Nonprofit Leadership Program

Nonprofit leadership education for undergraduate and graduate students

Get a Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership or add a minor in Nonprofit Leadership to complement your major.

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Nonprofits are the driving force behind change in our communities. Rewarding employment opportunities include healthcare, social services, policy development, environmental services and community organizing. Nonprofits include groups throughout the United States as well as nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) doing important work in countries throughout the world. Examples of the many nonprofit organizations include: Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross, YMCA, YWCA, Girls Scouts, Children’s Defense Fund, Global Exchange and Amnesty International.

A bridge to the nonprofit sector

Nonprofit organizations are in the business of making the world a better place. They transform lives and solve our communities’ most complex problems. But they’re only as effective as their leadership.

With a Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership you’ll be recognized and rewarded for your demonstrated commitment to the nonprofit sector, stand out in a growing field of job applicants, and become part of the creative solutions to the difficult, complex problems facing our world.
Online or in the classroom

Through our accessible online program, undergraduate and graduate students from diverse backgrounds and varied levels of experience come together from around the world, providing a wide range of cultural and professional perspectives all bound by a common desire to create positive change.

On-campus students enjoy the opportunity to take courses that are not yet available online. Face-to-face or online, the Nonprofit Leadership Program prepares students for the diverse array of careers available in the nonprofit sector.

For all those differences, the Certificate program offers common ground.

It’s a place where students build the skills necessary to become better leaders. It’s a place where students think globally, even while they actively engage in strengthening organizations and transforming their own neighborhoods. It’s a place where they learn to implement their ideals.

Work that matters: Unlimited possibilities for motivated students

You’re an energetic, ambitious problem-solver who wants to do work that matters. Work that expresses your values.

For anyone who wants to make a difference, there has never been a better time to consider a career in nonprofits – the fastest growing employment sector in the country.

Nonprofits offer a world of opportunity and a variety of employment areas including:

- Program management
- Communication/public relations/marketing
- Health/human services
- Youth/recreation services
- Fund raising/development
- Visual art, music, theatre and literature
- Program design, research and development
- Environmental services
- Advocacy/grassroots organizing
- Volunteer management
- Emergency services
Here's how to get Your undergraduate Nonprofit Leadership Certificate:

Students and working professionals interested in completing the undergraduate level Nonprofit Leadership Certificate should take NPL 273 as their introduction to the world of nonprofit organizations. As students near completion of the certificate, NPL 473 provides a capstone experience.

Each student in the program takes a unique combination of classes chosen from specific content areas: program planning and evaluation, program administration, and financial management and development (fund raising). With the required internship, the undergraduate Certificate requires a total of 18 credit hours.

Program requirements include:

Complete the following required, 3-credit courses:

> NPL 273 Nonprofit Leadership: Introduction to Nonprofit Leadership
> NPL 473 Nonprofit Leadership: Advanced Workshop in Nonprofit Leadership

Take one class from each of the following areas:

Program Planning and Evaluation

> SOC 466 Program Planning
> URSI 413 Urban Program Evaluation; or
> SOWK 469 Applied Social Work Research; or
> RPLS 376 Program Planning or

Program Administration

> RPLS 473 Administration of Leisure Time Programs; or
> URSI 230 Community Leadership; or
> SOC 417 Program Administration; or
> ART 434 Arts Administration

Financial Management and Development (Choose 3-6 credits)

> URSI 453 Grants Administration
> RPLS 465 Events Management
> NPL 486 Fundraising for Nonprofits
> NPL 488 Financial Management for Nonprofits

Internship

Community Experience

> coordinated by internship supervisor in participating departments

Complete a 3-credit internship working for a nonprofit organization with faculty supervision from your major: 1) Sociology and Corrections, 2) Gender & Women’s Studies, 3) Social Work, 4) Urban Studies, or 5) Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services.

If your major is not in one of these five departments, contact the Director of the Nonprofit Leadership Program to discuss internship options.
Here's how to get your graduate-level Nonprofit Leadership Certificate:

Students and working professionals interested in completing the graduate level Nonprofit Leadership Certificate take NPL 673 as their introduction to the program.

Each student in the program takes a unique combination of classes chosen from specific content areas: program planning and evaluation, program administration, and financial management and development (fund raising). With the required internship, the graduate Certificate requires a total of 15 credit hours.

Program requirements include:

Complete NPL 673
Nonprofit Leadership

Review the following course options to design the unique combination of courses that reflect your individual interests. Each student completing the graduate level certificate must take one class from each of the following areas:

**Program Planning and Evaluation**
- URSI 513 Urban Program Evaluation; or
- SOC 566 Program Planning; or
- GWS 600 Collective Action (formerly WOST 600)

**Program Administration**
- RPLS 573 Administration of Leisure Time Programs; or
- SOC 517 Program Administration; or
- ART 534 Arts Administration

**Financial Management and Development** (Choose 3-6 credits)
- URSI 553 Grants Administration; or
- RPLS 565 Events Management.
- NPL 586 Fundraising for Nonprofits
- NPL 588 Financial Management for Nonprofits

**Internship**

Community Experience
- coordinated by internship supervisor in participating departments

Complete a 3-credit internship working for a nonprofit organization with faculty supervision from your major:
1) Sociology and Corrections, 2) Gender & Women’s Studies, 3) Social Work, 4) Urban and Regional Studies Institute, or 5) Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services.

**Need an undergraduate minor?**

The Nonprofit Leadership Program now offers a minor. Take one additional course from the NPL course list and receive a minor in Nonprofit Leadership (21 credit hours instead of 18).
If your major is not in one of these five departments, don’t worry. Contact the Director of the Nonprofit Leadership Program to find out how the program can work best for you and your particular interests. We can always accommodate working professionals and students from other departments and institutions.

For those with a minimum of six credit hours during a semester, financial aid is also available to complete the Certificate. Contact the Financial Aid Office and be sure to tell them that you are completing the Nonprofit Leadership Certificate, which is considered a “second degree.”

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Complete an undergraduate or graduate level Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership or complete an undergraduate minor to complement your major.
Educating leaders

Many students and working professionals are looking for careers that express their values and connect them with a sense of community. They come to the NPL Certificate program to enrich their career, refresh their outlook or simply renew their leadership skills. Others are attracted to the program’s blend of theory, practice, and online convenience.

While completing the certificate, you’ll connect practice and knowledge and find the courses relevant, timely and insightful. And most importantly, the NPL program is flexible. You’ll be able to take classes – as many or few as you like – when it works for you.

Through the Nonprofit Leadership Program, you’ll work with students and faculty on local and global issues. You’ll learn how to make the world a better place – wherever your passion for building community takes you.

For more information, please visit: sbs.mnsu.edu/nplc/