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General Syllabus:

IDS 1403 Chancellor's Leadership Class

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory: 0

Prerequisite: Admission to the Chancellor's Leadership Council

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Explores frequently discussed, but difficult to define, concepts of leadership. Discussion will provide undergraduate leaders the opportunity to explore the concepts of leadership and to develop and improve their leadership skills.

B. Additional Information

Students investigate leadership characteristics and practices through four learning strategies: 1) reading current texts on leadership and biographies of leaders; 2) discussions in which personal values, ethics, and political positions are examined and argued; 3) participation in experiential exercises both as leaders and as followers; and 4) writing both personal and documented papers for individual discovery of their own leadership style and values.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Discuss various topics in the texts and write papers to explain and support individual points of view.
2. Conceive, complete and report to the class on a small group project that benefits the university or local community.
3. Write a paper defending a political party perspective.
4. Write a paper on the biography of a 20th or 21st century leader summarizing his/her leadership qualities and why those qualities are admirable.
5. Demonstrate leadership skills by participating as a member in at least one club or organization other than the Chancellor's Leadership Council.
6. Represent the CLC, the Chancellor, and the University in a professional manner at various events.

7. Attend events for specific learning opportunities at the discretion and direction of the Chancellor.
8. Evaluate his/her work and progress as a leader.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills: Students will draw conclusions. Students will defend their perspectives, views, and opinions via the Socratic Method.

Communication Skills (Oral and Written)

Students will communicate proficiently through listening, discussion, writing, and presentations; take leadership roles on identified projects; and represent the Chancellor and the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith at various functions.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will examine and discuss the political, social, economic, ethical, philosophical, and practical realities of different kinds of leadership roles.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own. Students will practice civility and respect for others and their views.

I. Major Course Topics

- A. Leadership qualities and styles
- B. Political, social, economic, philosophical, ethical and practical realities of different leadership roles
- C. Leadership responsibilities and involvement with organizations on campus
- D. Cultural and educational events and their messages and topics
- E. Speakers on various topics
- F. Evaluation and defense of political views
- G. Defense of perspectives, views, and opinions
- H. Development of presentation skills as a representative of the Chancellor's Leadership Council for University functions
- I. Participation in a group project and evaluation of the strengths/shortcomings of the project
- J. Presentation, demonstration, and defense of student's leadership development