

**LEAD 346 Civic Engagement and Leadership****3 credits**

*Catalog Course Description:* Students will draw on history, psychology, political science, and sociology to promote ethical leadership and civic engagement in our local community. This will be accomplished through a combination of education, research, and service.

*Syllabus Course Description:* Through an exploration of civil structures and processes, leadership, community engagement, and innovation, this course is based upon the ideals of service-learning, community engagement, and social movements. These ideas serve as forums for dynamic interactions with, and discussions over, actual issues of today and the needs of student leadership. Further, they assist in understanding of processes and systems for developing community actions through civic engagement practices. This course enables students to build upon their knowledge of leadership as connected to their worldview, particular areas of interest in the field of leadership, and opportunities to design, facilitate, and evaluate an intense community engagement/service initiative; to engage with experts from the field of leadership and innovation; to dialogue about the issues raised; and to create their own understanding and critical reflections on community engagement as a social good and societal need.

*Learning Outcomes:*

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

1. Illustrate a sense of inquiry – recognizing that to really want to ask questions and to really want to know the answers requires an understanding that hard work and critical thinking are required to find those answers
2. Identify social problems in their local community and ways that they can contribute to addressing those problems
3. Reflect, critically, about the role of leadership in addressing social concerns
4. Facilitate community service experiences for themselves and for others to address community concerns
5. Synthesize complex information and diverse perspectives in order to make decisions about civic engagement opportunities.
6. Articulate the role of leadership and the role leaders play in social responsibility associated with civic engagement

*Prerequisites:* N/A