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Program on
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EDUCATION

The educational component of the Program on Law and Leadership is designed to help students develop a broad array of leadership skills and tools that can be transferred to various settings and styles. Our program is designed to help students discover their particular leadership style and build the base of skills necessary to succeed.

The curriculum focuses on leadership and dispute resolution skills in both the classroom and hands-on settings requiring students to learn by doing.

LAWYERS AS LEADERS. The College's pioneering Lawyers as Leaders course enables students to develop themselves as leaders of organizations, embark on paths of personal leadership development, and increase their competence in working across a wide variety of organizational settings. Combining case studies, simulations, and theory, the course is designed to help students understand the hallmarks of skillful leadership and management. This course highlights the frameworks for exercising leadership in teams, judgment and decision-making, motivation, leadership development, power and influence, and career management.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND MEDIATION. Because Moritz offers one of the nation's leading programs in Alternative Dispute Resolution, there are a host of courses available to students in this area, including several relevant to leadership development, such as legal negotiations, dispute resolution processes, and mediation. These courses explore the planning, communication, information, influence, relationships, emotion, and decision-making faced by leaders in the diverse contexts in which they negotiate and mediate. Students can practice their skills through a seminar/practicum where they gain practical experience by serving as mediators in cases before the Franklin County Municipal Court.



LEGISLATION CLINIC. The Legislation Clinic places students in externship assignments to research and analyze current and potential legislative issues, expose them to the challenges of leadership and policy development in a partisan context, and develop their negotiation and consensus building skills. Working with state government, students are placed with one of the four leadership caucuses in the Ohio General Assembly (majority and minority in House and Senate), with individual members of key committees (e.g., Judiciary or Finance), the Legislative Service Commission, the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, the Office of the Governor, and cabinet-level agencies of state government.

STUDY AWAY PROGRAMS. Moritz Law runs a summer Washington, D.C. program that places students in externships with federal agencies and nonprofit organizations. Students often work directly with a senior official and/or the substance of the work involves leadership issues such as how an industry should be regulated, how Congress should address a pressing policy problem, or how problems can be addressed through new public-private initiatives. In addition, students may also choose to spend a semester or summer studying law abroad at Oxford University. These programs offer students the opportunity to gain cross-cultural, international experience fostering new understandings and perspectives.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES. Students may also pursue coursework for in-depth study in a variety of substantive areas related to specific interests, including business, children and family studies, civil rights (including race, gender and sexuality), criminal justice, disability rights, environmental, health, international and human rights, labor, legislation, nonprofit organizations and sports. Through the Schottenstein Zox & Dunn Distinguished Practitioners in Residence Program, Moritz Law students have the opportunity to learn from and exchange ideas with extraordinarily accomplished and prominent business law practitioners. The visiting practitioners teach a variety of one-credit courses throughout the year, based on their own areas of expertise.

Finally, law students can take up to five credit hours in leadership-related coursework from other colleges and schools within the Ohio State community, including the Fisher College of Business and John Glenn School of Public Affairs. The Program on Law and Leadership compiles an annual listing of graduate-level leadership courses throughout Ohio State and strongly encourages students to expand their exposure to leadership training through supplemental coursework in other disciplines.



SPEAKER SERIES

Our Leadership Speaker Series brings distinguished “thought leaders” to campus to give lectures on the theme of leadership and to interact candidly with students. These accomplished leaders come from a host of backgrounds and experiences and share their knowledge and insights with students through public lectures. In addition, select students also have the opportunity to meet and network with these leaders through intimate “closed door” lunch sessions.

LEADERSHIP SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Leadership Skills Workshops are designed to assist students in developing managerial and leadership skills outside of the traditional education setting. The workshops complement and enhance Moritz’s established courses. Led by professional trainers, Moritz faculty, and faculty and staff from other colleges and schools at Ohio State, the workshops cover a range of topics, including:

DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS/DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE

LEADING INNOVATION AND CHANGE

MAKING MEETINGS MANAGEABLE

CREATIVITY AND LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP CAPACITIES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

SCHOLARSHIPS

Moritz provides full or partial three-year scholarships to select students who demonstrate excellent leadership potential. The scholarships are based on leadership qualities, professional and personal life accomplishment, past academic achievement, and commitment to making a difference in communities and organizations.

CAREER ASSESSMENT

Students also have the opportunity to work with career and personal counselors using self-assessment tools to better identify areas of personal strength and those in need of development. The assessments aid students as they develop a career planning strategy. Students have the opportunity to conduct a StrengthsFinder assessment and/or the Emotional Intelligence assessment (EQ). StrengthsFinder is available to all students, but the EQ assessment is limited to 25 students a year.

MENTORSHIPS

Networking and mentoring are two of the best recognized methods for developing solid leadership and career skills. Students have multiple opportunities to interact with successful alumni leaders through three programs. These structured interactions will provide students with opportunities for close contact with leaders, to ask questions, and discuss issues of leadership and leadership development.

MENTORING AND MORE @ MORITZ. The program offers a series of luncheon events held in the Barrister Club throughout the school year, each featuring a prominent speaker addressing pressing issues and current trends in the law, followed by discussion between mentors, students, faculty and guests. Students expressing an interest in leadership will be grouped together with an alumnus mentor.

BREAKFAST WITH THE DEAN. First-year law students may attend small group breakfast meetings with the Dean and an alumnus. At their request, students with an interest in leadership are grouped together to meet with an invited alumnus with significant leadership experience.

LEADERSHIP SHADOW. The Leadership Shadow Program enables students to experience firsthand the work of a leader. By shadowing professionals in their workplace, students explore interests, observe leaders working in action, and learn about decision-making. Ranging from 1/2 day to a full day during a school break or other periods when students do not have class conflicts, the selected students observe and talk with hosts and their colleagues. In most cases, students can expect to participate in the normal routines of the sponsor to see leadership and management in action.

ADVISORS

To help students navigate the multitude of opportunities available at Moritz, students work directly with an advisor, usually a faculty or administrator at the law school, to develop an individualized leadership plan based on an individual student’s strengths and aspirations. The advisors inform students of opportunities and resources available to them while enrolled at Moritz, including clinics, externships, the Washington, D.C. program, and study abroad programs at Oxford University.



LEADERSHIP. It motivates, it inspires, it challenges, it negotiates, it compromises...it builds our society. No matter how we describe it, all lawyers must do it. They lead in the courtroom, they lead in the board room; they lead their clients through corporate transactions, they lead an organization through crisis; they are the leaders of our country, they are the leaders of the world; they lead the bar, they lead community and civic organizations. Everyday, lawyers lead. But, until now, leadership training has not been an integral part of the traditional law school experience. The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law is changing that by implementing its new Program on Law and Leadership.

The Program seeks to increase the awareness and understanding of leadership development among lawyers as well as excite and equip students for future leadership roles both in and beyond the profession. It has multiple components: education, a speaker series, skills workshops, scholarships, career assessment, and mentoring.

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