Course Name

Leadership Email

Term Phone Number

Leadership is the human factor which binds a group together and motivates it toward goals. (Davis)

Leadership is “an interpersonal relation in which others comply because they want to, not because they have to.” (Merton)

An individual emerges as leader as a consequence of interactions within the group that arouse expectations that he or she rather than someone else could serve the group more usefully in attaining its objectives. (Northouse)

A leader is like a shepherd. He stays behind the flock, letting the most nimble go out ahead, whereupon the others follow, not realizing that all along they are being directed from behind. (Mandela)

*Book*

Peter G. Northouse. Introduction to Leadership: Concepts and Practice. Sage, 2009

*Requirements*

Biweekly writing assignments from the book (4)—15% each

Case study project-----------------------------------------40%

June 1 in class Definitions and Concepts

Nordhouse, Chapter 1

June 8 Writing exercise #1—Complete one of these exercises.

p. 8, exercise 1.2

p. 9 exercise 1.3 Reflection #1 or #3

June15 in class Leadership Traits and Leadership Styles

Nordhouse, Chapters 2 and 3

June 22 Writing exercise #2—Complete one of these exercises

p. 31, exercise 2.2

p. 32 exercise 2.3, Reflection #2 or Action #1

p. 50, exercise 3.2

p. 51, exercise 3.3, reflection #3 or action #1

June 29 in class Leadership Skills

Nordhouse, Chapters 4 and 5

July 6 Writing exercise 3-complete one of these exercises

p. 61, exercise 4.2

p. 83, exercise 5.2

p. 85, reflection #3

July 13 in class Leadership Vision and Tone

Nordhouse, Chapters 6 and 7

July 20 Writing Exercise 4—complete one of these exercises

P 102, exercise 6.2

p. 103, exercise 6.3 Action #3

p. 120, exercise 7.2

p. 121, exercise 7.3 reflection, #2

July 27 Confronting obstacles

Nordhouse, Chs 8 and 9

August 3 Casestudy is due.

Casestudy

As we move through the book and the course, we develop a perspective on leadership that allows us to assess the performance of those in leadership positions around us. The purpose of this project is to allow you to apply these measuring sticks to an actual leader. Because this is a public administration class, you will choose a public sector leader. Arrange an interview with this person, and construct an interview instrument that allows you to determine your subject’s philosophy of leadership and leadership skills and traits. If possible, interview someone who works with, or for, your subject as well, to get a sense of how the “followers” perceive the leader. Feel free to do research on what others have written about your subject

Write an assessment of this person as a leader, evaluating strengths and weaknesses. Include a brief biography of your subject. Cite sources where appropriate.

Due on August 3.