

# Modesto Junior College

## Social Science 58:

### Student Leadership Development

Mondays & Wednesdays

11:10am-12:15pm

MJC East Campus-CAT 108

Section Number: 6650

Access Code: 6920

Welcome to Modesto Junior College and to Social Science 58. My name is Bryan Justin Marks and I am blessed to be your guide on this journey. I hope you find this course challenges you in the way you think, feel, and approach the world of leadership. President John F. Kennedy once said that "leadership and learning are indispensable to each other". Social Science 58 is more than a class, it is a vehicle to bring together the world of leadership and learning for Modesto Junior College students. My Contact Information: email: marksb@yosemite.edu Phone: (209) 575-6662

Social Science 58 is the theory and practice of leadership. This class was created to help students ignite their passion for leadership, service, personal growth and development. Some of you may be tempted to say "I am not a leader" or you may be referred to by others as the "leaders of tomorrow". Leadership, in its simplest form, is the ability to influence. You possess the ability to lead. You are not the leaders of tomorrow; you are the leaders of today!!! Your participation in this class will put you in a position to step out in to the world with more knowledge, more confidence, and an increased desire to be innovative, creative, and active in life! Leadership is a journey, not a destination! Your experience and effort are the journey in this course, a grade is a simple destination.

This class will provide you with as much as you put into it. Students that have enjoyed the most success in this course have made the following suggestions:



• ***"One Child, one teacher, one book, and one pen can change the world"***  
***Malala Yousafzai, Human Rights Activist & Nobel Peace Prize Recipient***

Past Student Suggestions:

Be active participants in each class. This includes asking questions, taking notes, and staying focused  
**TAKE NOTES!!!**



• ***"Success is all about making connections with people"***  
***Barack Obama, President of the United States***

Past Student Suggestions:

Reach out and make connections. This includes talking to classmates outside of class, reaching out to the instructor and connecting.



• ***"A career is something you plan for, train for, and prepare for"***  
***Sonia Sotomayor- US Supreme Court Justice***

Past Student Suggestions:

Avoid procrastination. There will be assignments and activities that will require work outside of class. Be sure to set up times and plan accordingly. Do not put off task until the last minute. Read ahead.



• ***"Ask for help not because you weak, but because you want to be strong"***  
***Les Brown-Motivational Speaker & Author***

Past Student Suggestions:

Ask for help or clarification. This includes making sure you fully understand all the things you must do to complete the class. Asking for clarification on tasks and reaching out for help if you are falling behind is important. If you give a minimum effort, you will get minimum results.

## Classroom Environment



This class is designed for you. The intention is to learn through participation, activities, presentations, and lectures. Student's participation in class activities and discussions is **highly encouraged** as it adds to the class environment and your learning experience.

The assignments for this course are not set up to just get done but will challenge you to be reflective and insightful. Students who are typically the most successful and find enjoyment in this course plan for assignments and are prepared for class each day. Procrastination, completing assignments at the last minute, or not following through with group members on assignments not only effect ones grade but are signs of underdeveloped leadership skills.

In this class the hope is to have an environment that is accepting, tolerant, safe, and welcoming to all. Should you need help in any part of the course, if there is an obstacle that is preventing you from being successful, or if you are in need of any special accommodations please reach out to me for assistance. Because the class will represent a diversity of individual beliefs, backgrounds, and experiences, every member of this class is asked to please show respect for every other member of this class and I challenge you to think beyond what you know and experience what others know.

As being a part of a leadership course I ask that you keep in mind the need to develop your leadership skills, among them are the following:

Please be in your seat ready to begin class at the start time. Being ready means all your materials out. Please attend all classes, occasional absences and tardies are understandable but please do not make it a regular occurrence. **I do not drop students for absences or tardies after census. It is your responsibility to drop this course should you decide to stop attending.** However, excessive absences and tardies are not a good display of proper leadership skills and will impact your grade.

Please come to class ready to learn. Complete required readings and outside activities on time. Please bring all necessary course materials such as required books, handouts, and writing supplies.

Please, when responding to classroom questions, display courtesy for others by not interrupting another student or the instructor. Challenge yourself in regards to your participation.

Please, unless part of an assignment, refrain from the use of technology in class (i.e. cell phone, tablets, laptops, etc.).

## Student Learning Outcomes

In an effort to evaluate the learning experience of students, MJC participates in Student Learning Outcomes or SLO's. SLO's are assessments taken, based on the student experience, to evaluate if the learning objectives of the course were met. When you successfully complete Social Science 58 you should be able to:

- Define what leadership is.
- Develop tools that will assist you in increasing your leadership skills.



Waking up early on Saturday gives me an edge in finishing my work with a very relaxed state of mind. There is a feeling of time pressure on weekdays that aren't there on weekends. If I wake up early in the morning before anybody else, I can plan the day or at least my activities with relaxed mind.

— Oprah Winfrey —

### **Required Texts & Materials**

Books:           The Indispensable Qualities of a Leader-John C. Maxwell  
                      The Other Wes Moore-Wes Moore

Materials:       1 pack of 4 x 6 note cards  
                      1 lined composition journal, 9.750 inches L x 7.500 inches W

### **Spring 2018 Class Discussions/Homework/Assignments**

#### **Week 1 (January 8)**

##### **In class discussion:**

Syllabus Review  
Video (10 Points)  
Handouts

**Assignment:** Leadership Inventory

**HW:**    Get your books  
          Leadership Inventory

#### **Week 1 (January 10)**

##### **In class discussion:**

Video (10 Points)  
How To Pass Social Science 58

**HW:**    Get your books  
          Leadership Inventory

#### **Week 2 (January 15)**

##### **NO CLASS (MLK Holiday)**

**HW:**    Get your books  
          Leadership Inventory

## **Week 2 (January 17)**

### **In class discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

Wes Moore Video

**Assignment:** Self Expectations (25 points)

**Assignment:** Journal 1 (20 Points)

**Leadership Inventory Due (200 points)**

**Homework:** 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter One  
Complete Self Expectations  
Complete Journal 1

## **Week 3 (January 22)**

### **In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter One

**Homework:** 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter Two

## **Week 3 (January 24)**

### **In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter Two

**Assignment:** Journal 1

**Homework:** 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter Three  
Complete Journal 1

## **Week 4 (January 29)**

### **In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter Three

**Assignment:** Leadership Mt. Rushmore (50 Points)

**Journal 1 Due (20 Points)**

**Homework:** 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader -Chapter Four  
Leadership Mt. Rushmore

## **Week 4 (January 31)**

### **In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader -Chapter Four

**Assignment:** Journal 2

**Homework:** 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter Five  
Complete Journal 2  
Leadership Mt. Rushmore

**Week 5 (February 5)**

**In Class Discussion**

Video (10 Points)

21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter Five

**Leadership Mt. Rushmore Due (50 points)**

**Journal 2 Due (20 Points)**

**Homework: Study for Exam One**

21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter Six

**Week 5 (February 7)**

**In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

**EXAM ONE:** 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader (Chapters 1-5)

The Other Wes Moore (Chapters 1 & 2)

All Class Videos

**Assignment:** Journal 3

**Homework:** 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader -Chapter Seven

Complete Journal 3

**Week 6 (February 12)**

**In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader -Chapter Six & Seven

**Assignment:** Leadership Trial (300 points)

**Journal 3 Due (20 Points)**

**Homework:** 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Eight

Leadership Trial

**Week 6 (February 14)**

**In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter Eight

**Assignment:** Journal 4

**Homework:** 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter Nine

Complete Journal 4

Leadership Trial

**Week 7 (February 19)**

**NO CLASS (Presidents Day)**

**Homework:** 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter Ten

Leadership Trial

**Week 7 (February 21)**

**In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter Ten

**Assignment:** Journal 5

**Leadership Trial Due (300 points)**

**Homework:** 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader -Chapter Eleven  
Complete Journal 5

**Week 8 (February 26)**

**In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter Eleven

Mission Statements

**Journal 4 & 5 Due (40 Points)**

**Homework:** 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader -Chapter Twelve  
Mission Statement

**Week 8 (February 28)**

**In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter Twelve

**Assignment:** Journal 6

**Homework:** Study for Exam Two

21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter Thirteen

Complete Journal 6

Mission Statement

**Week 9 (March 5)**

Video (10 Points)

**Exam Two** 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader (Chapters 6-12)

Wes Moore (Chapters 3-4)

All Class Videos

**Journal 6 Due (20 Points)**

**Homework:** 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader -Chapter Fourteen  
Mission Statements

**Week 9 (March 7)**

**In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

**Mission Statements Due (50 Points)**

21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter Thirteen & Fourteen

**Assignment:** Journal 7

**Homework:** 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader -Chapter Fifteen  
Complete Journal 7

**Week 10 (March 12)**

**In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter Fifteen

**Journal 7 Due (20 Points)**

**Homework:** 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader -Chapter Sixteen & Seventeen

**Week 10 (March 14)**

**In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter Sixteen & Seventeen

**Assignment:** Letter to the Other Wes Moore/Letter to Wes Moore

**Assignment:** Journal 8

**Homework:** 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter Eighteen & Nineteen  
Complete Journal 8  
Complete Letter to the Other Wes Moore/Letter to Wes Moore

**Week 11 (March 19)**

**In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader – Chapter Eighteen & Nineteen

**Journal 8 Due (20 Points)**

**Letters to the Other Wes Moore (50 Points)/Letter to Wes Moore Due (50 Points)**

**Homework:** 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter Twenty & Twenty One

**Week 11 (March 21)**

**In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader –Chapter Twenty & Twenty One

**Homework:** Complete Journal 9

**Week 12 (March 26)**

**In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

Final Group Meetings

**Final Time Line Due (100 Points)**

**Journal 9 Due (20 Points)**

**Homework:** Study for Exam Three

**Week 12 (March 28)**

**In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

**Assignment:** Journal 10

**Exam Three** 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader (Chapters 13-21)  
Wes Moore (Chapters 5-6)  
All Class Videos

**Homework:** Complete Journal 10

**Week 13 (April 2)**

**In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

**Journal 10 Due (20 Points)**

**Week 13 (April 4)**

**In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

**Assignment:** Leadership Assessment

**Assignment:** Journal 11

**Homework:** Complete Journal 11  
Leadership Assessment

**Week 14 (April 9)**

**In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

**Journal 11 Due (20 Points)**

**Homework:** Leadership Assessment

**Week 14 (April 11)**

Video (10 Points)

**Exam Four** Wes Moore (Chapters 7-8)  
All Class Videos

**Assignment:** Journal 12

**Leadership Assessments Due (200 Points)**

**Homework:** Complete Journal 12



**Week 15 (April 16)**

**In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

**Leadership Experience Hours Due (100 Points)**

**Leadership Service Hours Due (100 Points)**

**Journal 12 Due (20 Points)**

**Week 15 (April 18)**

**In Class Discussion:**

Video (10 Points)

**FINAL EXAM (Wednesday April 25- 10:00am-12:50pm)**

**Present Motivational Video**

**Group Project Presentation**



**“Some days are harder than others to get up early and grind, but I’d much rather suffer a little today than struggle for the rest of my life. Everyone talks about what they want to be in life, I’m done talking. My past is just that, my past. Today is about how hard I grind and success depends on my choices moving forward”**

**~Eric Thomas~**

### **Major Assignments Summary**

#### **In Class Videos (280 Points)**

Each day we will view a video in class and you will write a brief summary of what the video means. You will need to purchase a set of 4x6 index cards for this assignment. Cards need to have your full name and date on first line. This assignment is worth 10 points a class.

#### **Leadership Service Hours (100 Points)**

Students enrolled in Social Science 58 must complete 5 hours of leadership service time on campus. This means you must volunteer for campus events or activities. Each hour is worth 20 points. These hours can be completed in any area of the campus but require my approval prior to the hours. All hours must be completed and your service form submitted by the start of class on **April 11**.

#### **Leadership Experience Hours (100 Points)**

Students enrolled in Social Science 58 must complete 5 hours of leadership experience time on campus. This means you must attend campus events. Each hour is worth 20 points. These hours can be completed in any area of the campus but require my approval prior to the hours. All hours must be completed and your service form submitted by the start of class on **April 16**.

#### **Mission Statement (50 Points)**

Every great organization has a mission statement they follow. Great leaders have their own personalized mission statement. You will develop your own personalized mission statement.

#### **Leadership Journals (240 Points)**

You will be required to write in a journal once a week. You will write about the in class and homework lessons. In your journal entry you will discuss what you have learned and highlight what you are struggling to learn. Journals are worth 20 points each and due on every Monday.

#### **Letter to the Other Wes Moore (50 Points)**

You will write a letter to the Other Wes Moore, the subject of Wes Moore’s book. In the letter you will introduce yourself to him and share with him your thoughts on the book. The letter will be sent to him.

#### **Letter to Wes Moore (50 Points)**

You will write a letter to Wes Moore, the author of The Other Wes Moore. In the letter you will introduce yourself to him and share with him your thoughts on the book. The letter will be sent to him.

#### **Leadership Trial (300 Points)**

In this assignment a mock-trial will be held in class to see if the person on trial has leadership traits.

## Exams (400 Points)

**EXAM ONE:** 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader (Chapters 1-5)  
**100 Points** The Other Wes Moore (Chapters 1 & 2)  
**February 7** All Class Videos

**Exam Two** 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader (Chapters 6-12)  
**100 Points** The Other Wes Moore (Chapters 3 & 4)  
**March 5** All Class Videos

**Exam Three** 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader (Chapters 13-21)  
**100 Points** The Other Wes Moore (Chapters 5 & 6)  
**March 28** All Class Videos

**Exam Four** The Other Wes Moore (Chapters 7 & 8)  
**100 Points**  
**April 11** All Class Videos

## **FINAL EXAM (300 Points) Wednesday April 25- 10:00am-12:50pm)**

Each Group will create and present on the day of the final a motivational video based on the teachings of the class. Each group will put together a creative presentation 15 minutes in length that highlights what they have learned in class.

## GRADING

Video Breakdowns	280	Points
Leadership Assessment (2 Assessments)	400	Points
My Expectations	50	Points
Leadership Mt. Rushmore	50	Points
Leadership Trial (Mid-Term)	300	Points
Mission Statement	50	Points
Leadership Journals	240	Points
Exams (Four Exams)	400	Points
Leadership Service Hours	100	Points
Leadership Experience Hours	100	Points
Letter to the Other Wes Moore	50	Points
Letter to Wes Moore	50	Points
Final Time Line	100	Points
Final	300	Points

**Total Points** **2470 Points**

<u>Total Points</u>	<u>Grade</u>
2470-2223	A
2222-1976	B
1975-1729	C
1728-1482	D
1481-0	F