Minor in Leadership Studies

Why study leadership studies?
The KU Leadership Studies Minor (LSM) believes that leadership is a process, not an outcome. Effective leadership starts with effective communication, and therefore students develop their learning around the adaptive leadership paradigm and develop core leadership competencies in order to mobilize others to tackle tough challenges and thrive.

Requirements for the Minor
Leadership studies is an 18-credit hour interdisciplinary minor offered through the communication studies department. The minor requires completion of LDST 201 and LDST 202 as prerequisites, and the additional 18-credit hours as identified below. Due to limited space capacity, top candidates will be given preferential permission to enroll in the subsequent LDST courses in the minor. Therefore, students may apply for admission to the minor while taking LDST 202 or upon completion of the course. Course work involves studying theory and research in leadership and applying it to the students’ leadership experiences. Communication studies majors may earn a minor in leadership studies, but the LDST courses required for the minor cannot be used to fulfill communication studies major requirements.

Introductory Coursework (0)
Minors must complete introductory leadership coursework. These hours do not contribute to the minimum number of hours required for the minor.

Introduction to Leadership. Satisfied by:
LDST 201 Introduction to Leadership

Introduction to Leadership Applications. Satisfied by:
LDST 202 Introduction to Leadership Applications

The minor requires 18 hours as follows:

Leadership Studies Course Requirements (7-9)
Communication and Leadership. Satisfied by:
LDST 431 Communication and Leadership 3

Seminar in Leadership Strategies and Applications. Satisfied by:
LDST 535 Seminar in Leadership Strategies and Applications 3

Leadership Studies Practicum. Satisfied by:
LDST 532 Leadership Studies Practicum 1-3

1 course from each of the following categories:

Ethics (3)

COMS 450 Ethical Issues in Political Communication 3
PHIL 160 Introduction to Ethics
PHIL 161 Introduction to Ethics Honors
PHIL 360 Moral Issues in Business
PHIL 365 Moral Issues in the Professions
PHIL 370 Moral Issues in Medicine
PHIL 375 Moral Issues in Computer Technology
PHIL 380 Environmental Ethics
PHIL 677 Medical Ethics: Professional Responsibilities
SOC 160 Social Problems and American Values
SOC 161 Social Problems and American Values, Honors
REL 377 Religious Ethics and Moral Decisions
REL 665 Religious Ethics
HUM 510 Science, Technology, and Society
POLS 528 Environmental Justice and Public Policy
NURS 455 Legal/Ethical Foundation for Professional Nursing Practice

Community Development (3)
ABSC 150 Community Leadership
or ABSC 151 Community Leadership, Honors
ABSC 310 Building Healthy Communities
SOC 320 Organizations in Society
SOC 340 The Community
SOC 341 Urban Sociology
SOC 620 Social Organization
SOC 671 Social Movements
SOC 370 Conflict Resolution
ECON 530 American Economic Development
EVRN 320 Environmental Policy Analysis
EVRN 332 Environmental Law
GEOG 377 Urban Geography
POLS 520 Political Communication
POLS 615 Campaigns and Elections
POLS 616 Interest Group Politics
PSYC 492 Psychology and Social Issues
NURS 440 Leadership and Management in Nursing
PHPR 619 Health Care Systems and Informatics
SW 220 Social Work, Social Welfare and U.S. Society
SW 532 Community and Organizational Dynamics and Human Behavior
ARMY 401 Concepts of Military Management
AIR 348 Leadership Studies
NAVY 401 Principles of Naval Organization and Management

Leadership, Diversity, and Culture (3)
AAAS 306 The Black Experience in the U.S. Since Emancipation
AAAS 330/AMS 340 Black Leadership
AAAS 388 The Black Woman
AAAS 510/534 Global Ethnic and Racial Relations
AAAS 511 The Civil Rights Movement
AAAS 525 Social History of Black Aging in America
AMS/SOC 110 American Identities
AMS/SOC 522 American Racial and Ethnic Relations
ANTH 563 Cultural Diversity in the United States
COMS 246 Introduction to Intercultural Communication
COMS 440 Communication and Gender
COMS 447 Intercultural Communication: The Afro-American
COMS 547 Communication and Culture
AAAS 330/AMS 340 Black Leadership
PSYC 545 Culture and Psychology
ENGL 340 Topics in U.S. Ethnic Literature: ______
ENGL 337  Introduction to U.S. Latino/a Literature
ENGL 338  Introduction to African-American Literature
ENGL 571  American Indian Literature: _____
ENGL 572  Women and Literature: _____
ABSC 437  Independent Living and People with Disabilities
HIST 319  History, Women, and Diversity in the U.S.
HIST 348  History of the Peoples of Kansas
HIST 619  History of the American Indian
HIST 620  History of Kansas
HIST 622  History of the Plains Indians
HIST 631  The Contemporary Afro-American Experience
HIST 696  Seminar in: _____
LING 320  Language in Culture and Society
POLS 562  Women and Politics
PSYC 406  Individual Differences
PSYC 465  Stereotyping and Prejudice Across Cultures
PSYC 468  Psychology of Women
SOC 352  Sociology of Sex Roles
SOC 371  Marginal Groups and Subcultures
THR 529  Race and the American Theatre
JOUR 534  Diversity in Media
SW 555  Diversity, Oppression, and Social Justice: Culturally Competent Social Work

Minor Hours & GPA

While completing all required courses, majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade point average minimum standards:

**Minor Hours**
Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses and 3 hours of 201/202 as the prerequisite to the minor.

**Minor Hours in Residence**
Satisfied by a minimum of 9 hours of junior/senior (300+) hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

**Minor Junior/Senior Hours**
Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.

**Minor Graduation GPA**
Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 GPA in all departmental courses in the minor. GPA calculations include all departmental courses in the field of study including Fs and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).