The Program

SUNY Plattsburgh’s Master of Science (M.S.) in Leadership is designed for the next generation of leaders.

Emphasizing skills needed by organizations in the North Country and Adirondack Region, this unique program provides opportunities for coursework both on the Plattsburgh campus and our Branch Campus at Adirondack Community College (ACC) in Queensbury.

The program appeals to aspiring leaders in business, non-profits, education, government, health care, and other areas which require an understanding of the methodology, techniques, and real world applications our program provides.

This graduate program meets the current and future career needs of aspiring leaders and the skill needs of regional organizations. Our graduate program enables students to investigate new ideas, expand their knowledge and professional skills, and to experience the life-long challenge of learning.

The 36 credit hour Leadership Program may be completed on a full or part-time basis. The program may be completed in as little as 12-15 months or within a period of 7 years.

In order to meet your needs, classes are offered in the evenings, on the weekends, in the summer, and online (web).

SUNY Plattsburgh

SUNY Plattsburgh is a residential college of 660 graduate and 5400 undergraduate students emphasizing professional preparation within a solid liberal arts tradition. High teaching standards, a significant level of faculty involvement with students, and the best possible scholarship combine in an atmosphere of civility and scenic beauty. The College’s proximity to Canada—especially cosmopolitan Montreal—adds a distinct international component that is reflected in the curriculum. Plattsburgh and its Branch Campus are widely known for their welcoming and supportive campus community.

The Branch Campus

The SUNY Plattsburgh Branch Campus, located on the campus of the Adirondack Community College (ACC) in Queensbury, NY, serves about 350 full-time and part-time students in graduate and undergraduate degree and certificate programs.
Admission Requirements

Admissions decisions are based on past academic records, work experience, and demonstrated personal and professional success, integrity and motivation.

All students must complete one of the following entrance exams: the Miller Analogies Test (MAT), Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT).

All prospective students, with a Bachelor’s degree, may begin the program during any semester as a non-matriculated student. A non-matriculated student may accumulate up to 12 semester credits which may count toward the degree. Students are encouraged to seek advisement from the program coordinator prior to registering for courses.

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All students must complete the core requirements in leadership and research (24 credits), an experiential learning requirement (3 credits), and a minor concentration in one of the two options in leadership or a third in fiduciary leadership (9 credits each) for a total of 36 semester hours:

A. Core Requirements in Leadership: 18 credits
- MLS 501 Pro-seminar in Organizational Leadership (3 cr.)
- MLS 510 Studies in Leadership Communication (3 cr.)
- MLS 511 Systems, Change and the Dynamics of Complexity (3 cr.)
- MLS 515 Leadership Analysis, Thinking, and Planning (3 cr.)
- MLS 537 Team and Organizational Learning (3 cr.)
- MLS 581 Ethics in Administration (3 cr.)

B. Research Requirements: 6 credits
- MLS 585 Research Methods and Writing (3 cr.)
- MLS 590 Professional Project/Thesis (3 cr.)

C. Experiential Requirement: 3 credits
- MLS 591 Applied Leadership Internship (3 cr.) OR
- MLS 592 Applied Leadership Observational Study (3 cr.)

Students choose one of the following minor concentrations for 9 credits:

1. Leadership Policy and Processes (9 cr.): Select 3 courses
   - MLS 535 Process Quality Leadership (3 cr.)
   - MLS 538 Brokering Alliances and Networks (3 cr.)
   - MLS 552 Program Evaluation and Grant Writing (3 cr.)
   - MLS 580 Seminar in Public Policy (3 cr.)

2. Leadership Tools (9 cr.): Select 3 courses
   - MLS 502 Accounting for Managers (3 cr.)
   - MLS 516 Studies in Negotiation and Bargaining (3 cr.)
   - MLS 521 Marketing for Managers (3 cr.)
   - MLS 530 Financial Management (3 cr.)

3. Fiduciary Leadership (9 cr.)
   - MLS 506 Accounting Theory and Research (3 cr.)
   - MLS 508 Advanced Topics in Auditing/Assurance Services (3 cr.)
   - MLS 514 Tax Issues for Corporations and Non-Profits (3 cr.)

Financial Aid

Several forms of financial aid—including the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for New York State residents, Federal Direct Loans, and college work-study awards—are available to qualified graduate students. The college also offers a limited number of scholarships and assistantships (www.plattsburgh.edu/admissions/graduate/assistantships/).

Part-time employment opportunities exist on campus and in the community. The graduate catalog and application packet have further information about financial aid. For more information, email: finaid@plattsburgh.edu.