Leadership Minor

The Leadership Studies minor is a 24-hour interdisciplinary program that complements a variety of academic programs, such as health professions, business, political science, recreation, parks and leisure services, military science, communication and education.

Required courses focus on the principles of leadership, including character development, communication and ethics. You will choose from a variety of electives that fit with your specific major program.

Required Courses I (9-12 hours)
COM 461 - Communication in Leadership 3(3-0)
LDR 200 - Introduction to Leadership 3(2-2)
LDR 402 - Applications of Leadership 3-6(Spec)

Required Courses II (3 hours)
Select one of the following:
PHL 118 - Moral Problems 3(3-0)
PHL 218 - Ethical Theories 3(3-0)
PHL 318 - Business Ethics 3(3-0)

Electives (9-12 hours)
Choose one course from each of the three elective tracks listed below. The fourth course may be selected from any of the tracks, or LDR 402 can be taken for six credits, three of which count in the core requirements, the other three credits would count as elective credits. Elective tracks and courses to be selected in consultation with an advisor.

Track 1 - Understanding Human Behavior and Development
Courses in this track provide a study of the theories, frameworks, and research that assist in the understanding and prediction of human behavior. Each course addresses aspects of how behavior develops through normal maturation processes, the identification of traits and behavior to meet environmental demands or personal goals.
EDU 280 - Education of Children 3(3-0)
HDF 100 - Lifespan Development 3(3-0)
MSL 102 - Basic Leadership 2(Spec)
PSC 101 - Political Behavior 3(3-0)
PSY 100 - Introduction to Psychology 3(3-0)
PSY 220 - Developmental Psychology 3(3-0)
PSY 340 - Studies in Personality 3(3-0)
Note: You may count only one of EDU 280, HDF 100, or PSY 220.
Track 2 - Interpersonal and Group Interaction
Courses in this track address the major tenets of social interaction that may lead to group productivity and overall effectiveness. Each course provides an examination of how groups can develop into functioning units through the study of patterns of individual and group interaction (e.g., communication) within organizations and society in general.

BLR 310 - Alternative Dispute Resolution in Business 3(3-0)
COM 264 - Organizational Communication 3(3-0)
COM 267 - Introduction to Debate 3(3-0)
COM 353 - Small Group Communication 3(3-0)
COM 361 - Interpersonal Communication 3(3-0)
COM 367 - Nonverbal Communication 3(3-0)
COM 560 - Communication and Social/Organizational Change 3(3-0)
COM 561 - Communication in Conflict Management 3(3-0)
ENG 402 - Rhetoric and Argumentation 3(3-0)
MGT 348 - Dynamics of Organizational Behavior 3(3-0)
MGT 355 - Communications: Managerial Applications 3(3-0)
MSL 201 - Individual Leadership Studies 3(Spec)
MSL 202 - Leadership and Teamwork 3(Spec)
PES 300 - Wilderness Experience for Leadership Development 3(2-2)
PSC 327 - Lobbying and Interest Group Behavior 3(3-0)
PSY 330 - Social Psychology 3(3-0)
PSY 336 - Industrial/Organizational Psychology 3(3-0)
PSY 531 - Group Dynamics 3(3-0)
PSY 535 - Organizational Psychology 3(3-0)
RPL 205 - Outdoor Leadership 3(2-2)
RPL 206 - Recreation Activities Leadership 3(3-0)
RPL 307 - Management Skills in Leisure Services 3(3-0)
RPL 435 - Leadership in Adventure Education Programming 3(3-0)
SOC 100 - Introductory Sociology 3(3-0)
SOC 201 - Social Psychology 3(3-0)

Track 3 - Leadership in a Social, Political, or Historical Context
Courses in this track put the analysis of effective leaders and leadership practices into a specific historical, political, and/or social context. Each course provides a broad perspective of leadership as it examines a set of complex environmental variables that affect leader development and effectiveness.

BCA 210 - Survey of the Mass Media 4(4-0)
HSC 203 - Leadership for the Health Professions 3(3-0)
HSC 520 - Health Services Administration 3(3-0)
HST 110 - The American Experience 3(3-0)
HST 238 - Ancient Greece and Rome 3(3-0)
HST 312 - American Military Experience 3(3-0)
HST 325 - African American History, 1877-Present 3(3-0)
LAR 145 - Racism and Discrimination in America through Dialogue 3(3-0)
MSL 301 - Adaptive Team Leadership 4(Spec)
MSL 402 - Leadership in a Complex World 4(Spec)
PSC 105 - Introduction to American Government and Politics 3(3-0)
PSC 125 - African-American Politics 3(3-0)
PSC 150 - World Politics 3(3-0)
PSC 242 - Introduction to Comparative Politics 3(3-0)
PSC 261 - State and Local Government 3(3-0)
PSC 275 - Great Political Thinkers 3(3-0)
PSC 321 - The American Chief Executive 3(3-0)
PSC 371 - American Political Thought 3(3-0)
REL 345/PHL 345/PSC 325/SOC 345 - The Civil Rights Movement 3(3-0)
RPL 405 - Administration of Community Leisure Services 3(3-0)
SOC 221 - Social Problems 3(3-0)
SOC 402 - Analysis of Social Change 3(3-0)
SOC 403 - Political Sociology 3(3-0)
WST 326/PSC 326 - Women and Politics 3(3-0)

Total: 24 semester hours