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This program explores the critical components of effective senior-level management and leadership. You’ll learn to make better decisions under pressure, improve your leadership approach in increasingly complex environments, develop talent more effectively and lead with more creativity, energy, and intensity. Cultivating and leveraging individual and organizational capabilities will be emphasized throughout the program. Before, during, and after the program, content and experiences are customized to participants’ unique, personal, and current leadership challenges. You’ll emerge with an action plan to drive positive results in your organization and better prepared to advance your career.

For over 30 years, the Competing Values Framework has been used by the world’s most well-known companies to drive innovation, create high-performance cultures, explore and expand into new markets, and improve overall quality. The Strategic Leaders Program, through the Competing Values Framework, will challenge you to adopt new research-backed ways of thinking that will increase your impact as a leader.

INDIVIDUAL BENEFITS

• RESOURCEFULNESS AND RESILIENCE: You’ll increase your ability to perform well under pressure and recover quickly after a setback
• INCREASED CONFIDENCE: Assessments and personalized coaching sessions build upon your strengths and empower you to take on any personal or professional challenge
• POSITIVE LEADERSHIP: An in-depth understanding of the techniques to help others achieve their full potential
• NEXT PRACTICES: Gain a better understanding of how top leaders implement strategic initiatives, conduct difficult conversations, and excel under pressure

ORGANIZATIONAL BENEFITS

• POSITIVE BUSINESS IMPACT: Increased employee motivation and engagement, thus improving the bottom line
• GREATER ALIGNMENT: Proven methods for communicating and cascading strategy to all levels of the organization
• BETTER DECISION MAKING: Improved decision making in complex and ambiguous situations, resulting in enhanced productivity at all levels of the organization
• INNOVATIVE EMPHASIS: Frameworks to accelerate the development and commercialization of game-changing ideas.
WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Mid- to Senior-level leaders whose performance depends on driving results from managers they manage
- Managers seeking innovative approaches to prepare for their next level of leadership responsibility

Typical titles include:
- Manager, Senior Manager
- Director
- Group or Team Leader
- Vice President

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

This dynamic program features a diverse group of faculty and attracts participants from a wide variety of industries, organizations, and countries. This fast-paced learning environment fosters collaboration, dialogue, and introspection. The following program topics will be presented through a combination of action-learning activities, simulations, group discussions, team exercises, lectures, case studies, and projects. The program is customized to participants’ unique, personal, and current leadership challenges and aspirational career goals.

DAY 1
- Mastering complexity
- Leading with impact
- Understanding the implications of your leadership approach
- Understanding the difference between managing and managing at scale
- How to adapt your leadership style for greatest affect
- ASSESSMENT: Your leadership approach
- COACHING: Individual sessions with a professional coach

DAY 2
- Leading through strategic analysis
- How to articulate your strategy to align efforts across the organization
- Evaluating and refining your strategy for impact
- Leading through a design system approach to business
- How to apply an iterative approach to ideation
- COACHING: Individual sessions with a professional coach

DAY 3
- How to navigate and conquer organizational politics
- Conducting power audits to understand organization networks
- Managing and withstanding power circulation
- Employing power strategies and counter-strategies
- SIMULATION: Judgment and decision making in crisis
- COACHING: Individual sessions with a professional coach

DAY 4
- Best practices for giving and receiving additive feedback
- How to leverage emotional intelligence
- Establish your leadership legacy
- Capitalizing on the power of investing in personal relationships
- Aligning your personal vision with your leadership actions
- COACHING: Individual sessions with a professional coach

DAY 5
- Managing your executive presence
- How to approach leadership as learning
- Strategies and practices for developing yourself as a leader
- Developing your personal leadership action plan
OUR WORLD-CLASS FACULTY

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DAVID MAYER

Faculty Director
David M. Mayer is a Michael R. and Mary Kay Hallman Fellow and Associate Professor in the Management and Organizations Department at the University of Michigan’s Ross School of Business. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland.

His research interests concern social and ethical issues in organizations. Specifically, he conducts research in three major areas: (1) behavioral ethics, (2) organizational justice, and (3) workplace diversity. His research focuses on how leaders can develop their skills as well as how leaders can help create work environments that discourage unethical behavior and promote helpful behavior. Drawing on this research, Dave works with individuals and organizations to improve their ability to lead ethically and to help improve the interpersonal dynamics of their employees.

His research has been published in numerous top scholarly journals focusing on leadership and ethics.

MAXIM SYTCH

Professor Sytch is a Michael R. and Mary Kay Hallman Fellow in the Management and Organizations Department at Michigan Ross. Selected as one of the “40 Best Business Professors Under 40 in the World” by Poets & Quants in 2014, Sytch is an expert on leadership, strategy, and organizational issues.

Professor Sytch’s recent research focuses on how networks of collaboration and conflict within and between firms affect individual and organizational outcomes. His work has been published in a variety of leading academic journals and covered in Bloomberg, Businessweek, Reuters, Harvard Business Review, and Yahoo News. His study examining dynamics of influence in patent infringement litigation won the Best Paper Award from the Organization and Management Theory Division of the Academy of Management.

In 2014, Sytch won the Ross Executive Education Teaching Impact Award for open enrollment programs. He also advises and speaks to corporations worldwide.

MARCUS COLLINS

Marcus Collins is an award-winning marketer and cultural translator with one foot in the world of practice—serving as the Head of Planning at Wieden+Kennedy New York—and one foot in the world of academia—as a marketing professor at the Ross School of Business, University of Michigan.

He is a recipient of Advertising Age’s 40 Under 40 award and Crain’s Business’ 40 Under 40 award, and a recent inductee into the American Advertising Federation’s Advertising Hall of Achievement.

Prior to his advertising tenure, Marcus began his career in music and tech with a startup he co-founded before working on iTunes + Nike sport music initiatives at Apple and running digital strategy for Beyoncé.

Marcus holds a doctorate in marketing from Temple University where he studied cultural contagion and meaning-making. He received an MBA with an emphasis on strategic brand marketing from the University of Michigan, where he also earned his undergraduate degree in Material Science Engineering.
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For specific program questions or concerns contact Connie Lareau, Managing Director via email at: rossexeced@umich.edu or she may be reached at 734.763.1000.

HORST ABRAHAM

Horst Abraham is the Managing Partner of the Paragon Consulting Group, and is an Adjunct faculty member of the Ross School of Business – Executive Education. His skills as a process consultant and coach were developed first in working with high performance athletes. From 1971 to 1984 he served as the VP of Education and Training of the Professional Ski Instructors of America, in the role of which he also helped coach the National Alpine Ski Team during a time when America’s skiers rose from perennial also-ran’s to world class.

Since 1984 he has worked with top executives at many Fortune 200 firms to support a variety of organizational change and innovation interventions that included building and managing high performance teams, Leadership Development, Change Management and Executive Effectiveness Coaching. A partial list of clients includes British Petroleum, CEZ-Czech Power and Light, EDS, GE, Florida Power & Light, John Hancock, Johnson and Johnson, Lucent Technologies, Merrill Lynch, Microsoft, Morgan Stanley, to mention a few.

JAMES SWEETNAM

Jim Sweetnam is a lecturer who brings vast private sector experience and expertise to Michigan Ross. In addition to his role at Ross, Jim serves on the Board of Directors of SunCoke Energy, Inc. and is a member of its Audit and Compensation Committees. He also serves on the Board of Directors of LMI, a private, not-for-profit, providing specialized consulting to the federal government, and is a member of its Audit/Finance and Governance Committees.

Jim has had many key global leadership roles in industry over his career, spanning multiple continents. He served as President and Chief Executive Officer at Dana Holding Corporation. Prior to that, Jim spent 12 years at Eaton Corporation where he was Chief Executive Officer – Truck Group, and Vice President and General Manager – HD Transmissions business. Prior to Eaton, Jim spent 10 years at Cummins, where he served as VP, Cummins Engine Company and Group Managing Director of Holset Engineering Co. Ltd., a Cummins subsidiary and a manufacturer of turbochargers, headquartered in England.

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The teaching and format was very interactive and allowed me to learn not only from the faculty but from other executives in the class. It’s only been a few weeks since the program, but I have been able to implement several concepts.

–Daniel Neubauer, General Manager, Toyota Technical Center

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