WHAT IS LEADERSHIP STUDIES?

The major in Leadership Studies is designed for upper division transfer students to complete their bachelor’s degree 100% online. The program offers exceptional value and personalized support, empowering working adults to advance professionally and academically.

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

With courses held 100% online, add to credentials without having to leave home.

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

WHO ARE THE STUDENTS?

Over a 5-year average, the Leadership Studies students are:

- 39 average age
- 56% Students of Color
- 25% from Northern California
- 37% Pell Grant recipients
- 36% from Southern California
- 52% FIRST GENERATION in college
- 55% identify as female

120 active students in the major
New cohorts begin every fall and spring
35 students per cohort
182 graduates of the program.
Students range in age from 21 to 62. The majority are parents or guardians.

78% Retention rate
75% Graduation rate

3.5 Average Humboldt GPA
24% Earn 4.0 or better GPA

The program is accessible to non-traditional students, adult learners, rural, and returning students.
### Exceptional Student Support for Fully Online Students

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### Impact of the Leadership Studies Bachelor's Degree

A degree in Leadership Studies is designed to help students advance in a variety of careers, including business, non-profit management, government, social services, healthcare, education, fire fighting, and law enforcement, among others.

- 62% of surveyed graduates have been able to advance their career within the same industry
- 40% of surveyed graduates have increased job satisfaction
- 57% of graduates were managers, supervisors, or led teams or departments upon completing the program
- 31% of surveyed graduates saw an increase of 6% or more in salary after completing their degree
- 55% of surveyed graduates have been able to pursue their interests by moving to a new industry
- At $299/unit, LDRS is one of the most affordable degree completion programs in the CSU system.

As a direct result of this program, I shifted my career priorities and was promoted to a management position focusing on local land use. I now work directly with department heads throughout my operational area and function at the highest level of my organization.

- Stewart Buettell, Class of 2017

No other program I found matched the cost-to-value ratio of this program.

- Joseph Kaye, Class of 2022