Leadership Minor
Leadership Education and Development Undergraduate Programs (LEAD UP)

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“This course has taught me more about who I am and who I want to be. Leadership is not just given to you; you have to work on it everyday. I now know that you don’t have to be famous to be a leader.”

-Personal Leadership in the University Student

“I have learned that leadership is a product of determination, vision, and most importantly teamwork and shared power. Prior to this course, I thought leadership was an attribute very few people possessed.”

-Leadership, You and Your Community Student

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A collaboration among the College of Education and Human Development, the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, and the Office for Student Affairs.
What is the Leadership Minor?
The 17-credit undergraduate Leadership Minor prepares students for real-life leadership experiences by combining social change and adaptive theories of leadership with authentic community and global leadership experiences. Students gain hands-on, adaptive leadership experience, and an understanding of how ethics, citizenship, social justice, community building, and communication skills support effective leadership.

Minor Courses (Start to Finish): 5 Step Program!

PA 1961W / OLPD 1301W
Personal Leadership in the University
In this writing intensive course, students examine their own views of leadership, explore the differences between personal and positional leadership, examine leadership ethics and values, and analyze their own leadership strengths and skills.

PA 3961 / OLPD 3302
Leadership, You, and Your Community
During the second course in the sequence, students focus on the questions: How do effective leaders create positive systemic change within complex systems? What is community and how does it shape the work of leadership? At this level, students examine leadership from a multi-dimensional and multicultural perspective and critically examine leadership theories in authentic, complex community settings.

PA 3971 / OLPD 3306
Field Experience
The field experience is when students officially declare the Leadership Minor. Students apply and integrate leadership theory in an experience grounded within the community. Students are challenged to think critically about their positional leadership roles, extrapolate the experience to future leadership issues within their specific fields, and to work through the challenges positional leadership offers. Three settings of Field Experiences are offered: youth/education, intercultural leadership, and organizational/social entrepreneurship.

PA 4961W / OLPD 4303W
Leadership for Global Citizenship
In this final, writing-intensive, capstone course, students pull together the threads of leadership theory and practice they have been working with over the course of the Leadership Minor. In addition, students gain experience working with diverse leaders from around the world, mapping political contexts, and planning their own global leadership path within their specific field.

Electives
5 Credits
5 credits – choose from over 100 elective courses OR any (for-credit) study abroad experience will satisfy the electives credits. See the electives list at z.umn.edu/LElectives