

Community Consultation and Leadership EPS 462-R

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This course explores the role of leadership in strength based, preventive, empowering approaches to institutional and community change, and will address related skills, stages, processes, and outcomes. This course will present a wide range of tools and strategies that can be utilized to engage individuals, groups, and organizations in local planning and decision-making for social change.

We use a **sustainability** lens to look at community leadership as it relates to the important intersecting issues such as of climate change and sea-level rise, education, poverty, racism, housing, community health, gender equality, and more. “Sustainability” as we’ll discuss in the course is an integrated concept, that includes social, economic, and environmental dimensions. We will explore the role of change agents in multiple contexts and consider theories of leadership, consultation, and civic engagement including the range of approaches to fostering positive change in community settings – with a particular eye to sustainability. We will also explore practical strategies for engaging people, groups, and organizations in change efforts small and large to promote sustainable living.

This seminar utilizes a whole group discussion approach that allows students to engage with complex social issues in a context of mutual respect, active listening, and support. We will also set aside time on a regular basis to review and discuss the course projects that students choose to pursue.

Sustainable Development Goals

