Note:

Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should not be used to purchase course materials.
COURSE SYLLABUS

EDUC 840
ISSUES AND TRENDS IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

COURSE DESCRIPTION
A study of the current issues and trends related to the field of education leadership. Emphasis will be placed on research and analysis of practices related to effectiveness.

RATIONALE
Educational leaders serve in a world impacted by many social, economic, and political factors; thus, leaders must maintain a clear understanding of these issues in order to implement change. This course will provide an in-depth analysis of the characteristics of leadership. This will enable the candidate to focus on personal growth and development.

I. PREREQUISITES
For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the Academic Course Catalog.

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASES
Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING
A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
C. Microsoft Office
D. The Holy Bible

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
A. Synthesize definitions of leadership to articulate essential qualities embodied in effective leaders in education.
B. Analyze common characteristics of effective institutions of learning.
C. Identify common characteristics of effective leadership associated with effective institutions of learning.
D. Analyze cultural issues that currently are related to and impacted by educational systems and leaders.
E. Analyze the continuum of educational leadership trends and issues from early childhood through high school with particular emphasis on participation and involvement of all parties involved in the educational progress.

F. Articulate an understanding of differentiated instructional needs in current educational environments.

G. Demonstrate qualities of leadership capacity in order to create opportunities for change and learning, as needed for diverse student populations.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations

B. Course Requirements Checklist

After reading the Course Syllabus and Student Expectations, the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

C. Discussion Board Forums (6)

Discussion boards are collaborative learning experiences. Therefore, the candidate is required to create a thread in response to the provided prompt for each forum. Each thread must be a minimum of 450 words and demonstrate course-related knowledge. In addition to the thread, the candidate is required to reply to 2 other classmates’ threads. Each reply must be at least 250 words.

D. Personal Debates (6)

The candidate must properly debate both sides of a provided topic in order to better understand each side and to hold both in mind as he/she prayerfully and intelligently forms a conclusive conviction about the provided issue. The paper must include a title page and at least 3 references, including the course textbook and Bible, in current APA format. The body of the paper must be a minimum of 1,300 words, and each Personal Debate must be a minimum of 5 pages.

E. Case Study

The candidate will write a paper detailing his/her 3-year strategy based on a provided case study. The paper must include a title page, a visual table, and an agenda for the meeting in current APA format. The paper must also include a presentation outline consisting of a minimum of 1,000 words.

F. Educational Leadership Paper

The candidate will write a paper of at least 4,000 words detailing his/her response to the growing needs of education in order to engage and provide learning opportunities for today’s students. The paper must include a minimum of 6 scholarly references, a title page, and a bibliography in current APA format. This assignment must be submitted via LiveText.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Points
Course Requirements Checklist 10
Discussion Board Forums (6 at 35 pts ea) 210
Personal Debates (6 at 80 pts ea) 480
Case Study 100
Educational Leadership Paper 210

Total 1010

B. Scale
D- = 730–749  F = 0–729

C. LiveText Submission Policy
Assignments that are to be submitted to LiveText must be submitted there in order to receive credit for them. This includes assignments that are also submitted in Blackboard, including those submitted to SafeAssign.

D. Late Assignment Policy
If the student is unable to complete an assignment on time, then he or she must contact the instructor immediately by email.

Assignments that are submitted after the due date without prior approval from the instructor will receive the following deductions:

1. Late assignments submitted within one week of the due date will receive a 10% deduction.

2. Assignments submitted more than one week late will receive a 20% deduction.

3. Assignments submitted two weeks late or after the final date of the course will not be accepted.

4. Late Discussion Board threads or replies will not be accepted.

Special circumstances (e.g. death in the family, personal health issues) will be reviewed by the instructor on a case-by-case basis.

E. Disability Assistance
Students with a documented disability may contact the Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.
# COURSE SCHEDULE

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**TOTAL** 1010

DB = Discussion Board

**NOTE:** Each course week begins on Monday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Sunday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.