The Center for Business, Industry, and National Security integrates leaders from across the business, industry, and defense communities into a diverse, widely-collaborative learning environment to study innovative approaches to leadership, leading change, and leader development at the intersection of enduring, contemporary, and future national security challenges. The center places a strong emphasis on critical reasoning and creative thinking, fusing leadership theory, research, and practice to develop agile, innovative, and insightful leaders who can apply their knowledge and skills to confront the most difficult challenges of the 21st century.
Leadership and Leadership Development

Leadership is a process of influence. It can be learned, assessed, and improved. Good leadership does not occur by chance, it is developed and refined over the course of years, honed to a sharpness through a combination of education and experience.

A leader influences others through purpose and motivation, providing vision and direction that establishes a common understanding of what is to be accomplished. But leadership also carries with it the responsibility for developing others, for improving the organization and building the team that will shepherd the organization into the future.

Leadership serves a motivational purpose, energizing others to achieve challenging goals. An organization with effective leadership is resilient in the face of uncertainty, flexible and agile during periods of change, and provides people with the latitude to explore innovative ideas.

The Mount Oread Leadership Series

The Mount Oread Leadership Series is an immersive leadership crucible fusing together innovation, communication, and strategy in a collaborative learning environment at the nexus of business and industry, forging a brand of leader uniquely postured to confront the challenges of the 21st century. One of only four civilian universities in the nation chosen to host Strategic Broadening Seminars for the Department of the Army, the University of Kansas School of Business will bring together 60 of the Army’s top young leaders with their counterparts from Kansas business, industry, and academia, leveraging a unique partnership forged by the business school's Center for Business, Industry and National Security. The Mount Oread Leadership Series places a strong emphasis on critical reasoning and creative thinking, fusing leadership theory, research, and practice to develop agile, innovative, and insightful leaders who can apply their knowledge and skills to confront the most difficult challenges of the 21st century.

Seminars:
The seminars are an initiative of the U.S. Army, designed to provide leaders with broadening and divergent experiences at the top academic institutions in the nation. The Mount Oread Leadership Series seminars will be facilitated by leading KU researchers in the fields of leadership and leading change; personal leader identity and attributes; and leading in a global, strategic environment. Fusing business, industry and national security significantly expands the learning environment, while adding a truly unique dimension to the leader dialog. The collaborative learning experience allows the groups to share lessons learned, develop networked approaches to complex problems, and form teams of leaders that bring together the best from their respective communities of practice.

Goals:
- Develop ethical leaders of vision and action
- Create knowledge that furthers personal and professional growth
- Build communities of leadership excellence
- Cultivate networks that drive collaboration and learning

“As we look ahead into the next century, leaders will be those who empower others.”
-- Bill Gates

“A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent.”
-- General Douglas MacArthur