



Comprehensive Leadership Program (CLP)

Jesuit education and Gonzaga University foster the development of individuals who will be leaders for the common good, with the belief that leadership can be learned. The Comprehensive Leadership Program (CLP) embraces this mission, preparing you for real-life leadership experiences on campus and in the larger global community. We encourage and celebrate a diverse group of students from all disciplines of study, offering courses culminating in a Minor in Leadership Studies designed to complement your chosen major.

THE PROGRAM

The Comprehensive Leadership Program (CLP) fosters the development of individuals capable of crafting a vision for a better world. Our program offers a unique scholarly environment that provides transformational and reflective student experiences focused on three dimensions: self-awareness, relationship with others, and community action for the common good. As a CLP student, you will positively change the world. The program is designed to produce graduates with a deep and holistic understanding of leadership, the meaning of moral character, and an ethic of care and service. Through academic coursework, reflective self-study, and co-curricular activities, CLP will prepare students to be transformative leaders on campus, in their communities, and in future professions.

LEADERSHIP CURRICULUM

First year–Spring

- Foundations of Leadership (LDRS 200)

Sophomore–Fall

- Theories of Leadership and Organizations (LDRS 315)

Sophomore–Spring

- The Practice of Leadership (LDRS 325)

Junior–Fall

- Leading Across Cultures (LDRS 375)

Senior–Fall

- Contemporary Issues in Leadership (LDRS 450)

**Two additional electives are required as well as various extracurricular activities.*



ACADEMICS

As a student in the Comprehensive Leadership Program (CLP), you will complete a 21-credit Minor in Leadership Studies, as well as the requirements for a bachelor's degree in any academic field. The CLP minor is completed by taking five Leadership Studies (LDRS) courses, two courses from the interdisciplinary leadership electives, one of which must be from the LDRS subject, and participation in a variety of co-curricular activities including seminars, retreats and speakers. Beginning spring semester of their first year, CLP students take core classes to introduce leadership theory, analyze and develop personal leadership styles and examine leadership in the context of other cultures and value systems.

ADMISSION

Enrollment in CLP is highly competitive and limited to 40-45 students per year, as students must apply and be selected for CLP as a first-year student. Information about the application process goes out to all first-year undergraduate students in September.



OUTCOMES

CLP students will:

- Gain knowledge and understanding of foundational leadership theories and demonstrate the ability to apply theories in the practice of leadership.
- Construct an evolving personal philosophy of leadership that demonstrates self-knowledge and theoretical understanding.
- Develop an understanding of organizational change processes, team dynamics, emotional intelligence, and conflict management within the practice of leadership.
- Acquire knowledge of diverse cultures, cross-cultural communication, the dynamics of privilege and oppression, and the uses of power between groups.

For students interested in continuing their study of Leadership, Gonzaga offers the following graduate degree programs:

- Master of Arts in Communication and Leadership
- Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

In addition to the academic component, you are encouraged to take part in a number of co-curricular activities, designed to complement in-class experiences. These include:

- Leadership Over Lunch
- Leadership Fishbowl Speaker Series
- Annual Leadership Seminar/Workshop (Fall)
- Annual Overnight Leadership Retreat (Spring)
- Gonzaga-in-Zambezi (Study Abroad)
- East LA/ Homeboy Industries Spring Break Immersion
- Leadership Internships

Please visit gonzaga.edu/clp for further information on each experience listed above.

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