Integrative Capstone Project for Nonprofit Management
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Class dates/times: Location TBD – 9:00 a.m. to Noon on the following dates:
• Saturday, September 20
• Saturday, October 18
• Saturday, November 15
• Saturday, December 6
• Instructor will provide additional individual consultation with each student as needed.

Course Description
This Capstone course allows students to focus the knowledge and insights gained through academic study and work experience onto a current issue in a nonprofit organization. This course is designed for students completing their last semester in pursuit of the Master’s Degree in Nonprofit Management.

Course Objectives
Each student will execute a project, either: 1) a substantial independent project conducted in a host organization in the area of management, governance, finance, programs, volunteerism, fundraising or marketing, or 2) the review of several important trends affecting organizations. Projects will require students to:
• Develop a positive working relationship with a nonprofit organization that has identified an area of concern or opportunity
• Conduct primary and secondary research
• Apply the theories and best practices of nonprofit management
• Identify issues and opportunities, and generate recommendations and solutions
• Demonstrate professionalism in a written paper, an oral presentation in class, and a report of results to the nonprofit organization
Course Grading

Grades will be determined on the following basis:

- Project Proposal: 5%
- Project Plan: 5%
- Course Attendance: 10%
- Quality of project presentation: 10%
- Quality of final project (based upon written paper): 70%

Grades will be given on this scale:

A: indicates superior work
B: indicates good work that meets requirements
C: indicates satisfactory work that is missing some required elements
D: indicates passing but marginal work

Academic Integrity

Academic honesty is at the core of Washington University’s mission of research, teaching and learning. All students are expected to adhere to high standards of academic integrity. That means that all work presented as original must, in fact, be original, and the ideas and contributions of others must always be appropriately acknowledged. Violations of standard rules of academic integrity will be reported to the Dean and may lead to disciplinary action which could result in expulsion from the University.

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