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Leadership Programs

Leadership Certificate Program

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Leadership for the Public Good

At Georgia College, leadership means more. Our students are educated in the classical tradition of leadership for the public good. Beyond simply teaching students how to be successful in business or in their professions, at Georgia College, we help our students forge meaningful connections to our communities and world. The intensive leadership education we provide at Georgia College helps our students to 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 Leadership Certificate Program is a nine-credit academic program. Successful completion of the program earns a baccalaureate certificate in leadership studies from Georgia College.

Goals

We believe in the fundamental goodness of our students and in their ability to shape the future. We believe the best way to understand leadership is to put it in a practical context. We deal with the world as it ought to be and also as it is. Beyond the theoretical or philosophical level, we consider the many ways our students will practice leadership across their lives — as scholars, professionals, and citizens.

Civic Engagement and Public Affairs	Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation	Strategic Thought	Inclusive Leadership	Intercultural Negotiation	Ethics in Leadership

Why the Leadership Certificate Program?

✔	Holistic approach to leadership development	✔	Distinguished, nationally recognized academic credential
✔	Signature retreats, conferences, and travel opportunities	✔	Networking with nationally recognized leaders, executives, and elected officials
✔	Dynamic and interactive opportunities to practice your leadership	✔	Ongoing leadership consultations, assessment, and feedback

Our Network

The Leadership Certificate Program brings together a diverse community of students and faculty, united in their commitment to leadership and finding innovative solutions to the challenges confronting society. Our students are eager to connect their learning at Georgia College with enduring questions of civic life and to forge connections in our communities and world.

Our courses are taught by leading authorities on leadership, public affairs, social entrepreneurship, and strategic thought. Frequent guest facilitators include noted authors and thought-leaders, CEOs and non-profit executives, elected officials and policymakers, diplomats and military officers.

Our students are:

Curious.

Our students are inquisitive; they enjoy asking good questions and trying to understand all sides of an issue.

Civic-minded.

Our students care about the world around them and are eager to bring people together in service of the public good.

Future-oriented.

Our students look ahead with a sense of potential and hope to create positive change in their organizations and communities.

Motivated.

Our students are driven by a sense of accomplishment.

Where will your leadership take you?

Each student takes a unique, personalized pathway through the Leadership Certificate Program. With the support and guidance from our faculty, consultants, and network, our students chart a course for their lifelong leadership journeys.

01 COLLOQUIUM

- How to Change the World

02 EXPERIENCE

- Leadership Practicum
- Leadership Clinic
- Intercultural Leadership in France
- GC in DC

03 SEMINAR

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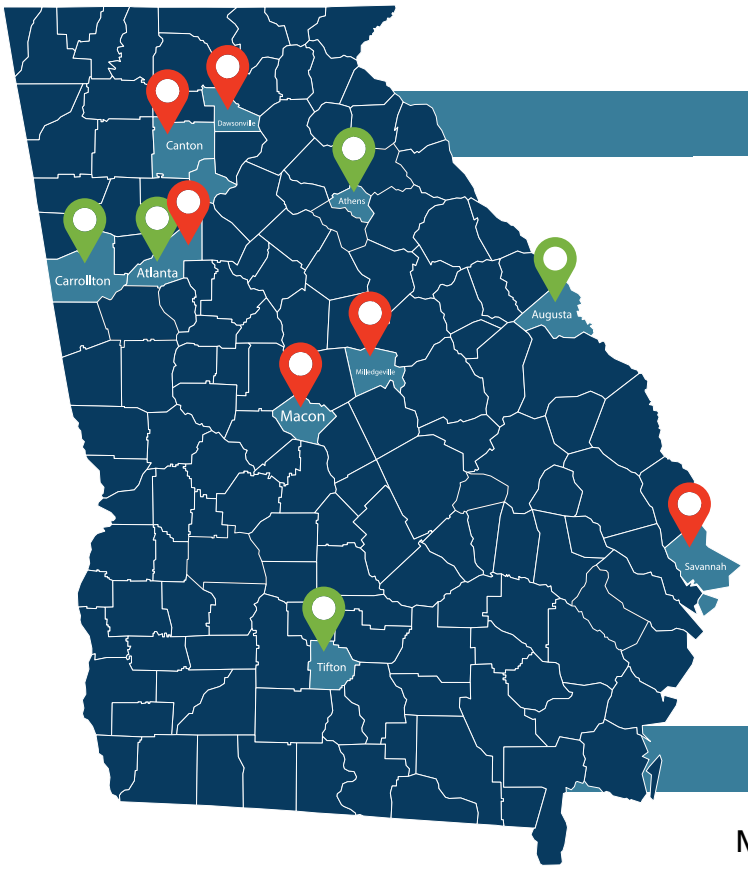
- Citizenship
- Grand Strategy
- Those Who Lead, Mentor

LEADERSHIP IN THE DISCIPLINES

- National Security Policy
- Group Leadership

Course Examples



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1,800+	$104k	40+
Program Alumni	Economic Impact	Community Partners

Program Duration	9 credit hours Typically 2-3 semesters	**Time Commitment**	2-3 hours per month (In addition to class)
Course Options	10+ courses offered annually	**Instructor/Student Ratio**	1:12 with 5 instructors
Leadership Coaching Consultations	5+	**Cost**	GC tuition applied to course enrollments with $0 additional course/program fees

Continue Your Leadership Journey

Georgia Education Mentorship Program. A one-of-a-kind partnership between Georgia College 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 Georgia College and its partners.

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.

Affiliate Programs. Georgia College 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.

LEARN MORE AND START YOUR APPLICATION AT:

gcsu.edu/leadership

FAQs • Schedule a conversation • Begin your application

OUR STUDENTS SAY...

"The Leadership Certificate Program challenged my mind to see the prospects of my impact as global, even when seemingly localized. This knowledge has over the years served to inform my strategy for work, relationship building, social responsibility, and living in general."

Nwamaka Ifionu, '07
Deputy Director
Save the Children International

"The Leadership Certificate Program really put leadership into perspective and showed me the different ways I can act on the passion that I felt for environmental conservation."

Rachel Hodge Kipar, '08
Circular Ventures Manager
The Recycling Partnership

Join a community of scholars committed to leadership for the public good.

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