Montana State University’s Leadership Fellows Certificate Program (LFCP), a 16-credit program of study, is interdisciplinary in nature. With leadership development as a focus, and based upon historical, theoretical, and experiential foundations of leadership, students develop competencies needed for relational and engaged leadership. Students initially explore the foundations of leadership through a broad survey of leadership theories, including adaptive leadership, before progressing to the three programmatic pillars that are foundational to the certificate: Leadership and the Individual, Leadership in Community, and Global Leadership. Students will have opportunities to gain an applied understanding of leadership through elective coursework and short-term study abroad experiences. Lastly, students synthesize their learning in a Leadership Capstone, a culminating course offering, which presently includes the awarding of a Leadership Certificate and a Leadership Fellows designation on official transcripts. Plans are being made to offer a Minor in Leadership Studies in the near future.

Required coursework toward the certificate includes HLD 121US and HLD 302. Designed to provide students with the essential tools needed to discover and develop their potential as positive change agents and empowered followers, these courses utilize critical reading and writing; require original undergraduate research; and encourage dialectical thinking through lecture and class discussion, experiential learning, study abroad opportunities, and in-nature and arts-based modalities.

To obtain the Leadership Fellows Certificate, students must take 12 additional electives. Six of the electives come from electives in the student’s major area(s) of study. This allows the student to investigate more deeply the ethical, contextual, and relational issues of leadership and followership within their particular program of study. The remaining six electives are chosen from an approved list of leadership-specific electives outside the student’s major area(s) of study, thereby providing the student with universal perspectives on leading and following.

Sooner or later, regardless of your chosen career, everything comes down to how you lead and, for that matter, follow. The courses offered in MSU’s Leadership Fellows Certificate Program are universally applicable to, and relevant for, any student interested in effecting life-affirming change in the world.

To access the updated complete list of approved, leadership-specific electives and to learn more about the program, please see the Leadership Fellows website (http://www.montana.edu/leadershipfellows/). You may also request a complete list of approved electives by emailing Stephanie Lindsay (stephanie.lindsay@montana.edu).

Other requirements:
1. Earn a grade of “C” (2.0) or better in each course used to satisfy the certificate
2. No “credit by exam” may be used
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