# MGT 6013 Leadership and Management– CRN 1857 – Fall 2009

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Educational Goals

The course is designed to provide professionals and managers with a broad understanding of leadership and management. The course focuses on introducing and demonstrating a variety of techniques/applications required for problem identification and problem solving, team building, conflict resolution and negotiation, written and interpersonal communications and leadership/management development.

Objectives

To obtain knowledge of contemporary leadership theories
To distinguish between leadership and management skill-sets and competencies
To gain first-hand experience into effective leadership practices
To assess and develop individual leadership skills and behaviors to improve professional performance

Prerequisite Skills

None.

Instructional Methods and Course Organization

A variety of instructional methodologies are used in this course. List the specific methods used in your course, which may include but are not limited to:

**Blackboard learning environment:** Blackboard at my.ltu.edu contains the syllabus, all assignments, reading materials, mini-lectures, written lecture notes, links to Web resources, and discussion forums. You will submit all assignments via Blackboard, and are expected to participate regularly in discussion topics. Please take time to familiarize yourself with the organization of the Blackboard site. You will want to check the site frequently for announcements reminding you of new resources and upcoming assignments.

**Student/Instructor Conversations:** Students keep in touch with the instructor via e-mail messages and telephone conference calls.

**Teams:** Each student will participate in teams of 2-3 people for the case study analysis and final research project. Please send me your top three textbook cases, found in the syllabus, and your top three research projects, found under the assignments tab in blackboard that you would like to complete. The teams will be determined on a first come, first serve basis. Please let me know your selections, via email at leshbach@ltu.edu, and if you prefer to work with someone in the class by Friday of module 1. The teams will be set up by me by Sunday of module 1.

**Self-assessment:** Pre- and post- self-assessment tools will help students measure their entering skills and progress during the course.

**Required readings:** Textbook chapters should be read according to the schedule outlined in the syllabus. Chapters will be discussed online.

**Assignments:** We will be applying theoretical concepts discussed through the chapter notes to practice each week. Each student will be responsible to INDEPENDENTLY complete all discussion questions, a leadership interview, leadership development plan, 360 degree evaluation report and participate in class discussions. Additionally, each student will work in a TEAM to develop one case analysis report and final project.
Class Policies and Expectations

Classroom Conduct: When participating in this course, it is essential that we maintain a professional demeanor that is consistent with what is expected in the corporate workplace. Disagreeing with another’s opinion is fine – it’s okay to “agree to disagree” - however, the professionalism of the tone and manner in which the posts are written need to be upheld. When responding to a post, each student needs to be courteous and respectful of one another’s opinions and insights. For instance, “You are wrong, I am right” is not an acceptable response. A more appropriate answer may be “I respect your opinion, however, my experience has been…..”. Responses that do not adhere to these guidelines will not be given full credit. Keep in mind that appropriate class and workplace conduct can result in a “win-win” situation for everyone involved. It is my objective that you not only learn the principles presented in the class, but you learn from each other.

Netiquette: It is very easy for comments to be misinterpreted in the electronic environment since we can’t see each other’s faces for visual cues. It has been estimated that 80% of interpersonal communication is non-verbal and conveyed through facial expressions and body language. Since we don’t have the luxury of the non-verbal cues, we must be especially careful in the words we choose.

Plagiarism: Each student is expected to present his or her own work. All papers, examinations, and other assignments must be original or explicit acknowledgment must be given for the use of other person’s ideas or language. Students must cite their sources using the publication manual of the American Psychological Association (APA) for information that is not their original thought. A zero will be given if plagiarism is detected for an assignment. There will be no exceptions for this policy. Additionally, an assignment that exceeds the 15-20% amount of directly quoted information (word-for-word information), even though properly cited using the APA format, will receive substantial deductions. Papers that are submitted in both the undergraduate and graduate level courses should be written professionally. This can be accomplished by using the student’s original thoughts and appropriately paraphrasing, using the APA format, for all assignments (paper, blackboard discussion questions, exams, etc.).

Examples of plagiarism as it might occur in term papers, research projects, laboratory reports, and other written assignments are listed below.

Failure to use quotation marks: All work which is quoted directly from a source should be enclosed in quotation marks and followed by a proper reference giving the exact page or pages from which the quote is taken.
Failure to use the quotation marks, even if a footnote is provided, is plagiarism.
Failure to document ideas: When a student uses one or more ideas from and/or paraphrases a source, he or she must give the exact page or pages from which the ideas or paraphrasing were taken.
Failure to provide an exact reference is plagiarism. False documentation: Falsifying or inventing sources or page references is plagiarism.

Late Assignments: All assignments must be submitted on schedule, via Blackboard, and using Microsoft Office-compatible software. If you need to submit an assignment via e-mail, contact the instructor in advance. Assignments that are not received on the due date and without an approved extension, will receive a reduction of 10% each day for three days. After three days they will no longer be accepted for credit. Students should use proper time management to ensure assignments are submitted on the specified due date.

Online Expectations: I plan to offer you a valuable learning experience, and expect us to work together to achieve this goal. Here are some general expectations regarding this course:

1) Each student has a LTU e-mail account. If you wish to use a different e-mail address for this course, please change your e-mail address in Blackboard under “Student Tools”. Passwords for Blackboard
Course Info should be reset as soon as possible. Currently your password is your student number (example 99323 - student number portion only) passwords should be changed as soon as possible. Passwords can also be changed under Student Tools.

2) Readings, discussion forum participation, and written assignments must be completed according to the class schedule. If business travel will take you away from regular participation, please clear these dates with me in advance.

3) It is essential that all students actively contribute to the course objectives through their experiences and working knowledge of business and IT.

4) Assignments must be completed to an adequate standard to obtain a passing grade. Requirements for each assignment are detailed in this syllabus and on the LTU Online web site.

5) Be prepared to log into Blackboard at least once each day. Please focus your on-line correspondence within the appropriate Blackboard discussion forums so that your colleagues can learn from you. At the end of the course, you will be invited to participate in a University evaluation of this course. Your feedback is important to the University, to LTU Online, and to me as an instructor, and I encourage you to participate in the evaluation process.

Instructor Information: It is important for you as students to know what to expect from me as your instructor:

1) I will be available to you via e-mail and phone, and will promptly reply to your messages – usually within 24 hours or sooner.

2) I will be available to you for face-to-face appointments as requested.

3) I will maintain the Blackboard web site with current materials, and will resolve any content-related problems promptly as they are reported to me.

4) I will send out a weekly e-mail update to all class members to guide upcoming work and remind you of assignment due dates.

5) I will return all assignments to you promptly (usually within a week of the due date), and will include individualized comments and suggestions with each assignment.

6) I will hold our personal written or verbal communications in confidence. I will not post any of your assignments for viewing by the class without requesting your approval in advance.

7) I will treat all members of the class fairly, and will do my best to accommodate individual learning styles and special needs.

If any of these points need clarification, or when special circumstances arise that require my assistance, please contact me so that we can discuss the matter personally.

PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR CLASS LOAD EXPECTATIONS

A three-credit course generally requires at least nine hours per week of time commitment. Here are some practical guidelines to help schedule your time commitments for this online course:

A 14-week semester (the Summer semester is compressed into 10 weeks) would require at least 126 hours of time commitment to successfully complete all readings, activities, assignments, and texts as described in this syllabus.

You should reserve at least 6 hours per week to read the required textbook chapters and resources, participate in online discussions, review presentation materials, and work through online quizzes. This effort will total at least 84 hours over the course of the semester.
You should organize your remaining time to roughly correspond with the point value of each major assignment. This means that you should plan to spend at least:
8-9 hours preparing your case study review;
24-40 hours working with your group on the three parts of your semester-long project;
8-9 hours working on the various components of your reflective consolidation (final exam).

These guidelines may not reflect the actual amount of outside time that you – as a unique individual with your own learning style – will need to complete the course requirements. The number of hours each week will vary based on assignment due dates, so please plan ahead to insure that you schedule your academic, work, and personal time effectively. The following graphic can be used to guide you in planning your weekly course work to remain on schedule:

**Course Schedule**

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<td>Student orientation&lt;br&gt;Student Introduction&lt;br&gt;Propose Project Teams – teams will be formed by the instructor.</td>
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<td>Week of Sep 9–Sep 13</td>
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**Student Evaluation**

Your final grade will be determined using the following weights with no rounding of the final average. Points are deducted for late assignments. See Late Assignment Policy.

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**Note:** Grades lower than “B” fall below the LTU graduate standard

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
The student is required to respond to the topic-related discussion questions that are given each week. The responses to the questions are due on **Sunday, Day 7** of each module. Each student is required to submit the weekly discussion question response(s) via the discussion board forum as well as in the safe assignment link provided under the Assignments tab in the LTU blackboard system. Grading of responses will be based on supporting and substantiating your claims through personal experiences/professional sources, content, grammar, and punctuation. A specific length is not required however, the responses need to be well thought out and should add value to the class discussion.

**TEAM CASE ANALYSIS REPORT**

One case/analysis reports will be required from each team. The case/analysis reports will be based on a selected case from the syllabus. Each student/team will read, analyze, write about their findings and demonstrate the importance of the selection to the course objectives. The case analysis reports should be at least four pages, but no more than 5 pages double-spaced and are due on **Thursday, (Day 4) of each module**. The Wikipedia reference is not an acceptable source to use. Points will be deducted if it is used in the research project. The first case analysis will be submitted on Thursday of module 2. The team will submit the case analysis report to the Case Analysis Forum in Blackboard so fellow classmates can comment on the report. Each team will also submit their case analysis report to me using the safe assignment link. The analysis must be written to include the following:

**Synopsis**

**Problem identification**

The technique(s) used to solve the problem. At a minimum, the techniques used to solve the problem should include the appropriate basic and/or advanced leadership skills discussed in your text (pages 432-542). The group can also include the other text principles that we have discussed in class as techniques used to solve the problem(s).

The benefits and/or drawbacks that resulted from using the technique(s).

Answers to all the questions at the end of each case.

**LEADERSHIP INTERVIEW**

**Purpose:** To provide exposure to first-hand accounts of valuable developmental leadership experiences.

**To Do:**

Interview a leader in your community (e.g., a business and industry leader, coach, principal, elected official, store manager, spiritual leader, etc.) about valuable developmental experiences. Prepare a written report of your findings and submit final document by email per class schedule.

Before you begin the interview, explain the nature of your leadership class, and the general purpose of the assignment. Then ask the following required questions:

- How would you define effective leadership?
- Do you think leadership develops with experience? Explain.
- Are there one or two experiences you look back on as having been especially valuable in helping develop your own leadership? Please briefly describe them.
- What made these experiences so valuable?
- Have your own views of leadership changed over time? Explain how.
- Do you think leadership in your arena (e.g., sports, business) is much different from, or involves different pressures, than leadership in other arenas? Explain.
- Do you ever reflect, after the fact, about how effective your behavior was in a particular situation? Is this ever a source of new or different insights? Please share your insights.
- What do you feel is the single most important attribute for a leader to possess?
- Is there any advice you would give people early in their careers about leadership?

Asking additional questions is permitted and encouraged. When you have completed the interview, thank the person for their time and insight.
Submit your final word document via the safe assignment link no later than **Day 7 of Module 4**. For your final report, begin by introducing the leader you selected (leader’s name, title, company, and why you selected this particular leader). After you have stated the questions and the leader’s responses, end the report by summarizing what you have learned about leadership development as a result of this interview.
360 SURVEY INSTRUMENT

**Purpose:** Each class participant will develop and implement a 360 evaluation survey related to effective leadership performance. Once completed surveys are returned, you will write a final report – see the 360 evaluation section.

To do:

Develop a survey instrument that covers the essence of leadership and management qualities. Specific criteria follow on the next page.

Refer to student examples for 360 evaluation instruments posted in Assignments. Please note that these postings are **for example only**—to illustrate format and content. **Do not** cut and paste these documents.

In your 360 survey package, include instructions for completing and returning the assessment instrument.

Your assessment instrument must specifically relate to leadership and management. Keep this in mind as you are developing your instrument.

Your assessment instrument should have a minimum of 35 statements with a maximum of 50 statements.

Arrange your statements by category with a minimum of four (4) categories and a minimum of five (5) statements per category. For example, Communications might be a category. Within the category of communications, you might have 5 statements.

A forced Likert scale is required for participants to respond. Remember to number your response scale. For instance, 6=strongly agree, 5=moderately agree, 4=slightly agree, 3=slightly disagree, 2=moderately disagree, 1=strongly disagree. Be sure to repeat your scale at the top of each page.

Include a comments section. It is most useful to position a comments section after each category. Or, if you choose to have a separate section for comments at the end of your survey, ask the respondent to reference specific statement as needed. A comments section allows for detailed feedback about a particular statement or category.

Your assessment instrument must include a cover sheet with instructions. Contents include: Name of your assessment/title, your name, why you are conducting this assessment (purpose) and what you hope to gain, respondent’s name, date, instructions for completing the assessment, due date for returning the assessment, and a “thank you” for completing the assessment. Be sure to complete your assessment before other assessments are returned.

Have fun! This exercise is a practical and valuable developmental tool that can be used to learn more about yourself and the perceptions of others.

The 360 survey instrument should be submitted via the safe assignment link on **Day 7 of Module 6**.
INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

NOTE: The following assignment will be an individually graded exercise.

Self –Quiz: What are your Career Prospects?

Directions: Rate the extent to which you perform the following behaviors on your job, using the following scale:

5= to a very great extent, 4=to a great extent, 3= so some extent, 2= to a little extent, 1= not at all

Process paperwork efficiently _____________
Negotiate persuasively _____________
Give compelling reasons for ideas _____________
Win support from others _____________
Influence and shape the decisions of management _____________
6. Adapt approach to motivate others _____________
7. Value the contributions of team members _____________
8. Treat people fairly _____________
9. Develop effective working relationships with peers _____________
10. Develop effective relationships with higher management _____________
11. Take people’s feelings and preferences into account when making decisions _____________
12. Know whom to involve and when _____________
13. Address and work to resolve conflict _____________
14. Speak effectively in front of a group _____________
15. Demonstrate poise in front of a group _____________
16. Show consistency between words and actions _____________
17. Practice flexibility _____________
18. Work constructively under stress and pressure _____________
19. Initiate activities without being asked to do so _____________
20. Make timely decisions _____________
21. Present business data in a useful manner for planning or decision making _____________
22. Aggressively pursue ways to increase revenues _____________
23. Accomplish a great deal _____________

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Add the scores for numbers 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 18 in box B. Put the total score in box B Total Scores.

Add the scores for numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23 in box C. Please the total score in box C Total Scores.

Look up your total scores in the table below:

Total Score for A _____ Total Score for B _____ Total Score for C _____

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To Do:
Using the example of a development plan on page 296 (Figure 8.8) and under the Assignments tab in blackboard, create your own individual personal development plan for your three top development areas (your lowest scoring items). Although the requirements are slightly different, this will provide good practice for the development plan portion of your 360 evaluation report.

Do not submit your completed survey. Rather, submit an individual development plan based on your findings (approximately 1-2 pages per student in table format -- be sure to put your first and last name at the top of the plan) on Day 7 of Module 7.
360 EVALUATION PROJECT OVERVIEW

What is a 360 Evaluation?

A 360 evaluation is a multi perspective gap analysis feedback tool. The outcome of the evaluation provides insight for strengths and development areas. A development plan can than be created to improve performance and behaviors within an organization.

Who will complete my 360 Evaluation?

Self
Your supervisor
Peers
People you supervise (only required if you supervise others)
Customers you serve

How do I create, implement and analyze the 360 Evaluation?

Define what you want to measure
Five or six competencies tailored toward leadership development.

Develop specific attributes for rating

Having defined what you want to measure, develop statements that respondents will “rate” on importance and current performance.

Select the distribution list for respondents

Select individuals most likely to provide candid responses.

Communicate

Before surveys are sent out, take time to communicate the reasons for the survey, how it should be completed and due dates for completion.

Analyze results

What attributes were rated as high and low? Did the perceptions of others mesh with your own? Any surprises? What patterns emerge?

Develop an action plan
Based on the findings, develop a written action plan for improvement areas.

Project Objectives

To help participants gain a better understanding of self-perceptions and the perceptions of others in the work environment.

To deepen individual awareness concerning current strengths and areas for improvement in the workplace with regard to the fundamental practices of leadership and management.

To develop a specific action plan to address development areas for strengthening leadership skills.

Write a final report analyzing your findings.

Reporting Results
Package submission should include: title page, a summary graph by category illustrating results by respondent groups, a summary report that includes a development plan in matrix format, and a list of respondent comments form all completed 360 evaluation instruments (be sure to cite comments by respondent--supervisor, peer, direct report, customer, and yourself).
Prepare a one page summary graph (use a continuous bar chart format) to compare and summarize your data results by category and by respondent. Use mean scores by category to highlight your results.

Any supporting analysis can be included in the back of your report (optional).

Refer to student examples for 360 Final Reports posted in Course Documents. Please note that these postings are for example only—to illustrate format and content.

Summary Report

Understanding Your Feedback

Use headings for the various topics in your report. Headings include purpose, strengths, areas of agreement, areas of disagreement, development needs, challenges and performance goals and conclusion. Be sure to include discussion for each of these headings in your report.

Summarize the purpose of the 360 project.

Identify which competencies are strengths for you. Look for areas of agreement between your supervisor, your direct reports, peers, and your self-ratings. Be as open as you can with your feedback from others.

Identify the competencies where there is the greatest amount of disagreement in ratings by yourself, your supervisor, your direct reports, and your peers. Think about events or interactions in your job that could explain these differences.

Identify which competencies are development needs for you. Begin with those competencies that are above average in importance but which need the most improvement, and look at the ratings of the specific behaviors that make up these competencies.

Planning for Your Development

Describe your current challenges and performance goals, and in that context, review the importance of your identified strengths and development needs. Discuss what results you expected and what results you did not expect. Discuss your recollections of specific situations or events that may have factored into the ratings you received.

Create a development plan that addresses your three lowest scoring areas. Develop separate action plans for each area. As you are creating your action plans to be sure to answer the following: What are my objectives? How will I implement them? (State specific detail that is measurable) Who is involved? When will I measure my progress/results? In addition to your written development plan, include a specific development plan in table format that includes development needs, objectives defined, action plans, involvement of others, and target dates for addressing the highest priority skill gaps.

Write a conclusion that summarizes what you learned as a result of this project.

End your report with verbatim respondent comments from all completed 360 evaluation instruments.

In summary, in writing your final 360 Report start with a cover page and then use the headings shown below.
360 Summary Chart
Purpose
Strengths
Areas of Agreement
Areas of Disagreement
Challenges and Performance Goals
Development Planning
Development Plan (in table format)
Conclusion
Respondent Comments

The 360 report is due on **Day 7 of Module 11** and should be submitted via the safe assignment link in blackboard.

TEAM RESEARCH PROJECT

Each student will be a member of a team. A leader will be selected for each team by the other team members. The leaders will meet with their teams throughout the semester. The team research project will be due on **Day 7 of Module 13**. A case study that relates to Leadership and Management will be given by the instructor to each team for the team research project assignment. Students will be expected to address the areas listed below for the assignment. The Wikipedia reference is not an acceptable source to use. Points will be deducted if it is used in the research project. The team research reports should be at least 10 pages, but not more than 15 typewritten double-spaced pages, excluding the bibliography, title, table of contents, etc. page. A minimum of five references is required. It should also be typed according to APA guidelines. The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA) should be consulted for specific APA rules. The project will be graded based on content, grammar, spelling, and punctuation... **as well as APA format.** It must be written to include the following:

- Synopsis of the Situation.
- Problem identification.
- The technique(s) used to solve the problem. At a minimum, the techniques used to solve the problem should include the appropriate basic and/or advanced leadership skills discussed your text. The group can also include the other text principles that we have discussed in class as techniques used to solve the problem(s).
- The benefits and/or drawbacks that resulted from using the technique(s).

The teams will keep a log documenting the following:

- Date team met (in class and outside of class)
- Members who were present
- Items discussed
- Future actions
Research Paper Written Evaluation

(____) Title and subject clearly identify a management/leadership issue.

(____) The problem or source of management/leadership style is identified.

(____) Sufficient background information is given so the reader may understand the problem and the management/leadership issue.

(____) Discussion includes the student's observations and examination of the management/leadership techniques used by the individual/company. The techniques used by the individual/company are aligned with the basic and/or advanced leadership skills discussed in your text.

(____) Management/leadership styles in the textbook (Part V and other leadership principles) are used to describe the situation.

(____) Benefits and/or consequences of the management/leadership techniques used are observed and examined by the student.

Research Paper Structural Evaluation

(____) Writer follows the basic outline required, I. Synopsis II. Problem, III. Leadership techniques used to resolve the problem. IV. Benefits and/or consequences of the techniques used to resolve the problem.

(____) The written portion of the paper follows a logical sequence of presentation.

(____) Writing is clear, logical, sequential, and to the point.

(____) Writing is balanced between quotes and excerpts from the research, and writers own work based on observations and examination of the conflict.

(____) Quotes and excerpts from the research are appropriately used, not excessive

(____) Quotes and excerpts from the research material are appropriately notated in the text of the paper.

(____) Bibliography contains at least two different types of media (newspaper, magazine, textbook, etc.) from at least five to seven different sources.

(____) Bibliography follows APA style.
PARTICIPATION:
Sharing your professional experience will enhance class sessions and is necessary for the practical skills we will apply in class. Participation is measured by a student’s contribution to the virtual classroom discussion board. A student contribution must add value to the course. A note is determined to be of substance by containing information that supplements, contradicts, questions, or furthers discussion on a subject area contained in the course. Notes such as “me too” and “I agree” and other notes not related to the course are not considered substantive notes for participation.

Online Participation Points: The following guidelines will be employed when grading online or BlackBoard participation points. All students will be expected to provide noteworthy responses three (3) out of the seven (7) days. Each student is required to respond to the assigned team’s case study that is posted to the case analysis forum in blackboard on one of these three days. The post should include what the student learned and where he/she saw or heard similar principles applied.

Based upon the individual student's participation, a grade will be awarded to each student by the instructor at the end of each seminar following the grade scale discussed below. The participation grade will be based on the quality and quantity of the individual responses to the online blackboard discussions (see criteria below).

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| High                   | Original thoughts not already contained in the threaded discussion  
Cited examples/ideas from the Professional sources/Personal experience – please list the URL that you have referenced  
Agreement/Disagreement with other postings and including a strong reason why |
| Fair                   | Some original thoughts/some repeat of what has already been listed in the threaded discussion. |
| Weak                   | I agree/disagree with no reason/explanation/etc. |

Syllabus Addenda

Please see the LTU Online “Current Students” web site [http://www.ltu.edu/ltuonline/currentonline.asp](http://www.ltu.edu/ltuonline/currentonline.asp) for comprehensive information about Lawrence Tech's academic services, library services, student services, and academic integrity standards. The contents of this web site is explicitly included as syllabus requirements.

The LTU Online “Current Students” web site also includes grading rubrics used by your instructor to evaluate written assignments, discussion forum participation, and group assignments. Please note that the SafeAssignment anti-plagiarism product will be used for written assignments submitted for this course. Please see the instructions included on the LTU Online web site regarding the use of the SafeAssignment product.