Business Ethics & Legal Studies (LGST)

Courses

LGST 3730 Values Based Leadership in Practice (4 Credits)
This course is a practical focus on leadership culture through analysis of real leaders applying theory to their personal experiences and practice. The course utilizes speakers in the Voices of Experience Speaker Series and outstanding literature to facilitate discussion. The course is offered in two-credit-hour sequences over two quarters. Prerequisites: LGST 2000 and degree checkpoint 2.

LGST 4198 E-Commerce Law and Ethics (4 Credits)
The changes in technology and business over the past 20 years have been dramatic and far-reaching. Navigating the even more astonishing changes in the future requires some perspective on the developments of the recent past. How did we get to where we are? What technological, economic and political forces have generated the current state of e-commerce? How are these forces likely to change into the future? What are the basic features of e-commerce as it exists today?

LGST 4550 Business Law for Accountants (4 Credits)
This course provides students with a detailed review of the legal considerations in forming, operating, and dissolving the most common forms of business entities: partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations. The rights, duties and liabilities of the managers, owners and accountants (internal and external) of these entities are extensively examined. The course also provides an overview of federal securities laws impacting these organizations. Prerequisite: ACTG 4620 or BUS 4620 or LGST 2000 (concurrent registration OK).

LGST 4700 International Law (4 Credits)
Offers both an introduction to public international law (the rights and duties of states and intergovernmental organizations [IGOs]) and to private international law (the rights and duties of individuals, businesses, and non-govermental organizations [NGOs] in their international affairs). Majority of course devoted to key international issues of business law and public policy such as alternative dispute resolution (ADR), privatization, intellectual property, international sales, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, trade (GATT and WTO), and the international facilities that deal with the adjudication and resolution of legal issues related to business.

LGST 4701 Topics in Ethics & Legal Study (1-5 Credits)
This course examines complexities, paradoxes, and dangers of leadership. The platform for the course is a Core Leadership Model (and logical deviations from it) which can result in Great Leadership. At the heart of Great Leadership one finds a values base. Through in-depth analysis of the key dimensions of the Core Model and its accompanying deviations, participants gain a deep understanding of - and practical experience with - Values Based Leadership in today's world.

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LGST 4740 Science & Mgmt. of Org. Ethics (4 Credits)
This course examines our knowledge regarding ethical decision making and behavior in organizational contexts. The course also explores the implications of such knowledge for effectively creating and managing ethical organizations. The course will be conducted as a graduate seminar with students playing a central role in identifying topics, researching content areas, and deciding on course outcomes. We will examine conceptual and theoretical models of ethical behavior in organizations, research empirical studies, and develop managerial implications. The overarching goal is to increase knowledge and understanding so as to strengthen capacities to be ethical leaders and managers. Prerequisite: BUS 4100. Non-business students may take the course with permission.

LGST 4760 CEOs and Corporate Governance (4 Credits)
In the wake of the Sarbanes-Oxley and Dodd-Frank laws, corporate governance has become a compelling issue for business students and executives. Corporate board members and leaders of institutional investors share their insights concerning corporate governance from strategic, financial and legal perspectives. CEO/board dynamics are explored, along with leadership development and executive succession policies. The roles of major board committees, such as the audit, compensation, nominating, and legal compliance committees are given special emphasis. Board responsibilities in corporate crises and re-structuring are examined, along with the legal liabilities of executives, board members, and the corporation. Public policy pressures on corporate governance, including the roles played by the Securities and Exchange Commission and other regulatory bodies are discussed, along with the responses by business organizations, political interest groups, and self-regulatory bodies. Shareholder activism and litigation, along with pressures from other corporate stakeholders are also emphasized in the course. Examples of topics include corporate scandals, executive compensation, global corporate governance systems, and governance reforms. Students engage in a number of case analyses over the course of the quarter, produce a four-part case study, and discuss actual real world solutions with business leaders who have been involved in the issues. Cross-listed with ACTG 4760.
LGST 4775 The Leader’s Compass (4 Credits)
This course qualifies for the four course requirement for the MBA Values Based Leadership concentration. By reading the works of great philosophers and using the Socratic Method, students come to understand the role of values in business and society, and learn to respectfully listen to, and learn from, those with different values. Students synthesize the readings and class discussions by writing a paper describing what (a) "a good society" and (b) "a good work organization" would look like to them personally, and what would be needed in terms of leadership to create each condition. Prerequisite: BUS 4620.

LGST 4780 Leadership, Teams & Values (4 Credits)
This course is designed for Daniel Scholars (who have completed the first quarter of their MBA program including Value Based Leadership) to provide both challenging intellectual discussion and physical engagement around the fundamental ethical dilemma of competition and/or cooperation. The venue for the course is Harbor Island, San Diego, California, and the adjacent waters of San Diego Bay and the Pacific Ocean. Both traditional classrooms and the untraditional learning environment of the off-shore sail boat provide the context of dynamic learning about values, teams and self. Prerequisite: BUS 4100.

LGST 4790 Entrepreneur & Family Business-Organization, Governance Ethics & Leadership (4 Credits)
This course covers the most current legal and ethical issues involving the creation of value, strengthening and growing family businesses through the process of best practices in business governance, coupled with ethical conduct and values based leadership, and legal compliance. Cross listed with LGST 3790. Prerequisite: BUS 4100.

LGST 4980 Internship (1-5 Credits)
LGST 4991 Independent Study (1-10 Credits)
LGST 4992 Directed Study (1-4 Credits)
LGST 4995 Independent Research (1-10 Credits)