Graduate Programs in Leadership Studies

2024
The Leadership Studies programs offer graduate students, community organizers, and working professionals tools and techniques to better understand and navigate leadership opportunities within the context of communities, organizations, and systems.

The programs:
• are interdisciplinary
• include coursework in
  • leadership theory, contexts, and methods
  • race and ethnicity
  • women, gender, & sexuality
  • social differences
• draw from research traditions in humanities, social sciences, and education
DEVELOP YOUR POTENTIAL
DETERMINE YOUR FUTURE
DRIVE CHANGE

• CERTIFICATE IN LEADERSHIP STUDIES
  12 hours over 2 semesters, online

• CERTIFICATE IN STUDIES IN EQUITY & SOCIAL DIVERSITY IN THE US
  12 hours over 2 semesters, online & in-person

• MA IN LEADERSHIP STUDIES
  30 hours, flexible scheduling, online & hybrid
PURPOSE-DRIVEN ADMISSIONS

WE ARE COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH A(N):

• Clear personal, professional, and academic purpose for graduate studies
• Genuine interest in acquiring new leadership tools, skills, and perspectives
• Interest in various perspectives about diversity, equity, and inclusion
• Desire to contribute to the academic conversation
• Capacity to develop graduate level written and oral expression
• Coachable foundation of research and argumentation skills
• Attitude of resilience, grit, and determination to succeed in the classroom
• Dedication to integrity and ethical conduct
• Adequate support system for academic success and personal wellbeing
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN
LEADERSHIP STUDIES
12 HOURS, 4 ONLINE CLASSES

LDST 710
History & Theory of Leadership Studies

LDST 720
Leadership Ethics

Elective
Mastery of Leadership Skills and Methods

Elective
Leadership Contexts and Communities

*Other LDST course electives can be applied toward this certificate under consultation with the Director of Graduate Studies.

For more information about these courses, visit the Institute for Leadership Studies at ils.ku.edu
WHY LEADERSHIP STUDIES?

I believe the certificate has allowed me approach the work of leadership, in the roles of TA and GRA, using a mindful approach crafted to fit who I am and how I want to impact the field. These lessons will follow me in my future roles as educator, mentor, researcher, and community member.

By studying leadership styles and sources, I am better able to envision myself among them and direct my life towards being my best self and helping others do the same.

Kelly Berry, Ph.D.
Clinical Assistant Professor
Department of Hearing and Speech
KU Medical Center
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN
STUDIES IN EQUITY &
SOCIAL DIVERSITY IN
THE US
12 HOURS, 4 CLASSES OVER 2 PATHWAYS

US RACE & ETHNICITY

Approved Courses in:
African & African American Studies
American Studies
Education
Theater

WOMEN, GENDER, & SEXUALITY

Approved Courses in:
African & African American Studies
American Studies
Political Science
Psychology
Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies

US SOCIAL DIFFERENCES

Approved Courses in:
African & African American Studies
American Studies
Education
WHY STUDIES IN EQUITY & SOCIAL DIVERSITY?

This certificate is the perfect way to supplement my Ed.D. coursework, which focused on Higher Education Administration, but narrow my focus to Equity within Higher Education.

The coursework I am doing ties directly to my professional goals and will help me hone my expertise in the CDO (Chief Diversity Office) field as leading voice related to student activism.

The flexibility to “create my own adventure” is allowing me to drive a specific focus (Black Women Student Activism) in ways to support my research interests.

Dr. Precious Porras, Ed.D
Vice President for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
Dominican University
MASTER’S IN LEADERSHIP STUDIES
30 CREDIT HOURS, ONLINE/HYBRID

CORE COURSES, 12 HOURS
LDST 705: Professionalization Seminar
LDST 710: History & Theory of Leadership Studies
LDST 715: Leadership, Equity, and Inclusion
LDST 720: Leadership Ethics

ELECTIVES, 6-9 HOURS
Mastery of Leadership Skills/Methods/Theories

ELECTIVES, 6-9 HOURS
Leadership Contexts and Communities

CAPSTONE, 3 HOURS
LDST 850
Leadership Studies Capstone
## PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

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<th>Credit Hours</th>
<th>Mode of Instruction</th>
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<td>Leadership Studies Graduate Certificate</td>
<td>12 hours/ 4 classes</td>
<td>Online Synchronous &amp; Asynchronous</td>
<td>2 semesters</td>
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<tr>
<td>Equity &amp; US Social Diversity Graduate Certificate</td>
<td>12 hours/ 4 classes</td>
<td>Hybrid – full pathway, Online – limited pathway</td>
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<td>MA in Leadership Studies</td>
<td>30 hours/ 15 classes</td>
<td>Online and Hybrid</td>
<td>4 semesters full-time, can also be done part-time</td>
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### ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE

- **Application Fee**: $30 certificate
- **Tuition and Fees**: $65-85 MA

See [KU Tuition and Fee tool](#) for most up-to-date rates.
ALTERNATIVE ADMISSIONS STANDARDS

The Graduate Programs in Leadership in Diversity and Inclusion may accept an applicant who does not meet an academic standards considered baseline for successful graduate work. This may occur, for example, if a student’s overall undergraduate GPA is below a 3.0 but other application materials suggest strong potential for success in graduate study.

Such applicants may be required to take additional courses to prepare them for graduate-level research and writing.

To continue in the program, students must meet with the Director of Graduate Studies at the start of the academic term, must comply with any requests for additional meetings or communications, and must earn at least a 3.0 GPA in the first semester of graduate coursework at KU.
APPLICATION DEADLINES
Certificate applications are accepted and considered on a rolling basis.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring all materials arrive by the appropriate deadline.

MA Deadlines:
• Summer 2024: May 1
• Fall 2024: August 1

APPLICATION MATERIALS
The following materials may be required, consult individual program for details:
• Online Admissions Application
• Application Fee
• Proof of English Proficiency
• Copy of Official Transcript(s)
• Statement of Purpose
• Letters of Recommendation (MA only)
• Writing Sample (MA only)