Community Leadership Certificate Program

The Community Leadership Certificate Program is an interdisciplinary program where students from any major can explore leadership theory, community organizing, the role of civic life and identity, and gain practical experience in community engagement and leadership. The program is based on a social justice model of leadership development, but will expose students to additional philosophies such as servant leadership and authentic leadership. Students will also gain practical experience by attending teambuilding activities such as retreats and ROPES courses, participating in community service, and doing a practicum in a leadership position, among other experiential learning activities.

Required Overview Course:
ED POL 315 Group Process & Civic Engagement (3 Credits)

Required Ethics Course:
AD LDSP 691 Leadership Ethics in Multicultural Organizations (1 Credit)
(Students from Lubar School of Business may take: BUS ADM 293- Business Ethics, 3 Credits)

Required Leadership Practice Course (choose one):
ED POL 111 Organizing for Social Action in Urban Communities (3 Credits)*
AD LDSP 507 Introduction to Group Leadership (3 Credits)
AD LDSP 537 Leadership and Management of Volunteer Programs (3 Credits)

Social/Historical Foundations Elective (choose one):
COMMUN 472 Rhetoric of Radicalism in the United States (3 Credits)
HIST 440 History of the American Working Classes (3 Credits)
HIST 446 African Americans Since the Civil War (3 Credits)
HIST 460 The History of Poverty in America (3 Credits)
HIST 468 The American Feminist Movement (3 Credits)
SOCIOL 235 Social Change in the Global Economy (3 Credits)
SOCIOL 304 Political Sociology (3 Credits)
SOCIOL 321 Contemporary Issues of the American Indian (3 Credits)
SOCIOL 323 Perspectives on Latino Communities (3 Credits)
SOCIOL 324 Comparative Race Relations (3 Credits)
SOCIOL 325 Social Change (3 Credits)
SOCIOL 333 Social Class in Industrial Society (3 Credits)
SOCIOL 338 Small Groups (3 Credits)
SOCIOL 383 Small Groups (3 Credits)
WMNS 303 Feminist Activism and Movements (3 Credits)

Practical Elective (choose one):
BUS ADM 330 Organizations (3 Credits)
BUS ADM 444 Human Resources Mgt (Bus Adm 330 prereq) (3 Cr)
COMMUN 103 Public Speaking (3 Credits)
COMMUN 264 Persuasive Speaking (3 Credits)
COMMUN 323 Communication in Groups and Teams (3 Credits)
COMMUN 363 Communication in Human Conflict (3 Credits)
COMMUN 464 Theory and Practice of Persuasion (3 Credits)
COMMUN 520 Negotiation Skills Workshop (3 Credits)
COMMUN 665 Introduction to Mediation (3 Credits)
ED POL 612 Community Participation and Power (3 Credits)
ED POL 625 Race Relations in Education (3 Credits)
SOCIOL 338 Small Groups (3 Credits)

*If not taken above, for Required Leadership Practice, ED POL 111 can be taken here, for the Practical Elective.

Required Leadership Capstone / Practicum (choose one):
These three credits will come from an experiential learning course, with activities specific to the student’s major. Sites for this section of the program could include community health clinics (group facilitation or advocacy roles), campus organizations (campus ambassadors, peer health advocates, etc), local non-profits (board positions), and others.

ED POL 409 Practicum in Community Education and Com-Based Orgs (3 Credits)
AD LDSP 630 Field Work in Schools, Agencies and Institutions (3 Credits)
NURSING 403 Practice, Research and Leadership Role Development I. (3 Credits)
WMNS 489 Feminism in the City: Internship in Women's Studies (3 Credits)
COMMUN 698 Internship in Communication (3 Credits)

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