



Senior Capstone
CAPS 495
Southwestern College Professional Studies

COURSE SYLLABUS

I. Course Catalog Description

Learners engage in two projects that assess their achievements and preparation for pursuit of professional aspirations in their major field. Through application and assessment, learners examine the knowledge and skills gained throughout the program, achievement of the program outcomes, and their preparation as followers and leaders in their chosen professional field. *Prerequisites: All major courses.*

II. Required and Supplementary Instructional Materials

There is no required textbook for this course. The required materials and documents will either be posted in the Bb course or come from learners' prior work products from their major program. The class will also feature live instruction in the form of [required Collaborate sessions](#).

III. Learning Outcomes

Learning outcomes describe the knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes that learners gain as the result of a particular learning experience. Southwestern College Professional Studies has learning outcomes specific to each program of study that are in line with the institutional outcomes of critical thinking, ethical reasoning, leadership, communication, and career preparation. Course outcomes support program outcomes and are listed below.

Upon successfully completing this course, the learner will be able to:

1. Develop a portfolio project that demonstrates the knowledge, skills, and abilities gained in the major discipline.
2. Present evidence and artifacts from the major courses to document achievement of specific program outcomes.
3. Describe the different types of followership and leadership styles and traits.
4. Determine desirable followership and leadership styles and traits for the expected professional field and role.
5. Evaluate one's own strengths and areas for improvement in followership and leadership.
6. Create a followership and leadership development plan.

At the end of the course, learners may vary in their ability to achieve these outcomes. You are more likely to achieve these outcomes only if you attend class and/or online activities as required by the syllabus, complete the requirements for all assignments to the best of your ability, participate actively in class activities and group work as directed, and study diligently for exams.

IV. Course Policies

Students are expected to read and abide by the course policies located in the instructor-specific syllabus in the blackboard course.

V. Course Requirements:

Requirements	Number of Assignments	Points Possible	Percent of Grade
Collaborate Sessions (live or recorded)	6	n/a	n/a
Discussion Assignments	6	150	15
Portfolio Introduction Draft	1	20	2
Portfolio Outcomes Drafts	5	100	10
Mastery Assignment: Followership/Leadership Plan	1	280	28
Mastery Assignment: Portfolio Project	1	450	45

Requirements	Number of Assignments	Points Possible	Percent of Grade
Total Points		1000	100

VI. Course at a Glance:

Unit	Reading & Preparation Activities	Graded Work Due
1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review the Start Here section and become comfortable navigating the course Read Artifacts: Collect, Select, and Connect; Portfolio Project Assignment; and the Followership/Leadership Plan Assignment. Listen to RPP #97 ePortfolios: Interview with Trent Batson View The Research Process – Followership/Leadership View or listen to the Institutional Outcomes Reflection and Experiential Learning and Future Learning Goals presentation. Attend the Collaborate Session or review the recording 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Introductions discussion Unit 1 Class Discussion Portfolio Introduction Draft assignment Begin Research for Followership/Leadership Plan Assignment
2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> View The Research Process – Followership/Leadership Attend the Collaborate Session or review the recording 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 2 Class Discussion Portfolio Outcome Drafts - Leadership and Communication Continue Research for Followership/Leadership Plan Assignment
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend the Collaborate Session or review the recording 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 3 Class Discussion Portfolio Outcome Drafts - Critical Thinking and Ethical Reasoning Complete Assessments and Continue Research for Followership/Leadership Plan Assignment
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend the Collaborate Session or review the recording 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 4 Class Discussion Portfolio Outcome Draft - Career Preparation Complete Research and Develop Plan for Followership/Leadership Plan Assignment
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend the Collaborate Session or review the recording 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 5 Class Discussion Complete and Submit Followership and Leadership Assessment and Development Plan
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend the Collaborate Session or review the recording 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 6 Class Discussion Complete and Submit Final Portfolio Project

VII. Other Policies and Requirements

Follow this link to the Southwestern College Professional Studies [Standard Syllabus](#) in Blackboard. You may be required to log in.