

LEADERSHIP AND GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING (LGU), MINOR

Program Description

This program is designed to make undergraduates more active learners and give them the tools to become truly engaged citizens in the various communities (local, national, global) they will enter after graduation. Our primary objective is to create students who come to understand, value and accept their responsibility to become active citizens in their community, sensitive to cultural diversity, so that they may assume active leadership roles and help others do the same. In order to meet this objective, the minor in Leadership and Global Understanding (LGU) will integrate service learning, community leadership, intercultural/international studies, travel study and student-centered pedagogy. But the key to such an objective is the integrative student centered pedagogy where students assume primary responsibility for their own learning.

Mission Statement

The Leadership and Global Understanding Minor is a program in civic engagement. Its mission is to teach students to be productive citizens and leaders in all of the communities in which they live: local, regional, national and global. Students are immersed in these communities through travel study and community partnerships. LGU begins with a commitment to the common good, showing students how to use curricular knowledge to improve the world from a social justice perspective. They are taught to connect inequities they see locally to those around the world and encouraged to work for both immediate and systemic change.

Why Take This Minor?

The LGU program is an interdisciplinary minor that aims to foster leadership qualities in undergraduate students by giving them intensive civic engagement experience on the local, national, and international levels. LGU students come from all academic units (Arts and Sciences, Nursing and Health Sciences, Business) and all majors within those schools. Over the course of their studies, LGU students interact directly with diverse individuals, which increases their intercultural competencies and inevitably changes the way they view their own academic and, ultimately, professional careers.

Students in the program engage in regular community service activities on campus and in the greater Philadelphia community, participate in travel study courses around the world that deal with overarching issues including education, social justice, and civil rights, and reflect critically on how they plan to contribute to the various communities they belong to.

Admission Requirement

Admission into the LGU minor requires an interview with the director of the program.

Required for Graduation

- Courses
- 6

- Credits
- 18

Student Learning Outcomes

- Understand theoretical debates regarding globalization and draw connections between these debates and current events
- Recognize how contemporary trends and economic, cultural, and political issues affect each other
- Acquire a greater awareness of social justice issues such as education, economic inequality, and civil rights that both cut across and are embedded in the local, national, and global levels

Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
LGU 200	Introduction to Leadership and Global Understanding	3
Select one of the following options:		6
Two LGU Travel Study Courses		
Travel Study and Immersion trip ¹		
Study Abroad ²		
Select two additional courses drawn from the following electives list:		6
LIT 250	Selected Topics in Western Literature ³	
ENG 438	World Literature, The Non-Western Tradition ³	
COM 320	Com & Culture	
REL 250	Religion and Ethics in Contemporary Culture	
REL 251	Peace and Justice in the Christian Tradition	
REL 353	Social Justice and Community Organizing	
POL 221	Comparative Governmental Systems	
ECN/POL 332	Political Economy of Africa	
POL 334	The Political Economy Of Latin America ³	
HIS 308	Latin America In Revolution	
MGT 356	Managing in The Global Economy	
MGT 357	Managing Cultural Diversity in The Workplace	
PHLT 250	Global Health	
SOC 262	Dynamics of Race and Ethnicity in Contemporary Societies	
SOC 237	The City: Conflict and Change	
SOC 308	Social Inequality in Contemporary Society	
SOC 312	Social Movements in Contemporary Society	
POL 316	Environmental Law And Policy	
A third travel study course		
A language course related to the destination of a travel study trip		
A service learning designated course		
An Inside-Out course		
LGU 400	Studies in Leadership and Global Understanding- Capstone Experience	3
Total Credits		18

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One Travel Study course may be substituted for participation on a University-sponsored immersion trip along with a concurrent (same semester as trip) or subsequent (semester immediately following trip) course that has content related to the trip destination or thematic focus. The course must be approved by the Director as fulfilling this requirement. Student must follow the usual protocol for application and acceptance into University immersion trips: status as an LGU student is unrelated to this.

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An international semester-long or summer program of at least six credits may substitute for the two LGU travel study courses.

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Specific sections, based on theme, will be approved by the director of LGU.

Recommended Course Sequence

Course	Title	Credits
Second Year		
First Semester		
LGU 200	Introduction to Leadership and Global Understanding	3
Credits		3
Second Semester		
Elective of choice		3
Credits		3
Third Year		
First Semester		
Elective of choice		3
Credits		3
Second Semester		
Travel Study or Study Abroad (or complete Summer between Junior & Senior Year)		3
Credits		3
Fourth Year		
Second Semester		
Travel Study (variable)		variable
LGU 400	Studies in Leadership and Global Understanding- Capstone Experience	3
Credits		3
Total Credits		15

Course Descriptions

Leadership and Global Understanding

LGU 200 Introduction to Leadership and Global Understanding

This experiential course examines the various communities students are members of--the campus community, the city of Philadelphia, the greater Philadelphia area, the nation and the global community. In particular, students will explore the Philadelphia community, its history and the various groups which constitute it. The Introduction to Leadership and Global Understanding will introduce the students to the rich diversity of cultural groups in the Philadelphia area. Using Philadelphia as a model, students will learn to see the "community" as multi-layered and will begin to ask important questions about the rights and obligations of citizenship within such a community.

LGU 205 Divided City: Art & Crisis

LGU 221 Turkey: The Muslim World

LGU 222 Conflict Resolution: Ireland

LGU 223 Empire/Republic Vienna/Budapes

LGU 224 Voices of Chile

LGU 226 Special Topics

LGU 227 Special Topics

LGU 228 Special Topics

LGU 229 Special Topics

LGU 230 Special Topics

LGU 231 Special Topics

LGU 232 Special Topics

LGU 271 Sprcial Topics

LGU 273 Special Topics

LGU 276 Special Topics

LGU 279 Special Topics

LGU 324 Human Rights: Chile & Phila.

LGU 336 Special Topics

LGU 343 Special Topics

LGU 344 Special Topics

LGU 345 Special Topics

LGU 346 Special Topics

LGU 347 Special Topics

LGU 366 Special Topics

LGU 370 Special Topics

LGU 371 Special Topics

LGU 372 Special Topics

LGU 373 Special Topics

LGU 374 Special Topics

LGU 375 Sprcial Topics

LGU 376 Special Topics

LGU 377 Special Topics

LGU 379 Special Topics

LGU 400 Studies in Leadership and Global Understanding- Capstone Experience

Studies in Leadership and Global Understanding is a multidisciplinary capstone course whose primary purpose is to integrate travel study courses, designated electives, home and abroad projects, curricular and extracurricular experiences including service learning opportunities of the student as he or she has progressed through the minor. Whereas the introductory course focused on the campus and Philadelphia communities, the capstone course focuses on the bridges between these more immediate communities and the global community with which the student now has some direct experience. Restriction(s): LGU minors only
Prerequisite(s): LGU 200 and progress in the LGU minor

LGU 444 Research

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