

Cal Poly
Humboldt.

LEADERSHIP STUDIES

Finish your bachelor's degree fully online.





100% ONLINE

Foundations
of Leadership

Developing Dynamic
Organizations

Data Driven Leadership

JULY **AUG.**

OCT.

JAN.

MARCH

JUNE

Online
Orientation

Leadership
Communication

Strategic Planning
& Forecasting

Experience.

Lead.

Succeed.

**Enter as an upper division
transfer student and pursue your
bachelor's degree 100% online
in Leadership Studies
at Cal Poly Humboldt.**

Managing Employees
& Stakeholders

Technology
& Leadership

AUG.

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Project Implementation
& Evaluation

Strategic
Sustainability

Capstone
in Leadership



REALIZE YOUR GOALS

A blurred background image of a graduation ceremony, showing rows of people in graduation gowns and caps under a clear sky.

Complete your bachelor's degree in Leadership Studies and realize your professional goals.



Gain foundational leadership skills in planning, critical thinking, sustainability, and organizational transformation.



Engage in career-relevant coursework that aligns with your current and future professional goals.



With courses held 100% online, add to your credentials without having to leave the place you call home.



Experience an excellent student-faculty ratio, with personalized support to help you achieve your goals.



This program is accredited by the WASC Senior College & University Commission (WSCUC) and offers exceptional value to students looking to complete their bachelor's degree.

CAREER-RELEVANT COURSES



The Leadership Courses

Complete your bachelor's degree with focused online courses.

- Develop critical thinking skills for evaluating complex problems.
- Improve leadership-oriented communication skills.
- Collect, analyze and apply various types of data.
- Integrate diverse perspectives into strategic leadership planning.
- Develop and adjust organizational plans.
- Consider HR-related tactics for improving workforces.
- Practice strategic planning, sustainability and ethical leadership.
- Develop and begin to implement a personal career plan.

Structure

The core curriculum consists of 10 courses delivered in consecutive 8-week sessions. All courses are 100% online — so you can study on your schedule, wherever you are. Additional degree requirements may also apply, depending on the undergraduate coursework you have previously completed.

QUESTIONS

Is Leadership Studies right for me?

The Leadership Studies bachelor's degree completion program offers exceptional value and personalized support.

The program is ideal for people who:

- have completed 60 units of lower division coursework, including the CSU upper division admission requirements, and
- want to customize their learning experience to align with their current professional environment with an eye towards career advancement.



Who are Leadership Studies students?

Leadership Studies majors are highly diverse, returning to college with a wide variety of cultural and educational backgrounds, abilities, responsibilities, and career experience.

There are approximately 130 students enrolled across four active cohorts. Each semester, we welcome 25-35 new students per cohort. The average student age is 39, and 37% of students receive the Pell Grant to complete their bachelor's degrees. Over a five-year average, 52% are first generation in college, 56% are students of color, and 55% identify as female. Leadership Studies students demonstrate outstanding academic success with 79% of majors earning a 3.0+ Humboldt GPA.

What kinds of support will I receive as a student?

- Dedicated professional advisor for all steps of degree completion
- Cohort model for peer support and student community
- Block registration and 8-week accelerated courses
- Social channels: Discord, LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook
- Career and graduate school advising
- Personalized support from faculty through engaging online classes
- Federal and California State financial aid and counseling
- Cal Poly Humboldt Library and virtual skillshops and events
- Campus Disability Resource Center, Veterans Support, Title IX Services
- IT Help Desk and tech support with Canvas LMS
- In-person commencement and departmental graduation reception

LEARN MORE: **humboldt.edu/leadership**

PERSONALIZED SUPPORT

Staff & Faculty

Dr. Jill Anderson



Leadership Studies Program Director,
Cal Poly Humboldt

MPH; Ph.D, Kinesiology

Jill Anderson is an associate professor teaching in the School of Applied Health at Humboldt. Since 2017, she has served as department chair; on numerous committees, including the Faculty Senate; and chair terms on the Integrated Curriculum Committee (ICC), the GEAR committee, and the Constitution and Bylaws committee. Jill also has experience working collaboratively with other faculty and community groups to secure external funding and provide health related programming.

Sei Hee Hwang



Interim Dean, College of Extended Education
Cal Poly Humboldt

MBA; M.Ed.

Sei Hee Hwang has worked in student services and program coordination for over 15 years at various higher education institutions. Currently, she oversees all programs at the College of Extended Education (CEE), including OLLI. CEE provides professional, workforce, and community development opportunities for non-traditional students. Sei Hee is an advocate for leadership studies, as she is completing her doctorate in organizational leadership at Concordia University-Chicago.

Dr. Chris Hopper



Leadership Studies Director of Development,
Cal Poly Humboldt

Ph.D., Physical Education

Dr. Chris Hopper has served in a variety of administrative positions at Humboldt State University/Cal Poly Humboldt since 1980. Most recently he was the department chair of the Dept. of Kinesiology and Recreation Administration, and is a tenured professor of kinesiology. He has also completed administrative assignments as the associate dean for the College of Professional Studies and the dean of Research, Graduate Studies and International Programs. Dr. Hopper has been a successful grant writer to support programs at Cal Poly Humboldt.

Liz Lujan



Interim Registrar, College of Extended Education
Cal Poly Humboldt

B.S., Computer Science; MPA

Liz's work focuses on academic systems and policies that support students from enrollment through graduation. She brings a student-centered approach to helping students navigate their path and achieve success.

Betsy Faber Rogers



Leadership Studies Student Support Coordinator
& Program Advisor, Cal Poly Humboldt

M.A., Education

Betsy Faber Rogers is the program advisor for Leadership Studies. She has worked in student services in the UC and CSU systems for the past 25 years, most recently as an academic advisor at Cal Poly Humboldt since 2016. Betsy is passionate about working with adult learners and transfer students to help them successfully navigate systems and reach their personal, professional and academic goals.

Megan Mefford



Leadership Studies Transfer & Graduation Counselor,
Cal Poly Humboldt

M.A., Education

Megan has worked with international students at Cal Poly Humboldt since 2006, and also serves as the transfer and graduation counselor for the Leadership Studies program. She is a graduate of Humboldt State University, and studied abroad at the University of Ghana, Legon.

Andrea Webb



Leadership Studies Admissions Counselor,
Cal Poly Humboldt

B.A., Psychology

Andrea has been at Cal Poly Humboldt supporting students on their educational journeys since 2009. Andrea's current role as Leadership Studies admissions counselor provides support to students from interest to admission. Andrea was born and raised in Humboldt County, is a proud graduate of the CSU and takes pride in helping students navigate their own path to a college degree.

Dr. Renato Almanzor



M.S., Counseling
Ph.D., Organizational Psychology

Dr. Almanzor's experience emerges from many years consulting leaders committed to multicultural organization development and social justice. His clients include executive leaders from universities, non-profit organizations, medical clinics, and government agencies. His expertise ranges from executive coaching and strategic planning to change management and team development.

The Leadership Studies program uses an interdisciplinary approach to offer students a dynamic, public online education. The program builds leadership skills and strategies that promote an understanding of equity and inclusion for personal, community, and organizational transformation. Graduates have the skills and inspiration to be a positive and informed change agent.

Brittany Brown Ceres



MFA
M.A., Education

Brittany Brown Ceres (SPHR/SHRM-SCP) is the chief operating officer at the Eames Institute of Infinite Curiosity in San Antonio Valley, Sonoma County. She focuses on supporting company cultures of excellence, effectiveness, and fulfillment through relevant and holistic iterations in leadership and operations. Previously, as the chief people officer at Skywalker Holdings, LLC, she partnered with leaders to navigate complex organizational structures and foster collaboration across diverse stakeholder groups. She has worked in private, public, start-up, educational, non-profit, wilderness and municipality environments, catalyzing the human-dynamics that connects them all.

Joy Daluidao-Hermsen



MBA
An alumna of U.C. Davis and the Sacramento Entrepreneurship Academy, Joy Daluidao-Hermsen's expertise comes from leading teams and developing leaders in large companies, start-up environments, and not-for-profit organizations. Joy led the Entrepreneurship

Program and taught business courses at Santa Rosa Junior Business College. Joy's specialty is in influencing leaders to launch enterprises, while building community and developing each individual's leadership competencies.

Dr. Margaret Jones



M.A., Psychology
Psy.D., Organizational Psychology

Dr. Margaret Jones has provided counseling and consulting services to individuals, families, and organizations since 1998. Dr. Jones has been an associate professor in the Undergraduate Department of Counseling and Psychology; Graduate Department of Business; and the Graduate Department of Education at Argosy University and Holy Names University. Her teaching addresses diversity in the workplace, effective communication, and conflict management.

Nour Maxwell



M.A., International Policy

Nour Maxwell is a policy and sustainability strategy expert with 22 years of experience. Nour has spent over a decade in public service, acting as a senior diplomat and Counselor of Foreign Affairs for the Government of Morocco's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Nour is a Fulbright scholar and completed her executive education at the MIT Sloan School of Management. She is fluent in Arabic and French.

Richard Molloy



M.A., Education, Concentration in Educational Technology
Richard Molloy served 20 years with the United States Coast Guard and retired in 2014 with the rank of Commander. His most recent assignments included Chief of Training, Chief of Mission Support Training, and Chief of Inspections.

Dr. Craig Nathanson



M.A., Human Development
M.A., Telecommunications Management
Ph.D., Human & Organizational Systems

Dr. Craig Nathanson has been teaching graduate and undergraduate programs since 2001 at several universities in North America and Europe. He has worked for over 20 years in various senior management positions in U.S. Fortune 500 companies. Dr. Nathanson has written and published 6 books on work, mid-life development, management and parenting. His current research focus is on humanistic leadership, joyful work and mid-life professional development.

Dr. Kurt Schake



M.A., History
MBA
Ph.D., International History

Dr Kurt Schake is a lifelong learner with a passion for applying education to real-world problems. He has held leadership positions in the military, education, and business communities. He has served on the faculty of seven schools and universities. Currently, he is the Executive Director of a non-profit in Monterey, California, and a faculty member at the Naval Postgraduate School.

Tim Stallings



MBA

Tim Stallings is a seasoned operations executive across various industries. He has served in roles ranging from engineering to executive leadership. Tim co-founded Sacramento Republic FC, a professional soccer team, and his leadership was instrumental in building the team's merchandise program, negotiating with investors and Major League Soccer, and managing critical infrastructure and operations. Previously Tim was involved in several industries, from medical devices to construction. Tim has also served as board president for the Sacramento Soccer Alliance and the Cal Middle School PTSA, among other roles. Tim is also a Certified Manufacturing Engineer (CMfgE).

APPLY NOW!

Take these steps to apply to the program:

1. Review the website: humboldt.edu/leadership
2. Contact us: Email leadership@humboldt.edu or call 707-826-3731 to learn more about whether Leadership Studies is right for you.
3. Complete the CalState Apply* application process online.
4. Submit your FAFSA* application online.

* Find these at humboldt.edu/leadership/apply

New cohorts begin every fall and spring.

Online orientation takes place the month before classes begin.

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