

COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT - Spring 2010

6th Offering of

“The Social Power of Leadership in the 21st Century”

ADMN 953 (3 Credits)

*Open to All UNH Students in All Master-level and Doctoral-level
Programs across All Campuses*

Wednesdays 5:40-8:30PM, Room 122 Thompson Hall (Trustees' Board Room)
Plus Required Lab Session (one hour per week - TBD at students' discretion)
2010 Class Session Dates: 3/24 – 5/26 (10 weeks)

Instructor:

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Course Description

The goal of this cross-disciplinary master- and doctoral-level course is to develop students' deep understanding of the dynamic, mutually reinforcing power of leader-follower relations in modern organizations—including both toxic and beneficial processes and outcomes. Readings draw on literatures from business, philosophy, and the social sciences (primarily history, political science, psychology, and sociology) to illuminate our exploration of the complexities of leading in corporations, public service organizations, educational institutions, and government. Several class sessions will include guest speakers who study and practice leadership in their roles as chief executives, board members, and the most senior officials in industry, government, and academia.

Past Students' Ratings of this Course: 4.8-5.0 [on a 5-point scale]

Past Students' Reactions to this Course:

Best class out of all the courses; would like to do it again; opened up my eyes and challenged me. The most applicable class I have taken thus far in my graduate education; I was challenged in each class almost beyond my comfort zone, but then I left class feeling inspired and engaged.

Extraordinary job of teaching this complex and dynamic subject; readings were outstanding; by far my best experience at UNH.

I have been challenged and directed by the thought-provoking debates and after each class felt an exciting intellectual charge.

This course was excellent. I appreciated the candid conversations with an open and honest class on topics that are usually taboo.

Selection of Students (N=20 max.)

--Permission only

--Interested students must submit written applications to Professor Barnett via email (carole.barnett@unh.edu) including:

-- a resume

-- a 1-paragraph statement about “why I want to take this course” (i.e., learning objectives)

-- a 1-paragraph statement about “what/how I can contribute to others' learning”

--Professor Barnett will contact student applicants to conduct 20-minute in-person or telephone interviews (aimed at ensuring alignment of students' learning goals and the course's ability to deliver them)

--The course aspires to be populated with and recruits for a diverse group of Master-level and Doctoral-level students in programs across all schools, departments, and campuses of the University of New Hampshire.