

Huron Brief Course Outlines

Fall/Winter 2023-2024

Course Title: Governance, Leadership and Ethics Capstone Course

Course Number and Section GOVERNANCE, LEADERSHIP AND ETHICS

4001E - 550

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Course Description:

Huron's Governance, Leadership and Ethics Major is designed to introduce students to new ideas and innovative approaches to tackling the most complex public challenges of the 21st century. These include climate change, economic inequality, systemic racism, and technological transformation. Such challenges are deep-seated and cross-cutting. They cannot be solved by any single organization or sector on its own. The GLE asks "what can we do better together"? Instructors and students explore together the possibilities for collective problem-solving among governments, businesses, non-profits, and everyday citizens. Investigating such "big questions", the GLE deploys multiple scholarly theories and practitioner frameworks: from the global to the local scales, across the public, private, and community sectors, and between different schools of thought about what constitutes the "common good".

This year's Capstone Course is a team-taught seminar that combines the different GLE expertise and experience of four Instructors. Through this intellectual partnership, students are empowered to synthesize the core GLE themes while also diving deeply into specific topics of personal interest and scholarly focus. Opportunities will be created to engage directly with civic leaders from each of the core sectors – government, business, and non-profit – to learn about the real world of governance and leadership.

Learning Outcomes:

The GLE Capstone course has three central learning objectives. First, it provides students with an integrated framework for the study of Governance, Leadership, and Ethics. It draws together key scholarly themes in the GLE Major about collaborative governance and ethical leadership in an age of deep policy complexity and political turbulence. Second, it provides students with opportunities to bridge "theory and practice" through testing ideas in real-world settings and reflecting on the problems and prospects for cooperative collective action in tackling today's major public challenges. Third, the course is designed to enable students to practice new styles of collaborative leadership through group project work, joint research presentations, and community engagement with professionals from public, private, and non-profit sectors. Second, it provides students with opportunities to bridge "theory and practice" through testing ideas in real-world settings and reflecting on the problems and prospects for cooperative collective action in tackling today's major public challenges. Third, the course is designed to enable students to practice new styles of collaborative leadership through group project work, joint research presentations, and community engagement with professionals from public, private, and non-profit sectors.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

There is no textbook for the course. As a Capstone learning experience, weekly seminars integrate ideas and insights from each of the GLE's governance, leadership, and ethics themes. Individual Instructors have selected and curated knowledge materials to maximize student engagement and learning.

Methods of Evaluation:

| Assignment | Due Date mm/dd/yy | Weight - % |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| GLE Case Study | 10242023 | 10% |
| GLE Responsive Essay | 10242023 | 10% |
| Participation | Ongoing | 5% |
| Tech Stewardship Program | 5122023 | 10% |
| Responsive Reflection | 12122023 | 10% |
| Participation | Ongoing | 5% |
| Written Assignment | TBA Jan-Feb 2024 | 10% |
| Class Assignment | 01302024 | 10% |
| Participation | Ongoing | 5% |
| Identities and Policies | 03262024 | 20% |
| Participation | Ongoing | 5% |

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