J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number:   SDV 109          Credits:  1

Course Title:  Student Leadership Development

Course Description (including lecture hours, lab hours, total contacts)
Provides opportunities for student to learn leadership theory and skills for application in campus organizations, committees and groups. Develops students’ personal leadership styles. Assists students to promote leadership skills in others. Examines the outlook, skills and behavior essential to successful leadership. Lecture 1 hour per week.

General Course Purpose
The purpose of SDV 109 is to provide students the opportunity to gain valuable classroom training in leadership. Students will develop working knowledge of leadership theories and skills, as well as gain experience coordinating a leadership project. Students enrolled in SDV 109 will integrate theory with practice; central to this focus will be group dynamics. In addition, students will identify a personal philosophy of leadership and develop leadership skills. Participants are encouraged to develop their leadership potential, recognize others as leaders and to engage in productive leadership behavior.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites (Entry-level competencies required for enrollment)
There are no prerequisites or corequisites for this course.

Course Objectives (Each item should complete the following sentence.)

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

• Identify their own leadership style and be able to recognize the styles of other leaders they come into contact with.
• Begin to develop leadership skills in others.
• Identify challenges that leaders face (conflict, team issues, ethical challenges, change, etc.) and will be able to utilize decision making models to come to a resolution regarding the situation.
• Identify the role that service plays in leadership.
• Participate in community service, success workshops to enhance their skills, and will attend lectures given to expand their views of leadership.
• Work as a team to complete a capstone project.

Major Topics to be Included

The following topics will be covered during SDV 109: Leadership Styles, Ethics and Integrity in Leadership, Servant Leadership, Teamwork, Conflict Management, Being an Academic Leader, Managing Change, and Wellness and Balance.

Effective Date of Course Content Summary (Month, Date Year):  December 1, 2008