

Minor in Leadership Studies

Why study leadership studies?

In the Institute for Leadership Studies we believe 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 Institute for Leadership Studies. The minor requires completion of LDST 200 or LDST 203 with an additional 15 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 200 or LDST 203 or upon completion of the course. Course work involves studying theory and research in leadership and applying it to the students' leadership experiences.

Code	Title	Hours
Leadership Studies Course Requirements		
The minor requires 18 hours as follows:		
Introductory Coursework		
Choose one of the following		3
LDST 200	Introduction to Leadership Studies and Applications	
LDST 203	Introduction to Leadership, Honors	
Leadership Studies Practicum. Satisfied by:		
LDST 332	Leadership Studies Practicum	3
Communication and Leadership. Satisfied by one of the following:		3
LDST 431	Communication and Leadership	
LDST 420	Communication, Leadership, and Conflict Management	
Engaging an Ethical Mindset. Satisfied by:		
LDST 520	Leadership Ethics	3
Seminar in Leadership Strategies and Applications. Satisfied by:		
LDST 535	Seminar in Leadership Strategies and Applications	3
1 Elective Course from the following:		3
LDST 320	How to Plan (Almost) Anything: Event Development and Management	
LDST 360	People, Piety, and Purpose - Leadership and Religion	
LDST 420	Communication, Leadership, and Conflict Management	
LDST 431	Communication and Leadership	
LDST 470	Independent Study in Leadership Studies	
LDST 490	Special Topics in Leadership Studies: _____	
LDST 690	Special Topics in Leadership Studies: _____	
Total Hours		18

Minor Hours & GPA

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

Minor Hours

Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.

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 minor.

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 (<https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/>).

At the completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Understand Adaptive Leadership theory as a guiding paradigm for problem solving and creating change.
- Develop and apply critical leadership skills and tools through the lens of the Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) Competencies.
- Practice leadership theory and skills through civic and community involvement.
- Recognize a variety of ethical perspectives to enact thoughtful, intentional, and responsible leadership behaviors.
- Embrace and promote the exploration of diverse perspectives and identities to engage in leadership work that encourages self and community to thrive.