A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: None

Students learn advanced theory and practice of group membership skills, including group development, roles, norms and leadership responsibilities. Students also learn to apply social psychological strategies when working/consulting with community groups e.g. situational leadership styles and roles, interpersonal communication styles, conflict management, problem solving, feedback skills, facilitation, and group activity planning, presentation and processing.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/15/2012 - 12/15/2012 12/16/2012 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Demonstrate an understanding of theory and practice of group dynamics - including group development, roles, norms, social influence and leadership responsibilities, etc.
2. Develop an understanding of the scientific methods employed by group researchers and acquire some basic skills for analyzing real world (and fictional) group interactions.
3. Apply course content to everyday life through in class discussion and written assignments. As such students should be able to construct logical and coherent arguments which use authority, point-of-view, and individual voice and style in presentation.
4. Participate effectively in groups with emphasis on discussion, listening, critical and reflective thinking, and responding.
5. Gain an appreciation for cultural differences in group dynamics;
6. Understand and critically analyze the structure, function, and dynamic interactions of groups.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

Prerequisite: Graduate Standing.