

Self Awareness & Personal Enlightenment

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SYLLABUS

Module Description

Both awareness and enlightenment are not taught to us in any formal way. Yet, Self Awareness and Personal Enlightenment are the foundations of sustained personal development and the cultivation of management and leadership competences. They are the red threads that run through time and stress management, emotional intelligence, conflict resolution and self managing change. This module provides the insight, wisdom and understanding required to build and sustain both as they provide the basis of an ongoing plan for personal growth and development.

Learning Outcomes

This module includes the following learning outcomes:

- Understanding the significance of awareness
- Connecting the basic principles of authentic time management
- Understand, manage and prevent stress
- Developing greater emotional intelligence
- Why conflict arises and how to dissolve it
- Ways to respond more effectively to change
- Clarifying personal purpose, vision and values
- Clearly identifying the steps required to sustain personal development

Preliminary Tasks

Find three people and interview them with the following questions:

- 1 What does personal development mean to you?
- 2 What are the three things you would like to develop within yourself if you had the opportunity?

Research and define the meaning of the following terms:

- 1) Self
- 3) Thought
- 5) Personality

- 2) 2) Awareness 4) Consciousness
- 6) Feeling

Answer the following questions personally:

- 1 When people change what do you think it is within them that changes?
- 2 Why do people find it hard to change list three reasons?
- 3 What are three things you would most like to change within yourself?

Evaluation

Participants will be evaluated on two aspects:

10% Prework

90% Final exam

Schedule and Session Content

	Day 1
	The Foundations of SELF AWARENESS
9am – 11:00	PERSONAL Planning - Awareness and Attention - The four pillars of time management - How to set your personal priorities - The control continuum
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 13.00	STRESS PreventionWhat is stress exactlyWhat causes stress?What is your response ability!Choosing a different response
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	CHANGE Management - Facing change personally and collectively - Three ways to change your self - The Secret Life of a Habit - From belief to realizing what is true
16:00 – 16:30	Break
16:30 – 17:30	SELF Awareness - Building self-esteem - From force to power - The A.R.T. of self leadership - The five essential practices and methods
17:30 – 18:00	Closing

	Day 2
	Cultivating EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE
09:15 – 11:00	 What is Emotional Intelligence? What is emotion and where does it come from? Becoming aware of the presence of EGO Identifying your attachments
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 13:00	 The presence and effect of emotion Understanding emotions and feelings What is love and what is happiness? What happens when emotion floods our consciousness How to manage your emotions Self awareness and self control
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	 What motivates and moves YOU? Increasing sensitivity to others emotions Emotional Literacy Non-verbal communication Building and empathic relationship Elements of non-judgmental listening Asking the right questions Reflecting back understanding
16:00 – 16:30	Break
16:30 - 17:30	Resolving CONFLICT The Seven Home Truths about Conflict Seven methods to detach The seven types of conflict The Power of Influence - the enlightened way to resolve conflict The art of Co-operative Resolution
17:30 – 18:00	Closing

	Day 3
	Sustaining Your PERSONAL ENLIGHTENMENT and SELF DEVELOPMENT
	Understanding the S Curve of Everything
9:15 – 11:00	The Seven Foundational Questions of Personal ENLIGHTENMENT
	1 Who am I?—the Question of IDENTITY
	2 What am I? – The Question of NATURE The source of value/s - The shift from Force to Power
	3 How do I work – The question of FUNCTION Understanding the functions of mind and intellect
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 - 13:00	 4 Where am I? – The question of CONTEXT The Relationship Game What is relationship Relationship repair kit Dealing with difficult people Empowering others
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	 5 How does it all work? – The Question of LAW The mental and spiritual laws of life 6 Why am I here? – The Question of PURPOSE Discerning personal purpose and integrating into life 7 What happens next? – The Question of VISION
16:00 – 16:30	Break
16:30 – 17:30	 Creating a Personal Development Plan Understanding your personality type Four stages of learning and unlearning Personal reflections and contemplations
17:30 – 18:00	Closing

Attendance:

Given that a substantial amount of knowledge will be acquired in class through individual and team discussions, attendance will be considered a crucial issue in this course. If a participant needs to be absent in some session, it should be communicate it to the instructor well in advance.

Punctuality:

Problem formulation is made at the beginning of the class. That activity determines and shapes the rest of the class analysis and discussion. So, being late in the session will strongly limit the student's ability to actively participate and share his/her thoughts. Furthermore, to leave the class before its end is unacceptable either.

Individual Participation:

One of the basic skills of any person in the business world is the ability to communicate his/her ideas in an organized and intelligible fashion. For that reason, class participation becomes a fundamental expected attitude in the course participants. Highly valued comments and contributions include: focusing in topics not fully discussed yet, sharing different perspectives in the analysis, commenting working experiences related to the cases under study, and applying theories/frameworks/models that may help find a solution to the problem.

Had a participant not being able to prepare for class discussion, he/she is expected to communicate it to the instructor at the beginning of the class.

Academic Integrity:

COTRUGLI Business School support and expect the highest standards of academic honesty. Just as integrity is valued in the workplace, it is also the foundation for how we should conduct ourselves during the course. Academic misconduct will not be tolerated. As such, students should not share any information regarding exams or presentations. Copying work of other participants, especially during the period before and after the residency, is a serious offense.

Discussion of individual assignments is encouraged, but the end product is expected to be an individual's effort. It is the responsibility of the course participants to contact the instructor with any question they might have of what constitutes appropriate ethical standards.

NOTE: The content of the syllabus might be modified during the course to better meet the needs and expectations of the participants. Complementary material will be distributed during the classes.

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Areas of Expertise

- Emotional/Spiritual Intelligence
- Leadership/Management Development
- Personal Development
- Continuous Learning and Unlearning

Books

• Liberating Leadership

Everyone's Leadership Journey

MINDSETS

How to change your perception and create new perspectives

BEING Your Self

SEEing and KNOWing What's IN the Way IS the Way!

• From Ignorance to Enlightenment

The Journey WE ALL Must Make

• The Immune System of the SOUL

How to Free Your Self from ALL Forms of Dis - ease

The 7 Myths About LOVE...Actually!

The Journey from Your HEAD to the HEART of Your SOUL

• Don't Get MAD Get Wise

Why no one ever makes you angry...ever!

• The 7 AHA!s of Highly Enlightened Souls

How to Free YOUR Self from ALL Forms of Stress

Untangling Religion from Spirituality

101 Differences Between Spirituality and Religion

• Learn to Find Inner Peace

Manage your anxieties, think well, feel well.

Learn to Relax

Ease tension, conquer stress and free the self

• In the Light of Meditation