LEAD Scholar Program
Information Sheet

The LEAD Scholar Program is Radford University’s student leadership program. It is a comprehensive program consisting of three components: Experience, Academics, and Development.

Experience
The experiential component will challenge you to connect leadership to practice. Students are required to participate in one leadership workshop/conference before graduation. Radford University’s Career Services and Center for Experiential Learning sponsors a variety of service learning and internship opportunities. Students are required to participate in three service projects and prepare two leadership presentations before graduation.

Academics
You will develop a base of knowledge that will provide you with the conceptual tools that support the exercise of leadership in a variety of settings. You will use active learning techniques such as simulations, case studies, and fieldwork to help you understand how to use what you know in real-world situations.

- **LEAD 110: Emerging Leadership**: Classes are taught each semester and designed to introduce students to the nature of leadership and to various leadership topics. (3 credits)
- **Courses within your major**: Two 300/400 level courses chosen from those approved as leadership-related courses by the academic college in your major. (6 credits)
- **One Course fulfilling general education requirements or COED 461**: Courses need to be approved as leadership-related courses. (3 credits)
  *One course may be contracted if permission is given by course instructor to be included in the LEAD Scholar Program*

Development
LEAD will give you the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills you acquire. Through taking on student leadership roles, you will gain first-hand experience while developing and fine-tuning your leadership skills. Leadership positions must be two semesters of training, application, reflection, evaluation, and involvement. Examples include Orientation Assistant, Resident Assistant, RU Ambassador, University 100 Peer Instructor, and some officer positions within student organizations.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY**
- Must be a freshman and/or sophomore to enroll in the program *(have achieved less than 55 college credits)*
- Must be full time enrolled
- Must have 2.0 GPA to enroll in the LEAD 110 course
- Must have a 3.0 GPA or attain a “B” letter grade in leadership related courses
- Must maintain a 2.75 overall GPA to continue enrollment in the Lead Scholar Program
- Have no instances of student code of conduct violations recorded with the Dean of Students Office

Learn new skills, build self-confidence, and add to your resume!

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