples to clarify and support your main points. Due dates will be listed in each discussion description in the Discussions section in Blackboard. These weekly discussions are both homework assignments, and substitute for classroom interactions. Unlike text messages, your written responses need to follow correct capitalization, grammar, and spelling rules. Points will be deducted for improper grammar and capitalization.

Self-Awareness Assignment (20%):

Understanding your developmental needs and how they can affect your performance is a skill that will help you throughout your career. For this assignment you will have the opportunity to identify some of your strengths and some of your developmental needs and then develop a plan of action as to how you can capitalize on your strengths and improve your weaknesses. For the paper you will identify two personal areas of strength and two areas of development. Based on this, you will be required to identify your areas of strength and development and indicate (a) concrete examples of how you demonstrate these strengths/weaknesses and (b) how each of these hinder or help your current performance at work and/or in school. You will need to draw on theory to explain why these strengths / developmental needs are likely to affect your performance and how they might impact your future career. Then, you will develop a plan that outlines how you could improve your weakness and how you can capitalize on your strength to succeed in your chosen career.



Grading Scale:

Assignments and examinations will be graded according to the following grade scale:

A	90-100	C+	72-74	
A-	85-89	С	68-71	
B+	82-84	C-	64-67	
В	78-81	D	60-63	
B-	75-77	F	below 60	

Course Requirements:

This course requires time and effort as well as self- discipline and self-motivation of every student to accomplish the course. Course syllabus is under Syllabus and exams/assignments are under are Course Content in Blackboard. Students are expected to finish all assignments by the due dates. Due dates (deadlines) are strictly observed. Please plan your time accordingly.

Course Calendar:

Week	Topics	Assignments	Due Dates
1	The Nature of Leadership	Read Chapters 1,2,3,4	TBD
	Leadership Behavior	Team Article Discussion,	
	The Leadership Situation and Module 1 Exam		
	Adaptive Leadership	Begin Working on Self-	
	Decision Making and	Awareness Assignment	
	Empowerment by Leaders		
2	Leading Change and Innovation	Read Chapters 5,6,7,8	TBD
	Power and Influence Tactics	Team Article Discussion,	
	Leader Traits and Skills	Module 2 Exam Continue	
	Charismatic and	working on Self-	
	Transformational Leadership	Awareness Assignment	
3	Values-Based and Ethical	Read Chapters 9,10,11,12	TBD
	Leadership	Team Article Discussion,	
	Dyadic Relations and Followers	Module 3 Exam Continue	
	Leadership in Teams and	working on Self-	
	Decision Groups	Awareness Assignment	
	Strategic Leadership in		
	Organizations		
4	Cross-Cultural Leadership and	Read Chapters 13,14,15	TBD
	Diversity	Team Article Discussion,	
	Developing Leadership Skills	Module 4 Exam	
	Overview and Integration	Finish Working on Self-	
		Awareness Assignment	