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Leadership Studies, B.A.

Renew your passion for learning as you complete your bachelor's degree online within a robust community of adult learners with shared goals. The Leadership Studies program is designed for students who want to build foundational leadership skills and strategies that promote personal, community, and organizational transformation. With an excellent student-faculty ratio, a focus on sustainability, equity and inclusion, and plenty of personalized support, Leadership Studies is an empowering program that offers exceptional value to a wide array of mature, independent, and motivated non-traditional students.

Experience Your Learning

Career-relevant coursework aligns with your current and future professional goals.

You will map and begin to implement a personal five-year career development plan.

You'll have abundant opportunities to interact with your community of diverse, dedicated adult learners and advisors, even if you never step foot on campus.

Gain foundational leadership skills in planning, critical thinking, sustainability, and organizational transformation that are transferable and relevant across industries.

Leadership Studies courses draw from psychology, sociology, communication, sustainability, business, and management disciplines.

Did you know?

- All courses are 100% online so students can earn their degree from anywhere in California
- Students' average age is 39 and 52% are the first in their families to graduate from college.
- 56% are students of color
- Individualized one-one-one advising on any aspect of your degree progress and success is available year-round via phone or Zoom.



Academics & Options

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Degree Requirements

The Leadership Studies degree completion program offers exceptional value and personalized support. The program is ideal for people who:

- have completed at least 60 and up to 70 units of lower division coursework.
- want to customize their learning experience to align with their current professional environment with an eye towards career advancement.
- may be affiliated with partner programs at California Community Colleges or the Office of the State Fire Marshal..

Career Advancement

Your life experiences, lived experience, and educational backgrounds are an asset. Whether you're established in your career, making a transition, or looking to transform your life, this program will help you. It is much more than a degree completion program—it also promises personal growth and professional development.

A degree in Leadership Studies is designed to help you advance in a variety of careers, including business, non-profit management, government, social services, healthcare, education, fire fighting, and law enforcement. The major is truly interdisciplinary drawing from psychology, sociology, communication, sustainability, business, and management disciplines.

The program offers excellent preparation for master's degrees in Public Administration, Business Administration, Social Work, Human Resources, law school, and other disciplinary-specific graduate programs. Graduates continue to attain leadership and management roles in both public and private sector organizations.

But the true measure of success: Our students come to know and believe in themselves, and bring that confidence to their teams in order to support others. Leadership Studies has been helping adult learners achieve the dream of a college degree since 2014.

Careers

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- Business manager
- Non-profit manager
- Public administrator
- Social worker
- Healthcare practitioner
- Firefighter
- Law enforcement officer
- Human resources manager



The Leadership Studies Program changed my life significantly—internally and externally. It gave me confidence in my abilities and leadership. For someone who is considering the program, I would encourage them to lean in and try it. I took a few general education classes that reinforced my interest in renewable energy. After graduating, I started a new chapter as a Project Manager with the distributed microgrid team at the Schatz Energy Research Center at Cal Poly Humboldt.”

Kathy Hudson ('22) Project Manager, Schatz Energy Research Center at Cal Poly Humboldt