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**Department of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership  
Western Michigan University  
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**6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Course Number and Title:**

EDLD 6060 System Thinking

**Credit Hours:** 3

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**Office Hours:**

Office hours are scheduled on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m..

**Course Prerequisite:** None

**Course Descriptions:**

The purpose of this course is to study and gain an understanding of the organizational processes at work in secondary and postsecondary education institutions, and the skills and tools effective higher educational leaders use in developing learning organizations. Senge has noted that a learning organization is a place in which people continually expand their capacity to create results they truly desire, where new patterns of thinking are nurtured, and where people learn how to work together. In his view, learning organizations are possible because deep down we are all learners (Senge, 1990). Educational leadership is infused with new expectations, responsibilities, and accountabilities when viewed from the framework of systems thinking within learning organizations. This course will examine concepts and ideas such as these and the systemic forces and interdependencies that shape the behaviors of personnel in secondary and higher education systems.

This course has two major interconnected themes: organizational theory related to complex systems and leadership. Course participants will gain a knowledge and understanding of the current theories that help leaders make sense of their complex

educational organizations, and the “tools” (e.g., the five disciplines, systems drawing) that make up the core of a “learning organization.” Applied collectively and continually, the disciplines will allow transformational leaders to develop productive long-term relationships with their colleagues and their communities.

### **Program Goals:**

The program goals addressed in the course are:

1. To provide a theory-based framework for leadership, change processes, and human resource development.
2. To promote student development through activities that focus upon products, procedures, and strategies that link theory to practice.
3. To prepare students for a career in educational leadership.
4. To actively engage students in problem-based learning related to situations encountered by school leaders.

### **Course Objectives/Outcomes:**

The objectives of this course are:

1. To gain an understanding of the theoretical concepts and techniques from the behavioral sciences that can be used to create and sustain a learning organization within the context of community. (NCATE 1.4)
2. To develop a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the “five basic or core disciplines” that collectively form the linkages for systems thinking to occur within a learning organization. (NCATE 6.2)
3. To examine individual value and belief systems (e.g., personal mastery) and their impact on one’s understanding of self, as well as, the educational leader’s role and responsibility. (NCATE 4.2, 4.4)
4. To gain knowledge and understanding of how effective transformational leaders use mission, power, and “authority” when motivating people (e.g., mental models) to reflect upon and address “ripe issues” within school systems. (NCATE 1.4)
5. To gain an understanding of the communication and decision-making processes followed to create and sustain a learning organization (e.g., team learning). (NCATE 6.2)
6. To explore contemporary educational issues or events in terms of trends and patterns (e.g., shared visions) impacting on the renewal of schools and school systems. (NCATE 1.4, 2.4, 10.2)

**COE Diversity Statement:**

The College of Education maintains a strong and sustained commitment to the diverse and unique nature of all learners and high expectations for their ability to learn and apply their learning in meaningful ways.

**Academic Ethics and Integrity:**

You are responsible for making yourself aware of and understanding the policies and procedures in the Graduate Catalogue that pertain to Academic Integrity. These policies include cheating, fabrication, falsification and forgery, multiple submission, plagiarism, complicity and computer misuse. If there is reason to believe you have been involved in academic dishonesty, you will be referred to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs. You will be given the opportunity to review the charge(s). If you believe you are not responsible, you will have the opportunity for a hearing. You should consult with the course instructor if you are uncertain about an issue of academic honesty prior to the submission of an assignment or test. You should consult with me if you are uncertain about an issue of academic honesty prior to the submission of an assignment or test.

As stated in the Student Code: "Behavior by any student, in class or out of class, which for any reason materially disrupts the class work of others involved substantial disorder, invades the rights of others, or otherwise disrupts the regular and essential operation of the University is prohibited.". (Some examples of disruptive behavior may include, but not necessarily limited to, the following: repeated and unauthorized use of electronic devices, cell phones and pagers, disputing authority and arguing with faculty and other students, harassment, physical disruption or physical altercations, etc.)

**Performance-Driven Leadership Master's Degree Students:**

Students admitted to the Master of Arts in Educational Leadership program during January 2001 or later are now part of the new "performance-driven leadership" (PDL) curriculum. Within this program, students are to acquire a Performance-Driven Leadership Handbook (a 3-ring binder available at the Supply Desk within the WMU Bookstore), and to place at least three samples of their work from this course within this handbook. This handbook, including student work products, is to be available for review by course instructors, the student's advisor, and future employers. It will be reviewed during the Capstone Experience course (EDLD 679), and will serve as one method for displaying understanding of course content and activities. A sample syllabus for EDLD 679 can be found at: [wmich.edu/tll/syllabi/EDLD679\\_wegenke.pdf](http://wmich.edu/tll/syllabi/EDLD679_wegenke.pdf).

**Expectations:**

The methods of instructions used in this class are based firmly on the assumption that learning depends on the activity of the student rather than on the instructor; that learning the process is as important as the content, that the overall aim is to develop understandings that will be used in performing the various sections that comprise the leadership process, rather than to provide mere knowledge.

The content of class discussion is considered to be important as well as the student's own use of resources, his/her interaction with the instructor and with other students, and his/her preparation of individual assignments which force him/her to react thoughtfully to what he/she hears, observes or reads. Preparation for class discussion, participation and the doing of individual assignments are most important. Effective learning depends on extensive use of resources, which must be started early and pursued vigorously.

Attendance in class is considered important, and aside from unusual circumstances, the student is expected to be both present and punctual for each session.

Any student with a documented disability (e.g., physical learning, psychiatric, vision, hearing, etc.) who needs to arrange reasonable accommodations must contact Ms. Beth Denhartigh at telephone number 269.387.2116 or email [beth.denhartigh@wmich.edu](mailto:beth.denhartigh@wmich.edu) at the beginning of the semester. A disability determination must be made by that office before any accommodations are provided by the instructor.

**Required Text(s)/Materials:**

The following books are required readings:

Senge, P.M., Cambron-McCabe, N., Lucas, T., Smith, B., Dutton, J., & Kleiner, A. (2000). Schools that learn, New York: Doubleday Dell Publishing.

Kline, P., & Saunders, B. (1998). Ten steps to a learning organization (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). Arlington, VA: Great Ocean Publishing, Inc.

Fullan, M. (2005). Leadership & sustainability – system thinkers in action. Thousand Oaks, CA.: Corwin Press. (Only for students in K – 12.)

Birnbaum, R. (1988). How colleges work: The cybernetics of academic organization and leadership. San Francisco, CA.: Jossey-Bass Publishers. (Only for students in higher education.)

**Role of the Textbooks:**

The textbooks represent “tools” that provide useful foundational information to the learner. It is the responsibility of the learner to read the assigned chapters and to incorporate the author's perspective into classroom discussions and written assignments. Presentations and discussions are expected to supplement the reading and thereby deviate from strict adherence to the texts.

**Class Schedule, Readings and Activities:**

Session	Date	Topics and Readings
<b>Introductions</b>		
1	9/05	Introduction to course goals, objectives, expectations and class activities. Obtain student information for the purpose of developing a class list-serv, and identify student learning teams for class presentations taken from Kline and Saunders (1998), Ten Steps to a learning organization.
<b>Getting Started</b>		
2	9/12	The idea of a school that learns (Senge, pp. 5-11). Core concepts about learning in organizations (Powerpoint presentation and Senge, 19-22). The industrial age system of education (Senge, pp. 27-58). The wheel of learning (Senge, pp. 93-98).
<b>A Primer to Systems Thinking</b>		
3	9/19	A biblical perspective to systems thinking. An introduction to Deming and the Continuous Improvement Model.
<b>An Introduction to systems thinking</b>		
4	9/26	Strategies for developing <b>Personal Mastery</b> (Senge, pp. 59-65), strategies for working with <b>Mental Models</b> (Senge, pp. 66-71) the ladder of inference (Senge, pp. 68-71), balancing inquiry and advocacy (Senge, pp. 219-222), strategies for building a <b>Shared Vision</b> (Senge, pp. 71-73), strategies for designing <b>Team Learning</b> (Senge, pp. 73-74), dialogue v. discussion for productive conversation (Senge, pp. 75-77), <b>Systems Thinking</b> ( pp. 77-80), the iceberg (Senge, pp. 80-83), the building blocks of systems thinking (Senge, pp. 84-91, a pedagogy for the five disciplines (Senge, pp. 207-214).
5	10/03	<b>Continuation of the discussion on Systems Thinking</b>

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6	10/10	<b>Team Presentations</b>
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7	10/17	<b>Continuation of Team Presentations</b>
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8	10/24	<b>Continuation of Team Presentations and Wrap-Up</b>
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**Our Raison d’Etre**

9	10/31	<b>What is our Core Purpose: Guiding Ideas for a School/University Leader.</b> (Senge, pp. 312-321). No More “Drive-By Staff Development” (Senge, pp. 385-395).
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**It’s All About Leadership: Bringing Closure to the Concept of Systems Thinking**

10	11/07	Leadership from Senge’s perspective (pp. 411-453). Perspectives from Kline & Saunders (1998), Fullan (2005), Birnbaum (1988), Collins (2001), Fritz (1999).
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**It’s All About Leadership: Bringing Closure to the Concept of Systems Thinking (Continuation)**

11	11/14	Leadership from Senge’s perspective (pp. 411-453). Perspectives from Kline & Saunders (1998), Fullan (2005), Birnbaum (1988), Collins (2001), Fritz (1999).
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**Systems Archetypes: Putting Meaning to Recurring Events**

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| 12 | 11/21 | An introduction to Systems Archetypes (Senge, pp. 91-93; 243-22; 355-64; 392; 507-10). |
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**Systems Archetypes: Putting Meaning to Recurring Events  
(Continuation)**

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| 13 | 11/28 | An introduction to Systems Archetypes (Senge, pp. 91-93; 243-22; 355-64; 392; 507-10). |
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**Putting Systems Archetypes into Practice**

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| 14 | 12/05 | Participants will have the opportunity to discuss “real life” experiences and graphically represent the “recurring event.” Further, students will identify and discuss the areas where systems leaders can develop leverage for making change within the organization. |
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**Capstone Experience**

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| 15 | 12/12 | FINAL EXAM – Students will have the opportunity to take a case study and apply systems thinking elements, along with the thinking of Fullan (2005), Kline & Saunders (1998), Birnbaum (1998), etc. to find plausible and needed solutions to bring about change within K-12 or university settings. |
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**Course Activities:**

*Activity 1. Class Participation (Includes Attendance).* A great deal of class time will be devoted to discussion. To prepare for class discussion, students should plan to attend regularly, complete the assigned readings, and participate in selected in-class activities. When absent, students are responsible for obtaining class notes and handout materials from another student of their choice.

*Activity 2 Student and School/University Leader Experience (Field-based).* This activity is designed for the student to have three (3) to five (5) hours of field-based experience with a school building, central office school leader, or in the case of individuals in higher education, a person in an administrative position. The activity's focus is on linking one (1) or more of the course objectives to an actual event(s) taking place in your school or another organizational system. An outline to guide the student is attached to the syllabus as Appendix B.

*Activity 3. Team Presentations.* Students, where possible, will work individually or in teams of two (2) to prepare and present to the class a chapter review of one of the "ten steps" found in a learning organization. The review will follow those steps presented by the authors Kline and Saunders in their book, Ten steps to a learning organization. Suggested points to cover when leading the class presentation include:

- A written outline of the major themes in the chapter prepared for distribution to others in the class;
- Where possible refer to "the five disciplines" in Peter Senge, et al, Schools that learn, that have applicability to your presentation; and
- A written set of conclusions or recommendations ("take-aways") derived after reflecting upon your readings and preparation activities for your presentation. In other words, what is it that you would like your "class colleagues" to take from your presentation into their work settings. (NCATE 1.3, 1.5, 6.2). Appendix A contains a rubric that describes how each team presentation will be assessed.

*Activity 4. Interview Assignment/Details.* The purpose of this learning activity is to give you a concrete example of an educational leader to think about, and discuss, as we proceed with class, and to give you the experience of comparing one specific leader's ideas with those of other leaders and the authors studied in class. You are to interview a leader in your education work context (e.g., k-12 or higher education), one whose work you admire, or whose position you aspire to attain. The interview should be face-to-face. However, a telephone interview will suffice if necessary. In addition to demographic information (position, how long the interviewee has been in the position, prior work, educational preparation, etc.), your questions should be designed to elicit the person's leadership and organizational philosophies, or theories, use of various tools for organizational change, and lessons learned about organizations from their experience in this position or other. Examples of questions you might ask (as well as other questions you feel particularly germane), might include the following:

1. What is your philosophy of leadership? Of how your organization (K-12 or Higher Education) work?
2. What leadership and organization authors or theories influence the work you do?

3. What leadership or organizational change tools work best for you?
4. Did/do you have a leadership mentor? If so, who was/is that person and how did s/he influence you? (Please note, you should not be interested in the person's name, but the type of person and the individual's experiences that had an influence on you.)
5. Do you use systems thinking in your work as a leader? If so, how? And
6. Utilize the assessment instrument found in Kline & Saunders (2003) to help frame your questions (see pp. 61 – 63).

Please be reminded that your interview narrative might begin with some demographic or descriptive data on the person (e.g., age, gender, position, experience, etc.). In narrative form, write in detail the questions you posed and the responses your interviewee gave, and add observations you made during the course of the interview, or feelings the interview evoked. There is no page-length requirement, or restriction, for this assignment. Write until you have captured the content of the interview in such a way that you may later re-read it and recall details. Be prepared to share a synopsis of this interview with your colleagues in class.

*Activity 5. Performance-driven Leadership Handbook (New students only).* The Performance-Driven Leadership Handbook provides students the opportunity to collect materials that reflect systems thinking theory and practice. Notebooks will be available in the University Bookstore. They will serve as one method for displaying knowledge and understanding of course content and activities. Handbooks, including student work products, are to be available for review by course instructors, the student's advisor and future employers. Each student is responsible for placing samples of his or her own work in the handbook. The Performance-Driven Leadership Handbook is reviewed during the Capstone Experience (EDLD 679) course. (NCATE 1.4, 6.2). Students can go to <http://www.wmich.edu/tll/pdl/courses.html>, then click on EDLD 606 for a copy of the actual Performance-driven Leadership form.

*Activity 6: Book Critique.* You are to conduct a 5 to 7 page critique of either Michael Fullan's book, Leadership & sustainability, or Robert Birnbaum's book, How Colleges Work. Your critique of this book should contain the following elements:

1. An overview of the book;
2. Implications for the CEO as a system thinker (e.g., school superintendent, college president, etc.);
3. Strength and weaknesses of the book; and
4. Your "take-aways."

Please follow the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition (APA) format when attaching references to your mini-paper.

(You may go to [http://www.vanguard.edu/faculty/ddegelman/index.cfm?doc\\_id=796](http://www.vanguard.edu/faculty/ddegelman/index.cfm?doc_id=796) for an overview of the APA writing style.)

*Activity 7. Final Examination.* The final examination will be an opportunity for the student to express his or her knowledge and understanding of the “basic or core disciplines” found in a learning organization and apply the disciplines to a case study. This case analysis project will serve as your final exam. The project grade will be based upon both the in-class presentation and the written report. Each presentation should be approximately 15 minutes in length, with time for questions and discussion afterward. The purpose of the project is to give you the opportunity to apply the ideas and systems thinking skills discussed in class to a situation grounded in your own professional practice or interests.

You will be given a case study outlining a particular problem in a school district and/or organization. With this information, you are to develop, map, and analyze the case study based on an issue currently existing in your work context – administrative, organizational, curricular, assessment, professional development, or policy-oriented, etc., using what you have learned about organizational structures and leadership and systems analysis. This is your opportunity to demonstrate what you have learned in class.

The problem or situation should be fully described and mapped using systems notation. Relationships to other issues or processes in the work context should be described and mapped, and the relationships most relevant to the case highlighted. You will then analyze the case using **three different system models, metaphors, or archetypes** and offer recommendations about how stakeholders in the system could go about addressing the problem. Students are encouraged to interview individuals in their chosen context about the issues attendant with the problem while preparing the case. Outside sources can and should be used. The written report should be about 7 to 10 pages long. Grades for the presentation will be based upon demonstrated grasp of the materials, along with proper citation of sources, thoroughness and thoughtfulness of the case analysis, and clarity of writing. Appendix C contains a copy of the rubric that will be used to assess the learner’s knowledge and proficiency in analyzing the given case.

### **Submission Dates for Learning Activities:**

Learning activities for this course must be submitted on or before the following dates:

1. Field-Based Experience – 3 October 2007
2. Interview of CEO – 7 November 2007
3. Book Critique – 28 November 2007

## 4. Final Exam - On or before 12 Noon on 15 December 2007

**Assessment for Learning:**

The student's grade will be determined as follows:

Participation (including attendance)	10%
Interview	20%
Individual/ team presentations	15%
Field-based experience	25%
Book critique	10%
Final Examination	20%

**Grading Scale**

95 – 100	A
90 - 94	BA
85 - 89	B
80 - 84	BC
Below 79	C

Incompletes are given only in extreme emergencies (e.g., medical reasons).

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**APPENDICES**

APPENDIX:A: TEAM PRESENTATIONS

## SYSTEMS THINKING EDLD 606: SYSTEMS THINKING

Step # \_\_\_\_\_

Presenters: \_\_\_\_\_

## ASSESSMENT OF CLASS PRESENTATION

Elements	Total Points	Your Points
<b>I. Organization</b> a. The presentation was well organized b. Materials were appropriate, clear and concise c. Presenter actively engaged all learners d. Adequate use of technology	25	
<b>II. Presentation</b> a. Used time wisely b. Adequately covered the topic c. Displayed energy and enthusiasm d. Did something fun (creative) e. I got something out of the presentation	25	
<b>III. Student Engagement</b> a. Effectively used strategies to engage all learners b. Was able to motivate learners to participate	25	
<b>IV. Assessment</b> a. Evidence of a design to assess student learning b. Utilized strategies to assess student mastery	25	
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>	

ADDITIONAL REVIEWER'S COMMENTS:

APPENDIX B: FIELD-BASED EXPERIENCE

**Appendix B: Field-Based Experience**

*Activity 4: Field-Based Experience*

This activity is designed for the student to have three (3) to five (5) hours of field-based experience with a school building, central office school leader, or in the case of individuals in higher education, a person in an administrative position. The activity’s focus is on linking one (1) or more of the course objectives to an actual event(s) taking place in your school or another organizational system. Community organizations that focus on serving the needs of people and improving quality of life issues are appropriate.

The importance of the activity is for the student to have an opportunity to acquire knowledge and understanding of (1) issues faced by organizational leaders; (2) skills used to present issues that capture the interest, feelings and support of others, and (3) process(es) used to engage others to move toward taking action. Reflecting on and connecting the experience to “system thinking” concepts will be useful when summarizing the experience.

Exchange of information and perceptions on the issue between the student and “leader” will enhance the experience. Specifically, the student is responsible for selecting a school/university leader, making arrangements to observe and engage in the work of the “leader,” keeping a log and developing a mini-paper 3 to 4 pages in length on their experience.

Students are to link their “field-based experience” to one (1) or more of the systems thinking course objectives listed on page 2 of the syllabus. Please identify the course objective(s) that best describes the general learning that took place during your experience. Students are to log their experiences under the following headings:

**Course Objective(s):**

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity (Brief Description)</b>	<b>Time Spent</b>
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(NOTE: The log is to be attached to the mini paper.)

An analysis of the information gathered and displayed in the log is to be summarized at the end of the experience and included in the mini-paper. To assist the summary process respond to the questions in you paper that might look like this:

1. What events led up to or caused the issue?
2. Has the issue occurred before?
3. What internal or external forces impacted upon the issue?
4. What in the school leader's staff's, or significant other's, thinking allows the issue to continue to occur?

The diagram on the proceeding page is designed to assist the student's need for a visual to respond to questions related to general issues that may occur in the organization. "The Iceberg" metaphor implies that a great deal of time and effort is placed in the "doing" or responding to issues. Often there is less sensitivity to "reflecting and connecting" with the thoughts and behaviors of other people who have a stake in the issue.

**MY SCHOOL SYSTEM/UNIVERSITY IN ACTION  
(AN ICEBERG)**

**DOING**

Addressing and responding to:

School Improvement  
Goal Development  
Curriculum Alignment  
Program Plans and Outcomes  
Student Testing Results  
Student Discipline  
Job Descriptions  
Personnel Evaluations  
Budget “Balancing”

**REFLECTING AND CONNECTING**

Addressing and Responding to:

Individual Needs, Desires, Feelings, Values  
Differences of Opinions (e.g., Roles and Responsibilities)  
Power, Influence and Perceptions  
Views of “Ripe” Issues  
Feelings of Trust and Confidence  
Alliances (Formal and Informal)  
Followers and Subordinates

APPENDIX C: RUBRIC FOR SCORING THE FINAL EXAM

**A RUBRIC FOR ANALYZING EDLD 606 CASE STUDY**

Category	Total Possible Points	Points Earned
OVERVIEW OF THE CASE STUDY. In addition, provide a clear delineation of the problem	25.0	
SYSTEMS ARCHETYPES AT WORK – Graphically describe the recurring pattern with attenuating variables	25.0	
THE SOLUTION – Utilizing Senge’s five disciplines of a learning organization, as well as Kline & Saunders’ Ten Steps to a Learning Organization, Michael Fullan’s book on Leadership & Sustainability, etc.explain how the principal could address the problem described	25.0	
PERSONAL REFLECTIONS - After conducting this analysis, please discuss your “take-away(s) from this learning activity. In other words, what did you learn from this activity that could influence your leadership behavior in an organization	25.0	

**TOTAL POINTS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**FINAL GRADE FOR THE COURSE** \_\_\_\_\_