

I believe that a degree in USAL prepares me for any career that I would choose to pursue. USAL doesn't just focus on being a leader in one particular career, but it gives you an overall view of what it takes to become a leader in various positions. Being a leader is something that benefits you positively and serves others. This degree helps people on an academic level of understanding the development of leadership.

It gives you a chance to see leadership from an academic setting and how education has a part in developing successful leaders. In USAL you will learn the fundamentals of being a leader and leadership theories instead of practicing leadership. In the article Huber (2002) says that leadership educators have a personal philosophy that guides their work by their values and beliefs about education and their assumptions they make about leadership. Not everyone is going to have the same experiences and it gives you a different point of views of how to be a leader from leaders past experiences.

Huber (2002) states in the article that leadership helps develop the capacity of individuals and organizations to lead. That is exactly what USAL's purpose of teaching people to becoming leaders. People learn the aspects of being a team builder, personal leadership development and also how to apply theories into real-world situations. This program focuses is not just creating corporate leaders but rather to develop interpersonal skills that prepare people to take on leadership roles. It gives you the outlook of leadership studies rather than the socialization of a leader. I believe that leadership is the ability to develop and serve others in order to achieve a common goal which a USAL major focuses on. It gives you the chance to explore leadership on a different level and challenge yourself to become a leader in order to apply to everyday life.

I feel as if my responsibilities of learning the role of leadership are to soak up all of the knowledge I can about being a leader to apply it to every aspect of my life. Learning to be a leader never stops. I have had leadership roles in different forms throughout my life and even being in a leadership role at work right now I still don't think I am the perfect leader that I would like to be. In the article Huber (2002) explains that people seek knowledge and skills about being a leader in different forms. It could be at a young age or might not take it on until being put into a leadership role.

I believe that you not only need to be a leader to yourself but also can be a leader to others. In my job now I have a position that requires me to be a leader and even though I have had multiple experiences of learning to be a leader at a socialize level, that learning the fundamentals will help me to become a better leader. Huber (2002) makes a really valid point when he says that learning to lead is a choice and I couldn't agree with him more. I feel like my role as a learner of leadership would be a follower or as our book calls it a followership role. I need to not only be in a followership role but to also be a leader at the same time. I need to follow along what it takes to be a leader in all aspects. To become a good leader you have to be open to learning what leadership requires.

References

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