

LEADERSHIP STUDIES MINOR

The Minor in Leadership Studies prepares students for a lifelong process of leadership development and action with an eye toward positive social change. For students interested in leadership, the minor is a perfect addition to any major, and it complements leadership experience through myriad opportunities for involvement at the university.

Housed in the Department of Political Science, this interdisciplinary program introduces students to a range of perspectives and models of leadership. The minor includes courses about leadership development, public speaking, communications, ethics, management and more. Students have flexibility to tailor their course selections to specific interests with approval from the advisor for the minor.

We strongly recommend that students in this minor pursue Graduation with Leadership Distinction, offered by the Center for Integrative and Experiential Learning.

A minimum of 18 credit hours is required from the following curriculum, which includes an introductory course, a second course (chosen from one of three core areas: public speaking, organizational/group dynamics, or management), an experiential course, and three courses from at least two of the following four categories: ethics, communication, diversity, and advanced leadership training. Coursework in at least two disciplines is required for the minor. Students must complete minor courses with a grade of 'C' or higher. The content of each minor should reflect the student's interests and be developed in consultation with the student's academic advisor. To this end, courses with appropriate content may be substituted with approval from the advisor for the minor. Students may not count a course toward both their Carolina Core requirements and the minor. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in USC Connect and to develop an e-portfolio reflecting their Carolina leadership experience.