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General Syllabus

LEAD 4403 Nonprofit Organizations

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite or corequisite: None

Effective Catalog: 2024-2025

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Provides an orientation to the nonprofit sector. The roles of boards, identified leadership, and stakeholders will be reviewed from fiscal, legal, and moral perspectives. Case studies will be used to examine the relationships between the nonprofit sector and government, business, and community.

B. Additional Information

This course is an elective for Organizational Leadership majors.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

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

1. Relate the evolution of nonprofit impact within the United States.
2. Contrast models of nonprofit organizations.
3. Examine the role and scope of governing boards and executive leadership.
4. Compare the collaborative efforts of nonprofits with the for-profit sector, government, and communities.
5. Analyze the impact of international nonprofit ventures.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking - The student will identify a problem, isolate its components, organize information for decision-making, establish criteria for evaluation, and draw appropriate and creative conclusions through participation in problem-solving and troubleshooting activities.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

The student will express ideas and concepts through descriptive writing assignments.

Ethical Decision Making

The student will reach workable consensus regarding policy and decisions of ethics applications in the nonprofit sector workplace.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

The student will work with others from diverse backgrounds as well as apply course information to international contexts.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. The role of nonprofits in U.S. history and economics
- B. Nonprofit missions and organizational strategies
- C. Governing boards and related responsibility
- D. Executive leadership and related responsibilities
- E. Public and private collaborations
- F. International philanthropy