

Undergraduate Certificate in Leadership Studies

The Department of Educational Leadership Studies (EDL) & the Department of Community and Leadership Development (CLD) offer an undergraduate certificate in leadership studies. Four vital pillars are complimentary to undergraduate programs and are reflected throughout the content of course work in the following ways:

- Understanding core concepts about leadership
- Fostering team and organizational leadership
- Embracing community leadership
- Focusing on intercultural communication skills

PROGRAM OF STUDY

The program consists of **18 credits** of undergraduate study in leadership. Students will take one course from each of the four pillars and two additional elective leadership courses.

Leadership Foundations (3 credits)

- EDL402 / CLD402: Principles of Leadership
- CLD230 / EDL230: Intrapersonal Leadership

Organizational Change (3 credits)

- EDL571: Design Thinking in Education
- CLD530: Fundamentals of Organizational Leadership

Community Leadership and Relationships (3 credits)

- CLD430: Leading in Communities: Vision, Action & Change
- CLD404 / EDL404: Contemporary Leadership Applications
- CLD260: Community Portraits
- CLD330: Interpersonal Skills for Tomorrow's Leaders

Ethics, Diversity, and International Understanding (3 credits)

- CLD495: Leadership Power, Ethics & Impact
- CLD403 / EDL403: Leadership & Communication
- Any approved study abroad experience

Electives (6 credit hours):

- Any course in the above pillars not already counted
- Any approved study abroad experience (can only count 3 credits for certificate)
- Approved courses include but are not limited to:
 - AMS301: Leadership & Management
 - AMS341: Leadership & Management II
 - AMS395: Independent Study in Leadership
 - COM252: Intro to Interpersonal Communication
 - COM281: Communication in Small Groups
 - COM325: Intro to Organizational Communication
 - EDC548: Instructional Technology Leadership

- EPE374: Theories of Student Development & Peer Education
- MGT 410: Analysis of Organization Behavior
- MGT 320: Survey of Human Resource Management
- UK100: Emerging Leader Institute

Other Vital Elements:

- At least 12 credit hours must be taken for a letter grade
- At least 12 credits at 200-level or above and a minimum of 6 credit hours at 300-level or above
- At least one course needs to be taken in the sister discipline (EDL or CLD)
- No more than 6 credits in the certificate are used to satisfy requirements for the student's bachelor's degree, minor, or another certificate (exclusive of free or unrestricted electives)

For questions regarding this program, students should contact:

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