Leadership Studies Certificate

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The Leadership Studies Program promotes college student leadership
development by educating undergraduate students for and about
leadership in a complex world. Both the minor and certificate options
prepare students to effectively engage in leadership in both formal and
informal ways within campus, local, national, and global contexts.

Leadership Studies students explore leadership theory and practice from
a variety of social, historic, and disciplinary lenses and are challenged to
think about leadership critically and broadly, beyond dominant narratives
of position and authority. Students are also encouraged to identify
a working philosophy of leadership that can advance their thinking
around ethics, civic engagement, and the importance of working within
diverse and multicultural environments. These areas are critical aspects
of leadership that require faculty and students to build and critically
evaluate existing theoretical, research-based, and practical knowledge of
leadership.

Beyond the classroom, leadership studies students can use their
knowledge, skills, and competencies gained from this academic program
to enhance their sense of self and engagement with others, as well as
their practice within their major discipline, future career, and ongoing
engagement with communities and organizations.

The Leadership Studies Program is made possible through a partnership
between the Department of Counseling, Higher Education & Special
Education (https://education.umd.edu/academics/departments/
chse/) and the Leadership & Community Service-Learning (https://
thestamp.umd.edu/leadership_community_service-learning/) office in the
Adele H. Stamp Student Union - Center for Campus Life.

Application and Eligibility

Applications are available online and are reviewed on a rolling basis
each fall and spring semester. Students are asked to respond to three
short-essay questions and share their plan for completing the program
requirements. Students will be notified of their application status via
email approximately 2-3 weeks after submitting their application.

Students may apply to the leadership studies program if they meet the
following requirements:

• Student is currently enrolled in HESI217 or has completed HESI217
  with a C- or better.
• Student is in good academic standing.
• Student has at least one full academic year left before graduating
  from UMD.
• Student has completed no more than 9 credits of leadership studies
  coursework prior to acceptance into the program.

Requirements

The Leadership Studies Certificate consists of 21 credits. At least 12
credits must be at the 300 level or above. Additionally, no more than
6 credits from a student’s minor or certificate program can also be

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