The sole focus is not on how to be a leader, but to understand how people engage in the process of leadership. It has benefitted me when looking at groups or systems in my own life and understanding why they might not be effective or efficient.

– Beth O’Neill, BA in Sociology, Public Policy Minor

Leadership Studies Minor

How you get somewhere can be just as important as arriving. We believe that leadership is a process, not an outcome.

Our vision: A thriving world mobilized by Jayhawks with the courage and leadership skills to ignite positive change.

This 18-hour minor pairs well with any major – even yours! The LSM isn’t only for people who consider themselves “leaders”; it’s for people like you who are passionate about making progress on issues they care about.

Our graduates tell us that their major got them in the door of their chosen careers, but the LSM helps them with the day-to-day aspects of their jobs.

The LSM’s requirements are straightforward:

9 hours of core classes that include:
- Seminar
- Practicum
- Capstone

9 hours of electives from classes in:
- Ethics
- Community Development
- Leadership, Diversity and Culture

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– Kelli Klecan, B.S. in Journalism – Strategic Communication
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– Blake Shuart, BA in English

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