Leadership Minor
(18 semester hours)

Students enrolled in the Leadership Studies Program will take two core courses (POSC 180 and POSC 410) and choose four “electives” with the “L” and “E” designations in the REAL curriculum.

Compulsory Courses (6 credits)
POSC 180 Art and Science of Leadership
POSC 410 Demystifying Leadership
OR POSC 498 Independent Study, if the student is unable to take POSC 410

Elective Courses (12 Credits)
One course on written communication skills (designated “E”) which is limited to the following one course:
ENGL 112 Critical Reading and Writing in the Digital Age (“E”)

One course to develop skills in oral communication (designated “E”), chosen from the following selection:
COMS 414 Critical Analysis of Social Discourse (“E”)
COMS 433 Communication and Social Change (“E”)

Elective Courses (12 Credits, continued)
POSC 352 International Development
POSC 355 Global Terrorism
POSC 485 Internships in Political Science and Public Administration

One course on written communication skills (designated “E”) which is limited to the following one course:
ENGL 112 Critical Reading and Writing in the Digital Age (“E”)

One course to develop skills in oral communication (designated “E”), chosen from the following selection:
COMS 414 Critical Analysis of Social Discourse (“E”)

One course to develop ethical foundations in decisionmaking (“E”), chosen from the following:
PHIL 112 Introduction: Ethics and Society (“E”)
POSC 354 Ethics in International Affairs (“E”)
The two core courses (POSC 180 and POSC 410 or POSC 498) and four electives add to a total of 18 credit hours.
Why Minor in Leadership Studies?
The Minor in Leadership is an interdisciplinary course of study that will complement any disciplinary major or field of specialization. It is designed to help students nurture their competencies and foster their growth as aspiring leaders in the practice of their professions and in civic life.

What will you learn?
Students will be exposed to the theories and tools of leadership and the use of authority as well as the practical strategies for undertaking what leaders do – communicate and negotiate, build and inspire teams, manage organizations and enterprises, solve problems and produce results.

The program of study will incorporate case studies, experiential learning, team assignments, and guided reflection for students to gain an appreciation of their own strengths and weaknesses.

Who are the faculty members?
The Leadership Minor is administered by the Department of Political Science in the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences. Its courses are taught by faculty members from multiple disciplines.

In this program, students will learn to engage the complex challenges of exercising authority and managing change in their professions, communities, the nation, and the world. The framework of learning experiences in the Leadership Minor are designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and values to lead effectively and ethically in a diversity of personal and professional contexts.

These are critical steps toward greater self-awareness and personal effectiveness. Through the program, students will also reflect upon their experiences on the journey as developing leaders.