

The Pennsylvania State University
Women's Leadership Initiative: Concepts and Competencies
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Notes:

- **Please use your Penn State e-mail address for all communications in this course.**
- **Most assignments are submitted through a drop box in ANGEL.**
- **For dress code: see page 8**

Required Text: Northouse, P. G. (2010). *Leadership: Theory and Practice, Fifth Edition*. Sage.

Course Description:

This course is designed to help you acquire the knowledge, attributes, skills, practices, and resources necessary to achieve your leadership potential. The course will include self-assessment; self-leadership development; and exploration of leadership philosophy, traits and styles within diverse cultures and contexts.

You will emerge from this experience with an enhanced knowledge of your own leadership capacity; an ability to identify and analyze the leadership styles exhibited by others; an expanded network of peer advisors, colleagues and mentors who will contribute to your leadership development; and a clearer understanding of leadership in diverse cultures and contexts. Come prepared to participate, interact individually and in groups, and enjoy the process of learning about leadership development.

Course Themes:

1. Developing Knowledge of Self and Others
2. Defining Leadership
3. Developing Leadership Skills
4. Practicing Leadership

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to

1. Identify characteristics of an effective leader
2. Give examples of leadership styles and critique the advantages and disadvantages of each and the contexts in which they might be effective
3. Observe and evaluate models of leadership in real-life situations
4. Explain the contributions of diversity to leadership and change
5. Describe personal/individual leadership strengths
6. Construct a personal philosophy of leadership
7. Create a plan for continued leadership development

Course Schedule:

Pre-Class Assignments:

1. Read chapter 3 (Skills Approach) and chapter 4 (Style Approach) of the text (due January 29)
2. Take the Skills Inventory Questionnaire and the Style Approach Questionnaire on ANGEL (due January 29)
3. My Leadership Philosophy. On one, double-spaced page, articulate your Leadership Philosophy. You will be asked to refine your Leadership Philosophy on a regular basis using the “track changes” function in Microsoft Word.

Sunday, January 30: WLI Sunday Session #1 (required)

Concept: Practicing Leadership
Topics: Interviewing skills
Location: Bennett Pierce Living Center, 110 Henderson Building
Time: 2:00-8:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. Interviewing skills

Dr. Marja Verbeeten, Assistant Professor of Hospitality Management

3:00-5:30 p.m. Mock interviews – 30 minutes per student

Before and after your interview, please prepare two (2) panel questions for “Leadership and Philanthropy,” two (2) questions for “Ethical Leadership,” two (2) questions for “Issues Facing Young Leaders,” and two questions for “Men’s Perspectives on Leadership.” Submit the eight (8) questions prior by the end of this Sunday session.

5:30 p.m. Dinner and Service Learning Project ongoing development

7:00 p.m. Discussion of Skills Inventory and Style Approach Questionnaires

7:30 p.m. Adjournment

Assignments:

- Submit Class Participation Score to ANGEL (due February 2)
 - Submit Service Learning Participation Score to ANGEL (due February 2)
 - Submit Reflection Six on Developing Leadership Skills to ANGEL (due February 2)
 - Invite mentor and guests (2) to April 9 WLI Celebration Luncheon. Communicate with your mentor about your courses and activities this semester (Mentor Assignment #1, due February 6). Submit confirmation of your communications with your mentor and guests to the drop box on ANGEL (i.e., copy of the emails and/or notes to your mentor and guests).
 - Read chapter 5 (Situational Approach) and chapter 6 (Contingency Theory) of the text (due February 12)
 - Ongoing development of the Service Learning Project
 - Refine your Leadership Philosophy using “track changes”
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Sunday, February 13: WLI Sunday Session #2 (required)

Concept: **Developing Leadership Skills**

Topics: **Networking, philanthropy and leadership**

Location: **Bennett Pierce Living Center, 110 Henderson Building**

Time: **2:00-8:00 p.m.**

2:00 p.m.	Networking, building relationships and leadership <i>Cheryl Bonner, Director of Alumni Career Services, Penn State Alumni Association</i>
3:00 p.m.	Campbell Interest and Skill Survey (CISS) <i>Robert Orndorff, Associate Director of Recruiting and Employee Relations, Penn State Career Services</i>
5:00 p.m.	Dinner
5:30 p.m.	Leadership and Philanthropy (panel discussion)
6:30 p.m.	Service Learning Project ongoing development
7:30 p.m.	Summary and Adjournment

Assignments:

- Submit Reflection Seven on Philanthropy and its Contribution to Leadership to ANGEL (due February 16)
- Submit Class Participation Score to ANGEL (due February 16)
- Submit Service Learning Participation Score to ANGEL (due February 16)
- Read the postings on ANGEL entitled, “Ethical Leadership” and “Overcoming Obstacles” (due March 17)
- Complete the Observational Exercise on Ethical Leadership on ANGEL (due March 17)
- Ongoing development of the Service Learning Project
- Refine your Leadership Philosophy using “track changes”

Sunday, February 27: WBCA “Pink Zone” at Lady Lions Basketball Game (optional but strongly encouraged)

Location: Bryce Jordan Center
Time: 12:00 p.m.

March 18-19: WLI Weekend Workshop (required) – Washington, DC

Concept: Practicing Leadership
Topic: Ethical leadership, young leaders
Location: Washington, DC

Friday, March 18

7:00 a.m. Depart for Washington, DC
Begin your Leadership Reflection Diaries
2:00 p.m. Meet with Wanda Jones, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S.
Department of Health and Human Services
4:00 p.m. TBD
7:00 p.m. Networking Reception with Penn State Professional Women’s Network of Metro
Washington
9:00 p.m. Leadership Reflection Diaries

Saturday, March 19

9:00 a.m. What is ethical leadership? Please come prepared to discuss your Observational
Exercise on Ethical Leadership.
9:45 a.m. Leadership Reflection Diaries
10:00 a.m. Ethical Leadership: A Variety of Viewpoints (panel discussion)
12:00 p.m. Lunch and Guest Speaker – Politics in the Workplace
Mary Good, Senior VP and Director of Human Resources, SRA International
1:00 p.m. Men’s Perspectives on Leadership (panel discussion)
3:00 p.m. Topic TBD
4:00 p.m. Break into groups for Celebration Luncheon presentations
5:00 p.m. Depart for State College
Submit your Leadership Reflection Diaries

Assignments:

- Submit Class Participation Score to ANGEL (due March 22)
- Submit Service Learning Participation Score to ANGEL (due March 22)
- Submit Reflection Eight on Ethical Leadership (due March 22)
- Read the posting on ANGEL entitled, “Listening to Out-Group Members” (due April 2)
- Complete the Observational Exercise on “Out-Groups and Leadership” on ANGEL (due April 2)
- Interview your mentor about work/life balance (Mentor Assignment #2 – due April 9)
- Ongoing development of the Service Learning Project
- Refine your Leadership Philosophy using track changes

Sunday, April 3 -- WLI Sunday Session #3 (required)

Concept: Developing Leadership Skills
Topic: Work/Life Balance, Diversity and its Contribution to Leadership
Location: Bennett Pierce Living Center, 110 Henderson Building
Time: 2:00–8:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. What role does diversity play in leadership? Please come prepared to discuss the Observational Exercise on “Out-Groups and Leadership.”
3:00 p.m. Service Learning Project ongoing development
4:00 p.m. The role of work/life balance in leadership
Dr. Nan Crouter, Dean, College of Health and Human Development
5:00 p.m. Dinner and group discussion of diversity and leadership
6:00 p.m. Diversity in Action
Dr. Terrell Jones, Vice Provost for Educational Equity
8:00 p.m. Adjourn

Assignments:

- Submit Class Participation Score to ANGEL (due April 6)
- Submit Service Learning Participation Score to ANGEL (due April 6)
- Submit Reflection Nine on Leadership and Diversity (due April 6)
- Read the posting on ANGEL entitled “Leadership and Work/Life Balance” (due April 9)
- Read chapter 9 (Transformational Leadership) of the text (due April 9)
- Interview your mentor about work/life balance (Mentor Assignment #3 – due April 9)
- Ongoing development of the Service Learning Project
- Refine your Leadership Philosophy using track changes

Saturday, April 9: Celebration Lunch with family and mentors (required)

Concepts: Practicing Leadership
Location: Boardroom, Nittany Lion Inn
Time: 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 10 -- WLI Sunday Session #4 (required)

Concept: Developing Leadership Skills
Topic: Young Leaders, Wellness and Leadership
Location: Bennett Pierce Living Center, 110 Henderson Building
Time: 2:00–8:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. Issues Facing Young Leaders (panel discussion)
Panel will be composed of selected WLI reunion attendees
3:00 p.m. Financial Health
Deborah Pajak, Wienken and Associates
5:00 p.m. Dinner

- 6:00 p.m. Self-Defense
Susan DelPonte, Center for Women Students
Ellen Aschenbrenner, Police Officer, University Police
- 7:00 p.m. Service Learning Project discussion and evaluation
- 8:00 p.m. Adjourn

Assignments:

- Submit Class Participation Score to ANGEL (due April 13)
- Submit Service Learning Participation Score to ANGEL (due April 13)
- Submit Reflection Ten on “My Leadership Philosophy” (due April 13)

Optional Leadership Development Activities

We encourage attendance of Optional Leadership Development Activities. Optional Activities are designed to:

- (a) Enhance knowledge about your leadership capacity;
- (b) Foster your ability to identify and analyze the leadership styles exhibited by others; and,
- (c) Expand your knowledge about leaders in diverse contexts and settings.

You will be informed via email through ANGEL of opportunities that arise during the course of the semester.

Assignments:

In addition to class attendance and participation, you are required to complete various assignments over the course of the semester. They are as follows:

1. Readings

Readings are assigned to support experiences and activities throughout the semester. Please complete readings prior to the class meeting or as assigned. Please reference these readings in your written work as appropriate. Both **APA** and **MLA** styles are appropriate.

2. Leadership Assessments and Exercises

In conjunction with assigned readings and to further hone your personal leadership philosophy you are required to:

1. Complete three questionnaires/assessments (the Strong Interest Inventory, the Skills Inventory, and the Style Approach)
2. Conduct two Observational Exercises (Ethical Leadership and Out Groups and Leadership)

The assignments and due dates are posted on ANGEL.

3. Leadership Reflections

Reflection assignments are designed to encourage in-depth thinking about your leadership development. They are submitted shortly after each session.

4. Class Participation Scores

As part of your development as a leader, you are asked to assess your contribution to the class after each session. A rubric for the self- assessment is provided. Scores are submitted shortly after each session.

5. Leadership Reflection Diary

As part of the trip to Washington DC, you are required to keep a Leadership Reflection Diary. As you meet with various leaders over the course of the two-day session, the purpose of the diary is to compile your thoughts and reflections on:

1. Examples of different leadership styles, critiquing the advantages and disadvantages of each, the contexts where they were effective and how those styles supported or differed from the assigned readings
2. What you learned about leadership that will contribute to your personal leadership philosophy

The diary will begin at 7 a.m. on March 18 and end at 5 p.m. on March 19.

6. Service Learning Participation Scores

As part of your development as a leader, you are asked to assess your on-going contribution to the Service Learning Project. You will assess your on-going contribution after each class session. A rubric for the self-assessment is provided. Scores are submitted shortly after each class session.

7. Panel Questions

You are required to submit a total of two (2) questions for panel members for each of the four (4) panel presentations. Submission dates are on the syllabus.

8. Mentor Communications

You are required to continue to communicate with your mentor three times during the semester as per the syllabus instructions.

- Mentor Assignment #1: Invite your mentor to the Celebration Luncheon and communicate with your mentor about your courses and activities this semester
- Mentor Assignment #2: Interview your mentor about work/life balance (instructions on ANGEL)

You may also want to communicate on a more regular basis.

Grading Criteria:

Grades are based on participation in WLI Weekend Workshops, Sunday Sessions, and Optional Activities, and on the grades you receive for the various assignments.

Breakdown of Final Points

Skills Inventory Questionnaire (ANGEL)	5 points
Style Approach Questionnaire (ANGEL)	5 points
Campbell Interest and Skill Survey	10 points
Observational Exercise—Ethical Leadership	20 points
Observational Exercise—Out-Groups and Leadership	20 points
Mentor Assignment #1 (ANGEL)	10 points
Mentor Assignment #2—Work/Life Balance (ANGEL)	15 points
Sunday Sessions x 4 (20) + Reflections Six, Seven, Nine and Ten (ANGEL) (20)	160 points
Washington Weekend Workshop (60) + Reflection Eight (ANGEL) (40)	100 points
Panel Discussion Questions (4 panels x 5 points per panel)	20 points
Class Participation Scores (5 submissions x 2 points each) (ANGEL)	10 points
Service Learning Project Participation (5 submissions x 2 points each) (ANGEL)	10 points
PSU Forum + reflection (ANGEL) (One required, additional for extra credit)	10 points

Total Possible Points: 395 points

Final Grade Distribution:

A = 371-395 pts. (94-100%)	B = 328 -343 (83-86%)	C = 277-299 (70-75%)
A- = 356 -370 (90-93%)	B- = 316-327(80-82%)	D = 237-276 (60-69%)
B+ = 344 -355 (87-89%)	C+ = 300-315 (76-79%)	F = < 237 (< 60%)

Dress Code

Dress code for Sunday Sessions and the Weekend Workshop is **business casual**: slacks or skirt (no jeans); blouse, shirt or top with modest neckline, dark jacket (optional), shoes (no sneakers or flip-flops) that are comfortable for the business ahead. The professionals with whom you will interact will notice your dress and the messages they receive from you as a result.

Dress code is **professional**: slacks or skirt (dark or muted color), modest top, business shoes for

- The Weekend Workshop in Washington, DC
- The Celebration Luncheon

Policy Statements:

Attendance Policy

Attendance at all events is **crucial** to your success in the Women's Leadership Initiative. You will learn from one another as well as from leaders with whom you interact. Please arrive **10 minutes early**. If you arrive late without a documented, University-sanctioned reason, **20 points** will be deducted from your final grade for **each** late occurrence.

In the event that you experience a Penn State endorsed conflict with a particular event, such as a documented illness, death in the family, etc., please notify the instructor in advance by e-mail, or in the case of emergency, as soon as possible.

Late Assignment Policy

Assignments submitted beyond the deadline and not accompanied by a documented University sanctioned excuse, will result in **one full grade drop** for each 24-hour period beyond the deadline (e.g., an A will become a B, etc). Assignments handed in more than three days beyond the deadline will not be accepted and will receive an F (0).

Statement on Religious Holidays

While efforts are made to avoid conflicts with religious holidays, it is not possible to accommodate the course schedule around every holiday. In cases when conflicts are unavoidable, it is your responsibility to notify the instructor of the conflict **two weeks prior** to missing a class requirement so that special arrangements can be made for substituting those experiences where permitted. Additional information can be found on the Penn State Center for Ethics and Religious Affairs Website located at www.sa.psu.edu/cera/calendars.shtml (and click on "Interfaith Holiday Listing"). .

Academic Integrity Statement

Penn State defines academic integrity as the pursuit of scholarly activity in an open, honest and responsible manner. According to Faculty Senate Policy 49-20, "**Academic integrity is the pursuit of scholarly activity in an open, honest and responsible manner. Academic integrity is a basic guiding principle for all academic activity at The Pennsylvania State University, and all members of the University community are expected to act in accordance with this principle. Consistent with this expectation, the University's Code of Conduct states that all students should act with personal integrity, respect other students' dignity, rights and property, and help create and maintain an environment in which all can succeed through the fruits of their efforts.**"

Dishonesty of any kind will not be tolerated in this course. Dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarizing, fabricating information or citations, facilitating acts of academic dishonesty by others, submitting work of another person or work previously used without informing the instructor, or tampering with the academic work of other students. Students who are found to be dishonest will receive academic sanctions, will be removed from the Women's Leadership Initiative, and will be

reported to the College of Health and Human Development and/or the University's Office of Judicial Affairs for possible further disciplinary sanction.

Disability Access Statement

The Pennsylvania State University encourages qualified people with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities and is committed to the policy that all people shall have equal access to programs, facilities, and admissions without regard to personal characteristics not related to ability, performance, or qualifications as determined by University policy or by state or federal authorities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation in this course or have questions about physical access, please notify the instructor as soon as possible.

Syllabus Subject to Change

The Women's Leadership Initiative is built upon the contributions of many individuals and groups. New opportunities emerge on a continuing basis. For those reasons, the syllabus may be subject to change periodically during the semester. If a change occurs, you will be notified by e-mail, using your PSU account, and at the next gathering of the group. No change will result in increased requirements, although additional opportunities not listed in this syllabus may be announced in the above manner.

Final Note

You are continuing a wonderful year of personal and professional leadership growth. Enjoy every moment and **seize every opportunity**. We look forward to working with you.