

# Leadership Module Summary

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## Aims

This course is about beginning to understand and explain **leadership**. We explore what leadership is (and is not) – and the difference ‘good’ leadership makes and why. The course introduces leadership theory – and presents and debates the place of leadership in a variety of ‘real life’ settings.

Our teaching combines conventional and emerging thinking across business studies, organisational studies, political & policy studies, place studies, sociology and psychology. Drawing also on contributions from our VIP guest speakers and case studies, you will explore and de-construct some of the *varieties of leadership* that are being enacted at local, national and international scale – and across business, science & technology, learning and innovation, economic development and governmental arenas.

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## Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course you will:

- Have a better understanding of the nature and dynamics of leadership;
- Understand the contribution academic theory makes to explaining leadership;
- Be able to draw upon relevant theories and concepts from the academic literature when analysing and explaining leadership approaches;
- Understand how leadership plays differently through different ‘real life’ settings;
- Appreciate how changing economic, social and technological conditions are influencing leadership;
- Be able to reflect critically on leadership styles and approaches;
- Begin to develop a sense of the possibilities and limits of leadership.

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