

LEADERSHIP STUDIES

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Administered by the Department of Social Sciences within the College of Arts and Sciences.

The B. A. degree in Leadership Studies is a degree program that focuses on the study and understanding of leadership needed in the post-industrial world of the 21st century. Leaders need to be able to read critically, think analytically and communicate effectively. Scholarly understanding of the theory and history of leadership is required as well as the conceptual skills of team building, collaboration, innovation, conflict resolution, communication and problem solving. In addition to appropriate coursework, a field experience component is also required.

This degree prepares students to take positions in social agencies of various types, governmental entities and a wide range of private, not-for-profit groups.

Degree Requirements

The total semester credit hours required for a B. A. in Leadership Studies is 120.

General Education 44 credits

Complete the requirements shown in the General Education Requirements section of this catalog.

Computer Use 3 credits

Leadership Studies majors must demonstrate a basic use of computing through either a computer literacy test or the completion of COSC 1335 or a computer science course which requires the actual use of a computer.

Major Requirements

Major Foundation Courses: 15 credits

LEAD 1301	Introduction to Leadership Studies
LEAD 3301	Advanced Leadership Theory
LEAD 4339	Leadership and Ethics
LEAD 4370	Conflict Resolution
LEAD 4692	Practicum (3 or 6 credit hours)

Elective Courses in Leadership Studies 15 credits

Minor in Leadership Studies

A minor in Leadership Studies consists of 18 semester credit hours, 12 of which must be at the upper level. Three of the Major Foundation Courses (including LEAD 1301), plus 2 LEAD electives and 1 policy-area discipline elective from approved courses listed below.

Required:

LEAD 1301	Introduction to Leadership Theory
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Two Courses from the following list:

LEAD 3301	Advanced Leadership Theory
LEAD 4339	Leadership and Ethics
LEAD 4370	Conflict Resolution
LEAD 4692	Practicum (3 or 6 credit hours)

Two Courses from the LEAD Electives list below:

LEAD 4320	Women in Leadership
LEAD 4350	Leadership in Organizational Settings
LEAD 4351	Leadership in the Non-Profit Sector
LEAD 4360	Strategic Leadership and Planning
LEAD 4375	Leadership and Community Development
LEAD 4379	Selected Issues in Leadership Studies
LEAD 4391	Contract Study

Course Listing

LEAD 1301 Introduction to Leadership Studies (3)†

Introduction to leadership studies and practices in modern society.

LEAD 3301 Advanced Leadership Theory (3)

Concepts essential to the nature of leadership, including the conceptual background, theories, approaches, styles and ethical issues in leadership research and thinking.

LEAD 4320 Women in Leadership (3)

The study of the roles and responsibilities of women in leadership in governmental and non-profit organizations. Current issues and trends will be examined from historical, political, economic, and social perspectives.

LEAD 4339 Leadership and Ethics (3)

Study and practices of principled choices between alternative actions for leaders in public and non-profit organizations.

LEAD 4350 Leadership in Organizational Settings (3)

Principles and practices of leadership in large-scale organizations, public and non-profit.

LEAD 4351 Leadership in the Non-profit Sector (3)

Leadership theory and practice in the non-profit sector.

LEAD 4360 Strategic Leadership and Planning (3)

Leadership skills in analysis and planning for public organizational change.

LEAD 4370 Conflict Resolution (3)

Principles and practices of reasoned communication, conflict resolution, negotiation, and mediation for leaders in public, community and non-profit organizations.

LEAD 4375 Leadership and Community Development (3)

The role and practices of public leaders in community and economic development.

LEAD 4379 Selected Issues in Leadership Studies (3)

Reading, research and discussion devoted to selected topics in Leadership Studies.

LEAD 4391 Contract Study (3)

Advanced independent study or research in Leadership Studies.

LEAD 4692 Practicum (3 or 6)

A supervised field and academic experience in the practice of leadership methods, knowledge and skills in an appropriate public or private agency. Prerequisite: 12 hours upper division credits in Leadership Studies and consent of the instructor.

† Course fulfills general education social science requirement.

