BIS DEGREE PROGRAM

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GUIDELINES AND CORE COURSES

Students interested in influencing groups and systems, making a difference, and personal development and reflection will find this concentration attractive. It is an excellent concentration to consider if you are interested in business, health care, public policy, art and the media, education, or law as well as many other possible careers. Contact Jessica Chung, lead@umn.edu for questions about the Leadership concentration.

Guidelines:

- 17 credits required: 4 three-credit core courses and 5 elective credits
- All courses are capped at 26 students
- The four core courses MUST be taken in order in separate semesters. Students can’t take the courses at the same time because they are meant to build on one another.

Core Courses:

Required Prerequisite Course:
LEAD 1961W—Personal Leadership in the University (3 credits)
  Focus is on writing, reflection, active learning and community building. It includes a large group project. Students should ideally take it in their first year and no later than fall of their junior year.

Required 3xxx – 5xxx level Courses:
LEAD 3961—Leadership, You, and Your Community (3 credits)
  Students apply theories of community building to the classroom. The course requires two highly involved group projects and a significant time commitment.
LEAD 3971—Field Experience (3 credits)
  Each course meets twice a week AND has field site requirements focusing on different themes: Public Health, Arts and Media, Social Enterprise, or Youth and Education.
LEAD 4961W—Leadership for Global Citizenship (3 credits)
  This course brings all students’ learning into the world, asking them to look at systems in society and to plan ways to effectively address our greatest challenges. Students complete an intensive group research project.

Electives:

Over 100 courses have been approved as electives for Leadership. Find them at:
http://www.lead.umn.edu/minor/?page_id=748 and choose ones at the 3xxx – 5xxx level to fit your interests.

Students should email lead@umn.edu to talk about transfer credit or petitioning other electives.