

# LEADERSHIP STUDIES

## Bachelor's Degree Requirements Summary at Cal Poly Humboldt, 2025

- **Major (Leadership Studies courses)**  
10 courses; 30 units total
- **General Education**  
**Lower Division:**
  - Area 1 (Basic Subjects): 9 units; minimum grade of C- is required in each course
  - Area 2 (Math Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning): 3 units; minimum grade of C-
  - Area 3 (Arts and Humanities): 6 units from 2 subareas
  - Area 4 (Social and Behavioral Sciences): 6 units from 2 subareas; American Institutions courses may double count.
  - Area 5 (Physical and Biological Sciences): 7 units from 2 subareas: must include a lab
  - Area 6 (Ethnic Studies\*): 3 units (can also be upper division at Humboldt)\*
- **Upper Division:**
  - 9 units, 3 units each from areas 3, 4, 5
- **Diversity & Common Ground (DCG)**  
Two approved courses; one must have a domestic focus; must be DCG approved for the term the course is completed; some GE and elective courses also meet DCG requirements. CAN BE DOUBLE-COUNTED WITH OTHER COURSES.
- **American Institutions**  
May be met by courses or exams. One Humboldt course can also count in lower-division GE area D; or two CCC courses if certified for double-counting at that institution:
  - US History
  - US Government & Constitution
  - California State & Local Government (maybe the same course used for US Gov't)
- **Minimum Units Required: 120 units**  
Unit Maximums Allowed: up to 70 units from a community college, 30 units of major courses, 9 units of upper-division general education, and 11-21 units of electives.
- **Residence**  
30 units taken at Humboldt, which must include:
  - 24 upper-division units taken at Humboldt
  - 12 upper-division units within the major taken at Humboldt
  - 9 units of general education taken at Humboldt
- **Grade Point Average**  
Overall (all college work): minimum 2.00;  
Humboldt(cumulative): minimum 2.00; Major: minimum 2.00
- **GWAR**  
Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement—MET BY THE LEADERSHIP STUDIES MAJOR COURSES
- **Application for Graduation**  
Apply for graduation when you have completed between 60-90 units
- **See Page 2** for updated GEAR (GE and All University) Guide for Students, effective 2025

# GEAR Guide for Students

Guide to General Education and  
All-University Requirements

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COMPLETE EACH SECTION TO MEET  
YOUR REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

## GOLDEN FOUR

- English Composition (3 units)
- Critical Thinking (3 units)
- Oral Communication (3 units)
- Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning (3 units)

## ARTS & HUMANITIES

- Arts (3 units)
- Humanities (3 units)

## PHYS & BIO SCIENCES

- Physical Science (3 units)
- Biological Science (3 units)
- Laboratory (1 unit)\*
  - \*May be embedded in 5A or 5B course, as long as 7 units met for lower-division Subject Area 5.

## SOC AND BEHAV SCIENCES

- One Course (3 Units)
- One Course (3 Units)

## ETHNIC STUDIES

- One course (3 units)

## UPPER DIVISION

- Area 5 Science or Area 2 Mathematical Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning (3 units)
- Area 3 Arts or Humanities (3 units)
- Area 4 Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 units)

## ALL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

Students must also complete the following:

- American Institutions (6 units)
- Diversity and Common Ground (6 units)
- Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR)

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## REACH YOUR SUCCESS!

Work with an advisor to compose your GEAR plan in DARS. Planning ahead ensures you graduate on-time!