



LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY



Leadership Academy

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At Georgia College & State University, leadership means more.

Leadership is about forging meaningful connections to our communities and world. It is a perspective, not a position. Good leadership requires us to speak out powerfully and passionately for a given cause and to marshal our resources to a given end. The intensive leadership education we provide at Georgia College & State University helps our students identify what matters to them, how to make positive change in their communities and world, and how to serve as leaders for the public good.

The Georgia College & State University Leadership Academy is an eight-month program for first-year students. Whether you're just beginning your leadership journey or already pursuing your passions, the Leadership Academy will equip you for leadership at GCSU and beyond.

Goals

The Leadership Academy will prepare you to lead at all levels. You will learn to...

1

Lead Yourself.

Leading others and leading organizations always begins with leading ourselves. The Leadership Academy will equip you to clarify your personal values and define your approach to leadership.

2

Lead Others.

In addition to the practical skills you'll acquire, effective leadership requires us to recognize and communicate our personal leadership styles. Through the Leadership Academy, you will learn to inspire a shared vision and empower others.

3

Lead at Georgia College & State University.

Using GCSU and Milledgeville as your laboratory, you will practice, reflect upon, and be mentored in your leadership. The Leadership Academy will get you connected to the community and help you build your professional network.

4

Lead Beyond.

Leadership is needed everywhere. Through the Leadership Academy, you will learn to apply your leadership broadly — to your profession, community, and world.

Why the Leadership Academy?



Personalized attention



Customized leadership-development plan and learning experiences based on your leadership profile



Ongoing leadership consultations, assessment, and feedback



Dynamic and interactive opportunities to practice your leadership — at GCSU and beyond



Mentorship from trained facilitators and faculty



Signature retreats, conferences, and travel opportunities



Networking with nationally recognized leaders, executives, and elected officials



Kendyl Lewis

Leadership Programs at GCSU have really given me a foundation for a lot of the work that I'm doing. **I don't think I could have done everything** with my food insecurity work **if it weren't for the skills I learned and support I received from GCSU Leadership Programs.**

GCSU Class of 2021
Economics and Psychology
Truman Scholarship Finalist



Lewis Barr

GCSU's **Leadership Programs** have **allowed me to spread my education far beyond fields I knew I was interested in.** Through my experiences, I've made wonderful new connections and friendships.

GCSU Class of 2021
Biology and Chemistry

Choose a *path*, or forge your own.

Our students take many paths through the Leadership Academy. With the support of our faculty, consultants, and leadership facilitators, Leadership Academy participants can choose a pathway — or design their own.

Pathways are just that: possible paths to your leadership destination. Our pathways are designed to meet you where you are and provide more specialized opportunities to learn and practice your skills as a leader. Based on your personalized leadership profile and the goals you set for yourself, you can chart a course through the Leadership Academy with the support of similarly ambitious peers and specially equipped facilitators. Your faculty and facilitators will guide and support your journey, and the Leadership Academy will provide you the tools to be successful.



The Achiever is building a strong foundation for college and for life. Through the Leadership Academy, you learn how to establish trust, build relationships, communicate ideas, empower others, make decisions, and innovate in ways that will make you a leader for the public good.

The Achiever



The Scholar sees leadership for what it is: a set of skills and ideas that can be learned, practiced, and perfected. You know that leadership is needed in all walks of life and how to build connections that link every element of society.

The Scholar



The Trailblazer is eager to take on life at Georgia College and to chart a new course. You are quick to get involved, to build relationships, to serve others, and to provide leadership in your community — at GCSU and beyond.

The Trailblazer



The Entrepreneur is on a pathway to the C-suite. Through the Leadership Academy, you will begin to build your professional networks and gain the soft skills and technical knowledge that will give you the competitive edge.

The Entrepreneur



The Change-Maker has the heart of a servant and the head of a leader. You are a humanitarian and are committed to causes bigger than yourself — leaving communities and the world happier and healthier than you found them.

The Change-Maker



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Design Your Own

650+
Program
Graduates

\$8,000
in Scholarships
Available

150+
Workshops and
Retreats

From here, anywhere.

This is only the beginning. Graduates of the Leadership Academy enjoy many benefits, during the program and across your time at Georgia College & State University.



Leadership Network

You'll be part of a network of leaders you can rely on at GCSU and beyond.



Special Opportunities

Enjoy special access to events, visiting VIPs, and networking opportunities.



Prequalified Admission

Prequalify for admission to the Leadership Certificate Program and the Georgia Education Mentorship Program.

Our graduates change the world.

Graduates of our program are spreading out across the world, serving as leaders for the public good.



Program Fee

\$195*
All program expenses and materials included

*Scholarships and late registration options available

Time Commitment

45-60 minutes per week*

*With flexibility and designed to meet your schedule

Average Workshop Size

24 participants

Leadership Consultants

15 consultants

Consultant/Participant Ratio

1:8

Pathways

5+

Continue Your Leadership Journey

Leadership Certificate Program. GCSU's Leadership Certificate Program provides students the opportunity to learn the principles of effective leadership and to acquire hands-on learning experience beyond the classroom.

Intercultural Leadership in France. Our signature study-abroad program, based in the European capital of Strasbourg, provides an engaging and interactive study of leadership across cultures, as well as practical training in human rights, dispute resolution, social responsibility, peace-building, and intercultural negotiation.

Georgia Education Mentorship Program.

A one-of-a-kind partnership between GCSU and the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the GEM Program prepares the next generation of Georgia's leaders for the public good. A mentorship and leadership program, GEM matches students with senior state leaders for a yearlong partnership that creates mutual benefit between GCSU and its partners.

Affiliate Programs. GCSU offers a range of specialized leadership-development opportunities. Through strategic partnerships across the university, we offer focused leadership experiences related to nursing, business ethics, journalism, international politics, and more.

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