

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **The Ethics of Leadership**

Course Number and Section:

GGB

3300G 550

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Course Description:

What does it mean to be a leader? And who is it that we can trust with the responsibilities of being a leader? Do we want to be leaders ourselves? And, if so, what are our motivations for wanting to do so? What types of traits should a good leader have? What does it mean to be virtuous? How can we work towards cultivating virtues and building a healthy moral character? How can we apply those virtues in the opportunities we have to be leaders within our own communities?

Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics has been widely cited as a foundation to contemporary business ethics. In this class, we will explore this canonical text and ask what Aristotle's framework of virtue ethics can teach us about the virtues and vices of human character. This will illuminate our perspectives on questions pertaining to the ethics of leadership, such as those listed above.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course students are expected to have...

- 1) Increased aptitude for interpreting and evaluating philosophical texts and arguments
- 2) The ability to articulate and revise their own positions in philosophical discourse
- 3) Increased aptitude for writing philosophical prose
- 4) A thorough understanding of virtue ethics as a philosophical framework
- 5) In-depth familiarity with Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics, especially as it pertains to the ethics of leadership

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Nicomachean Ethics by Aristotle. Translated by Roger Crisp. (This translation is required)

- Available digitally through Western's library: <https://books-scholarsportal-info.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/en/read?id=/ebooks/ebooks2/cambridge/2009-12-01/1/0521632218>
- Or can be ordered online here (Amazon): <https://a.co/d/7FfGYXa>
- o I would recommend getting a physical copy!
- o The digital library version offers only limited PDF downloads (but limitless reading)

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Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Reading Reflections		25%
Group Leadership Presentation Pitch		10%
Group Leadership Presentation		25%
Final Exam		25%
Participation		15%

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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