

Leadership Studies Minor FAQ Sheet

What is the Leadership Studies Minor?

It is a 16-credit interdisciplinary program that deepens students' understanding of leadership while giving them hands-on opportunities for dynamic leadership development.

What is its history?

In spring 2013, the Educational Leadership and Research Methodology Department started to offer LDR 2010: Introduction to Leadership courses for undergraduate students. Over 800 students have taken the LDR 2010 courses. On April 24, 2015, the Leadership Studies Minor was approved by FAU's University Faculty Senate and the program continues to grow.

How does it work?

- **Required Courses (7 credits):**
 - LDR 2010: Introduction to Leadership (1 credit)
 - LDR 4104: Theories of Leadership (3 credits)
 - LDR 4951: Capstone (3 credits)
- **Remaining Courses (9 credits):**
 - The remaining credits include courses within the three knowledge domains for the Leadership Studies Minor, Self-Awareness as a Leader, Leadership and Teams and Leading Our World. One course (three credits) must be taken from the offerings in each of the knowledge domains which includes LDR prefix course options and others within various Colleges.
- **Order:**
 - The Capstone is the only course that needs to be taken in a specific order within the 16-credit requirement. This course serves as the final project to complete the Minor, and is taken following the completion of Introduction to Leadership and Theories of Leadership. We recommend the Introduction to Leadership course be taken early on in the semester.

Should I enroll in the Leadership Studies Minor?

As the Minor is interdisciplinary, it can complement most majors. However, there are specific colleges/programs that already have elective courses in place that count towards the Leadership Studies Minor. These include:

- College of Business
- College of Engineering and Computer Science
- Military Science

Who cannot add the Minor?

- Students may not declare a minor after earning 90 credit hours.
- If a student started at the institution in fall 2012, or later, then, the student is allowed 110 percent of their program hour requirements.
 - Example: "For a 120-credit program, 132 credits can be accumulated before the excess hour surcharge will be applied." (<http://www.fau.edu/registrar/registration/excess-hours.php>)
- Majors that may not be able to declare the Minor:
 - Non-degree seeking.
 - Although the Minor is interdisciplinary, there are some Majors that include specific requirements or larger course loads. For example, the college of Nursing may only allow specific minors to be completed to complement a student's major.

The Minor is open to all degree-seeking students and will be awarded upon completion of the bachelor's degree.

Fall 2017 Data

- Overall student enrollment in Minor courses: 205
- Students enrolled in the Minor: 25

Spring 2018 Data

- Students enrolled in the Minor: 35

What courses are being offered in the 2018 – 2019 academic year?

- *Summer*
 - Introduction to Leadership
 - Contemporary Issues
 - Theories of Leadership
- *Fall*
 - Introduction to Leadership
 - Contemporary Issues
 - Theories of Leadership
 - Capstone Seminar
 - Facilitation and Group Development
 - Media Literacy and Leadership
- *Spring*
 - Introduction to Leadership
 - Contemporary Issues
 - Theories of Leadership
 - Capstone Seminar
 - Leadership and Social Change
 - Introduction to Field Leadership
 - Leadership in the Fraternal Movement

Student Testimonial

“Through my experience in the Leadership Studies Minor, I was challenged to explore leadership from the individual and global perspectives. I was enabled to shadow campus and community leaders, build practical skills that have helped me develop as a student leader, and learn to apply leadership theory into practice. Through the Leadership Studies Minor Capstone Project, I was inspired to bring awareness of the critical issues that women in leadership face today. For my leadership capstone, I created the first Women’s Leadership Institute at Florida Atlantic University. In this project, I was able to show my commitment to leadership development, and demonstrate the attributes that I learned during my studies at in the Leadership Studies Minor at Florida Atlantic University.” – Kristi Peterson

Want more information? Visit: <http://fau.edu/leadandserve/education/index.php> or contact:



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