

PATHWAYS MINORS

LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL CHANGE

What is it?

The Leadership and Social Change minor introduces students to the academic study of leadership and provides them with interdisciplinary skills to solve complex societal issues at the local, national, and international levels. While engaging in the study of leadership, students will also learn about the Social Change Model of Leadership Development created specifically for college students. This model helps students understand themselves (individual values), how to work with others (group values), and how to better serve their communities (society values). In this process, students will not only learn about leadership but will also answer the question: leadership for what?



Why do it?

What field, major, discipline or career doesn't need leadership? Students completing the Leadership and Social Change minor will leave Virginia Tech with skills and experiences that prepare them to lead across a variety of domains. Through the exploration and application of the language, theories, ethics, and competencies of leadership, as well as intentional time spent reflecting and developing these areas, students will be well positioned to effect change within both their personal and professional communities. Connected to the larger university goals, the Leadership and Social Change minor pushes students to embody the Virginia Tech motto of *Ut Prosim*: That I may serve.



Who is it for?

The Leadership and Social Change minor is open to students from all majors, particularly those seeking to lead or serve others as an agent of change in their future civic, academic, and professional lives.

Pathways Core Concepts*

- 1a - Applied/Advanced Discourse
- 2 - Critical Thinking in the Humanities
- 3 - Reasoning in the Social Sciences
- 7 - Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the U.S.

Pathways Integrative Concepts

- Ethical Reasoning
- Intercultural and Global Awareness

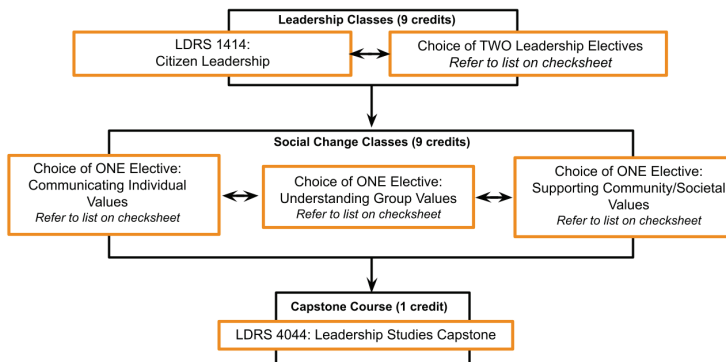
**Students are guaranteed to meet at least three of the core concepts listed*

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Requirements

The 19-credit-hour minor in Leadership and Social Change includes a required 3-hour introductory course, 6 hours of leadership electives, 9 hours of electives in social change elements (3 credits from each of three groups: communicating individual values, understanding group values, and supporting community/societal values), and a required 1-hour capstone course.



Required courses

LDRS 1414: Citizen Leadership
LDRS 4044: Leadership Studies Capstone

Elective courses

Students select 15 credits hours of elective courses across two categories: leadership studies and social change.



The Leadership and Social Change Minor provides space for students to...

- Engage with the academic study of leadership and apply different theories and concepts of leadership to their everyday lives.
- Learn about the Social Change Model of Leadership Development, which includes areas of self-knowledge (individual values), how to work with others (group values), and how to serve their communities (society values).
- Discover social issues at the local, national, and international levels and reflect on the ways in which they can become change agents to solve those problems.

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