


HOWARD UNIVERSITY
College of Arts and Sciences

DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM:
B.A. Interdisciplinary Leadership Studies Degree
Completion Program

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Leadership Studies Career Pathways:

- Social and Community Services Manager: \$75,000
- Public Affairs/Relations Manager: \$120,000
- Human Resources Director: \$130,000
- Corporate Training Manager: \$125,000
- Social Impact Consultant: \$75,000
- Management Consultant \$100,000

Source - U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics data for May 2023 or May 2024,

Degree Completion Program:

The Howard University Degree Completion Program (DCP) in Leadership Studies is a fully online, interdisciplinary degree completion program designed for adult learners who have been out of school for five or more years and have previously earned at least 60 college credits. Housed within the College of Arts and Sciences, the program prepares students to complete their undergraduate degree with a specialized focus on ethical, transformative leadership.

Rooted in Howard's legacy of social justice and academic excellence, the curriculum emphasizes leadership theory, critical thinking, community development, and public service. Courses draw from diverse disciplines—including Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Economics, and African American Studies—allowing students to explore leadership through historical, cultural, and policy-based lenses.

The program is structured around flexible, online delivery, making it accessible for working adults and non-traditional students. Graduates will be well-equipped to lead in public, private, nonprofit, and community-based organizations with a strong foundation in ethics, civic engagement, and strategic decision-making.

Application Requirements

Program Requirements:

The following are our admission requirements for the Leadership Studies DCP:

- Minimum 60 credit hours completed
- Five or more years since last enrollment at Howard University (or other institution)
- Substantial completion of general education requirements:
- English Composition (2 courses) - Third Writing Course (1 course) - Mathematics (1 course) - Natural Sciences (2 courses) - Humanities (2 courses) - Social Sciences (2 courses) - Foreign Language (as required by College of Arts and Sciences)

Benefits of the Program

- Complete B.S. in Leadership Studies 100% online
- Degree completion in two years (*if attending full-time)
- Reduced tuition rate/scholarship opportunities
- Acceptance of 60-72 transfer credits
- Development of critical leadership competencies grounded in ethical practice, transformational thinking, and community engagement
- Preparation for leadership roles across diverse sectors including government, international institutions, corporations, nonprofit organizations, and community development initiatives
- Acquisition of skills to empower individuals, families, and marginalized groups through strategic leadership, policy analysis, and collaborative innovation

Howard University's U.S News & World Report Profile Rankings

- #2 in Historically Black Colleges & Universities
- #10 in Best Undergraduate Teaching
- #31 in Most Innovative Schools

We encourage all transfer applicants to apply using the Common Application:

www.commonapp.org

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About the Leadership Studies Program

The Leadership Studies concentration provides students with an interdisciplinary understanding of leadership theory and practice. Drawing from expertise across multiple departments in the

College of Arts and Sciences—including Philosophy, African Studies, Political Science, Psychology, and Military Science—the curriculum integrates transformational leadership models, ethical frameworks, community development strategies, and real-world applications.

Students examine leadership through multiple lenses: as an inherent human phenomenon, a vital practice for harmonious collective functioning, and a set of values essential for creating positive social change. The program emphasizes ethical integrity, participatory governance, collaborative innovation, and the pursuit of shared ideals toward accomplishing worthy goals for the common good.

Through engagement with reputable leaders in government, international institutions, corporations, and academic settings, students build upon their professional experiences to develop leadership careers that advance equity, justice, and sustainable community development.

To learn more about the Degree Completion Program in Leadership Studies,