Leadership and Ethics, Certificate

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Description

The certificate in leadership and ethics is designed for undergraduate students who are interested in developing leadership skills or wish to enhance their degree in an existing major at ASU or BA in interdisciplinary students who seek to combine certificates with their degree, and it is also for working adults who may wish to further their education yet may not be looking for a degree program.

The certificate program provides a catalyst for students to become ethical leaders of organizational and community change. This certificate is designed to explore the relationship between leadership and the capacity for individuals to assume responsibility for their actions and to act with a sense of ethics and integrity. It focuses on understanding the broad transdisciplinary field of leadership and its application to various elements of society and community, and it prepares individuals for positions of leadership and responsibility in the university, in student organizations, in their communities and throughout their careers in business, government and society.

At a Glance

- College/School: College of Public Service and Community Solutions
- Location: Downtown Phoenix campus

Program Requirements

The certificate in leadership and ethics requires four core courses (12 credit hours), including a leadership capstone experience, plus one elective discipline-based course in leadership or ethics (3 credit hours). The three credit hours of elective course work may be selected from an approved list of elective classes or upon the recommendation of the department.

All courses applied to the certificate must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better.

Core Courses

PAF 311: Leadership and Change (SB)(3)
PAF 410: Building Leadership Skills (SB)(3)
PAF 421: Leadership Capstone(3)
PAF 460: Public Service Ethics(3)

All core courses and the leadership capstone must be taken at Arizona State University. Any course substitutions for the certificate are at the discretion of the School of Public Affairs.

**Elective Course (choose one from the following list):**

- BUS 497: Honors Colloquium or HON 497: Honors Colloquium (3)
- COM 430: Leadership in Group Communication(3)
- MGT 300: Organization and Management Leadership(3)
- NLM 430: Managing Nonprofit Organizations (L)(3)
- PAF 420: Public Leadership(3)
- POS 314: The American Presidency (SB)(3)

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

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### Enrollment Requirements

Students are also encouraged to schedule an appointment with the undergraduate academic advisor in the School of Public Affairs.

**Undergraduate Students Currently Enrolled at ASU**

Current students interested in earning the certificate must complete a request to add an undergraduate certificate and return it to the undergraduate academic advisor in the School of Public Affairs at the University Center on the Downtown Phoenix campus. Students may begin taking courses before they formally register for the certificate; however, they are encouraged to complete the paperwork as soon as possible.

Download the request to add an undergraduate certificate at [https://students.asu.edu/forms/undergraduate-certificate](https://students.asu.edu/forms/undergraduate-certificate).

**Individuals Not Currently Enrolled at ASU**

Once students have been admitted, they are eligible to enroll in courses to complete the certificate program.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU.
Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

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