Research Questions

How do Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) leaders:
- Describe the values and beliefs that guide their leadership of the university, and how do these values and beliefs align with the university’s policies and practices?
- Understand UCU’s institutional role in the context of post-Soviet Ukraine, and how do these views align with the university’s policies and practices?
- View their leadership role in students’ moral and civic formation?
- View UCU’s institutional role in the moral and civic formation of undergraduates, and how do these views align with the university’s policies and practices?

UCU Leaders’ View of their Role in Students’ Moral and Civic Formation

- Most important for students’ moral formation is to model:
  - valuing the dignity of the human person,
  - service to others,
  - self-sacrifice for the common good, and
  - solidarity, inclusiveness, and community.
- Serving as moral exemplars is the way for UCU to fulfill its mission.
- The rector’s personal example is important.
- Students perceive UCU leaders as positive role models.
- UCU leaders also seek for the institution itself to be a model and example for students’ moral and civic formation.

UCU Leaders’ Values and Beliefs

- Upholding human dignity through institutional policies promotes integrity and justice.
- Christian anthropology as the foundation for UCU leaders’ philosophy of education and leadership.
- Centrality of values and principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST).
- Intentionality of UCU leaders in applying CST principles.

UCU’s Institutional Role in Students’ Civic and Moral Formation

- UCU leaders believe that university education must be integrative.
- UCU aims to promote moral formation by supporting moral knowing and moral reasoning.
- UCU’s institutional policies and practices intend to foster the development of moral character and engaged citizenship by promoting moral knowing and a life of moral action.

Conclusion

University-based civic and ethical formation, if incorporated into an institution’s mission and culture, could successfully facilitate the formation of ethical and civically responsible democratic citizens.