Leadership Development (LDR)

Living/Learning Center Interdisciplinary Minor in Leadership Development

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The environment into which graduating seniors enter is a diverse and competitive one. In addition to being well grounded academically, the next generation of leaders must have a solid understanding of effective leadership strategies to motivate and direct the work of others in a meaningful way. The goal of the minor is to allow Stony Brook students with an interest in leadership to better prepare for their chosen professions by incorporating multidisciplinary theory and competencies into their lives.

Requirements for the Minor in Leadership Development (LDR)

General LDR Minor Requirements

1. Before declaring the minor, each student should plan his or her program with the director of the minor.
2. All credits for the minor must be passed with a grade of C or higher.
3. Students in the College of Leadership and Service are strongly encouraged to consider the minor in Leadership Development, but it is not mandatory.
4. Students who are not residents of the LDS college are welcome to take the minor.
5. Students taking the LDR minor are expected to participate in LLC activities.

Requirements for the Minor

Completion of the minor requires 21 credits.
1. LDR courses: nine credits from these three courses
   - LDR 210 Principles of Leadership
   - LDR 310 Case Studies in Leadership
   - LDR 410 Senior Seminar in Leadership

2. Practicum (Done in conjunction with LDR 410)
   With the approval of the faculty Director, students will participate in experiential learning in one of two ways: a) leadership of a project or comprehensive task or b) being mentored by an established leader. Both models require active participation in true leadership activities such as development of vision and strategy.

3. Electives (12 credits)
   The course designator of each selected course must be different from the designator associated with any of the student's majors or minors. For example, a student majoring or minoring in Business Management major cannot select any BUS courses, and a student majoring or minoring in Political Science major cannot select any POL courses. In addition, no more than two electives may have the same designator (including cross-listed courses). This is a list of courses appropriate to the minor. The faculty director may choose to modify this list.
   - AFS 277/HIS 277 Modern Color Line
   - AFS 325/HIS 325 Civil Right Movement
   - BUS 111 Business in the 21st Century
   - BUS 301 Corporate Communication
   - EGL 232/HUR 232 Rebels and Tyrants
   - HIS 104 U.S. Since 1877
   - INT 201 Democracy and Capitalism
   - LCR 200 Nature of Community
   - POL 101 World of Politics
   - POL 102 Introduction to American Government
   - POL 322 The Presidency in the American Political System
   - POL 323 U.S. Congress
   - POL 324 American Political Parties and Pressure Groups
   - POL 325 Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
   - POL 364 Organizational Decision Making
   - POL 374 Global Issues in the United Nations
   - POL 434 Supreme Court Decision Making
   - SOC 336 Social Change
   - WST 347/POL 347 Women and Politics
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LLC: Leadership Development

LDR 210: Principles of Leadership
Students will be introduced to the theory and practice of leadership. Classes will focus on the concepts of leadership and how students can incorporate these into their experiences as student leaders as well as in non-university programs.
3 credits

LDR 310: Case Studies in Leadership
This course will focus on concepts integral to effective leadership. Historical and contemporary case studies will be utilized to highlight examples of both ineffective and effective leadership. Students will gain an understanding of both positive and negative leadership as well as formal and informal leadership models.
Prerequisites: LDR 210 or SOC 268; U3 or U4 standing
3 credits

LDR 410: Leadership Exploration and Practicum
This course will synthesize the content of LDR 210 and LDR 310, and explore the relationship of related interdisciplinary concepts from elective courses and discuss the on-going learning taking place during the simultaneous practicum component.
Prerequisites: LDR 210 or SOC 268; LDR 310; U4 standing; declaration of LDR minor
3 credits