

# Student Leadership Certificate

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Student Leadership Certificate? *It is a university-wide initiative designed to educate undergraduate campus leaders through the completion of course work, programs, activities, and experiences that provide a pathway to student success, development, and personal growth. The certificate combines formal classroom instruction (12 credit hours) with out-of-class experiences to create a structured learning environment. The goal is to develop the whole student through knowledge acquisition, skill development, and civic engagement.*
2. How do I get started? **Step 1.** *Enroll in the Introduction course (OLHR 2053 Foundations of Student Leadership)*  
**Step 2.** *Email Dr. Susie at [susan.mahoney@uc.edu](mailto:susan.mahoney@uc.edu) to set up an appointment to discuss your co-curricular involvement. Dr. Susie will send you an intake form that asks for details regarding your current and future co-curricular involvement.*  
**Step 3.** *Once approved, go on-line on the A&S site to declare certificate enrollment.*
3. Who can enroll in the courses? *Any UC student interested in taking courses towards the Student Leadership Certificate. The Student Leadership Certificate is housed in the Organization Leadership Human Resources (OLHR) program out of the Department of Psychology in the College of Arts & Sciences.*
4. Can I just take one course? *Yes, students can enroll in just one course. If you are an involved student and are looking to create artifacts and prep for professional interviews to discuss your involvement experience, the practicum course would be just as helpful as a stand alone course. We encourage students to complete the certificate, but understand that this may not be possible for some of our upperclass students.*
5. What co-curricular involvement is required for the certificate? *A variety of involvement opportunities across campus as well as in the Cincinnati community will count towards the practicum hours in the certificate program. Students will be asked to have experience in the following domains:*
  - Leadership Development
  - Engaging in the Community
  - Advancing Communication Skills
  - Developing Cultural Awareness
6. When are courses offered? *Courses are offered during the fall and spring semesters. Students could finish the course in one academic year. The intro course (OLHR2053) and practicum courses (OLHR4098) will be offered in the fall and spring. If you are interested in taking a summer course, please let us know.*