



ABS 150/151

**Introduction to
Community
Leadership**

Professor

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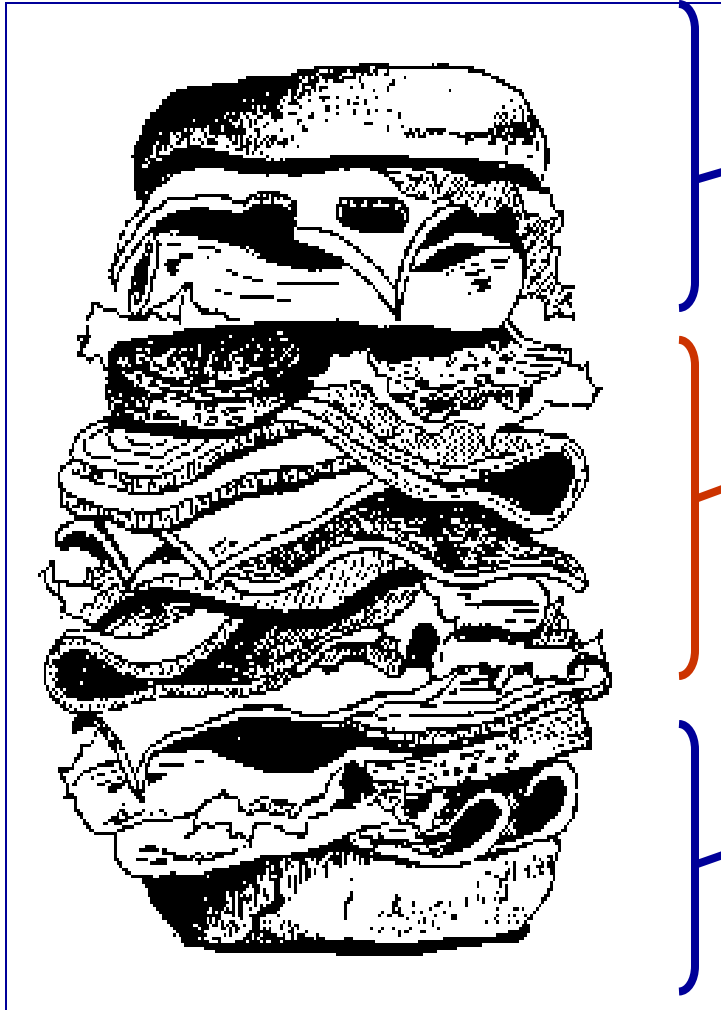
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Learning Objectives:

- **Orientation and review the syllabus and approach.**
- **Introduction to the idea of leadership as applied in community problem solving.**
- **Self-Introductions:**

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Competencies

- Personal Leadership attributes and skills

Capacity

- **Community Partners & Grant Project** (application of leadership skills and service learning)

Examining other models of Leadership and finding your own place of leadership

Goals for a General Education at KU:

1. **Critical Thinking** – evaluating and applying new information.
2. **Integration** – connecting knowledge across disciplines.
3. **Quantitative Information** – manipulating and communicating data.
4. **Diversity** – understanding the development, culture and diversity of societies.
5. **Contemporary Issues** – appreciating the complexity of causes and consequences.
6. **Social Responsibility** – active citizenship at local and broader levels.

Review of syllabus

- *SECTION 1: COURSE GOALS AND MATERIALS*
- **SECTION 2: COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND POLICIES**
- **SECTION 3: CLASS TOPICS AND SCHEDULE**

Student Self-Introductions:

1. Who are you?

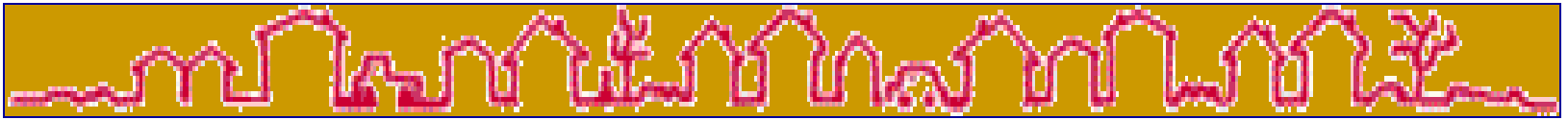
- Name
- Major
- Year in School

2. What is a problem in the community you care about?

Definition of Leadership

“Leadership is the process of persuasion or example by which an individual (or leadership team) induces a group to pursue objectives held by the leader or shared by the leader and his or her followers.”

John Gardner



What is Community?

Place

(neighborhood, city, town)

Experience

(race, ethnicity, gender, disability,
discrimination, opportunity)

Interest

(reducing teen pregnancy; making the
environment better)

“A people is not just any collection of human beings brought together in any sort of way but an assemblage of people...associated in agreement for the common good.”

Cicero

Summing up, looking ahead...

- **Today's objectives in review:**
 - **Orientation to ABS 150/151 honors**
 - **151 students- Meet next Friday**
 - **Review syllabus, our approach**
 - **Self-introductions**
 - **Introduction to the idea of leadership as applied in community problem-solving**
 - **Student's take-away lessons from today's class**

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Next Class ~

**“Why get involved in
community and public life?”**