

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP, B.A.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park, World Campus

Career Paths

A Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership can prepare you to work in a range of relationship-focused careers in which you can showcase your ability to manage and nurture business and professional relationships through motivational strategies, conflict management, and other forms of interpersonal and social influence. The degree will benefit any career in which leadership skills are necessary for the advancement of the overall business climate through interpersonal interactions.

Careers

The degree is perfect for collaborative work environments in manufacturing, service industries, government, communications, charitable and nonprofit organizations, and multinational organizations. Graduates of Penn State's School of Labor and Employment Relations, of which the OLEAD program is a part, have found employment in such companies as Google, Ernst and Young, GE, Amazon, Lockheed Martin, Samsung Electronics, PriceWaterHouseCoopers Consulting, government agencies such as the U. S. Department of Labor, and in labor unions such as the AFL-CIO, American Federation of Teachers, and the Service Employees International Union.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (<https://ler.la.psu.edu/beyond-the-classroom/>)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

Penn State World Campus offers a Master of Human Resources and Employment Relations (HRER) in which the curriculum balances advanced theory with practical knowledge. After receiving strong fundamental knowledge, the program focuses on the complex personal, legal and organizational issues inherent in the relationship between employers, employees, unions, and government. As in the undergraduate OLEAD program, students in the M.HRER program have the opportunity to study with highly regarded faculty from Penn State's College of the Liberal Arts, one of the premier institutions in the world to study and work in the liberal arts disciplines.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (<https://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/degrees-and-certificates>)

Professional Resources

- International Leadership Association (<https://ilaglobalnetwork.org/>)
- Society for Human Resource Management (<https://www.shrm.org>)
- Penn State World Campus (<https://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/degrees-and-certificates/penn-state-online-organizational-leadership-bachelor-of-science-degree>)
- The LABOR School at Penn State (<https://ler.la.psu.edu/labor-school/>)

- International Brotherhood of Teamsters (<https://teamster.org>)
- American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) (<https://aflcio.org/>)