

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Degree Requirements

Master of Leadership Development (M.L.D.)

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-700 Professional Degree Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

A minimum of 36 credits at the 400, 500, or 800 level is required, with a minimum of 18 credits at the 500 or 800 level, and at least 6 credits at the 500 level. A series of leadership cornerstone (9 credits) and leadership competency courses (12 credits) are required to provide all MLD students with a common body of knowledge. Leadership Context courses (12 credits) and a Capstone course (3 credits) round out the program.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
Leadership Cornerstone courses (9 credits) provide a foundation for leadership development studies. They include:		
LEAD 501	Leadership Across the Lifespan	3
BUSAD/LEAD 555	Full Range Leadership Development	3
LEAD 557	Leadership Models and Methods	3
Leadership Competency courses (12 credits) build a foundation for effective leadership communication, creativity/innovation, and moral development. They include:		
LEAD 561	Dynamic Communication in Leadership Contexts	3
BUSAD/LEAD 556	Diversity Leadership	3
	or BUSAD 542 Global Intercultural Management	
One of the following:		3
MGMT 873	Corporate Innovation Strategies	
SYSN 550		
BUSAD/LEAD 519	Developing Creative High Performance Organizations	
One of the following:		3
MBADM 815	Ethical and Responsible Business Leadership	
LEAD 863	Ethical Dimensions of Leadership	
PSY 833	Ethics and Leadership: Psychological and Social Processes	
STS 589	Ethics and Values in Science and Technology	
Leadership Context courses (12 credits) provide an overview of the situations in which leadership processes are embedded. Students can choose 4 context-specific electives (12 credits). A list of courses that will fulfill this requirement is maintained by the program office.		12
Culminating Experience		
All students must complete a capstone course that provides students with an opportunity to enact what they have learned in their course work in the context of promoting positive change in their organizations:		
LEAD 862	Strategic Leadership (Capstone Course)	3
Total Credits		36