MASTER OF SCIENCE: LEADERSHIP

The Leadership Program has rolling admissions.

Applications for full-time students are generally accepted only for the Fall Semester. Applications for part-time students may be submitted at any time.

The program is available at:
- Main Campus in Plattsburgh
- Branch Campus in Queensbury

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 course work both on the Plattsburgh Campus and our Branch Campus in Queensbury.

The program appeals to students who aspire to lead in their personal, professional, and community lives. With an emphasis on public service and applied techniques, methodologies, and understanding in any context and any professional domain, this program provides a unique opportunity for self-directed learning.

This personal leadership development program is focused on experiential learning, allowing students to learn and apply best practices in career enhancing field experiences with selected leaders.

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, this multi-disciplinary and student centered program offers classes in the evenings, on the weekends, in the summer, and online (web).

SUNY PLATTSBURGH

SUNY Plattsburgh is a residential college of 600 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.

SUNY Plattsburgh at Queensbury—our Branch Campus located in the Regional Higher Education Center at SUNY Adirondack in Queensbury—serves about 350 full-time and part-time students in graduate and undergraduate degree and certificate programs.

For information about the area, see the following website: <www.plattsburgh.edu/admissions/region.php>

FINANCIAL AID

Several forms of financial aid—including Federal Direct Loans, and college work-study awards—are available to qualified graduate students.

The college also offers a limited number of Graduate Diversity Fellowships and Graduate Assistantships.

See the following website for information: <www.plattsburgh.edu/offices/admin/financialaid/graduateinformation.php>
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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

SUNY Plattsburgh requires a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.5 for acceptance into its graduate programs.

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All applicants must complete the 4-page Application for Graduate Study, including a statement of purpose, three letters of recommendation, resume, and official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.

International applicants also need to submit satisfactory TOEFL scores and financial documentation.

THE PROGRAM

The M.S. Leadership Program is 36 credit hours. All students must complete the core requirements in leadership (27 credits), an experiential learning requirement (3 credits), and a research requirement (6 credit hours):

A. Core Requirements in Leadership: 27 credits
   - MLS 501—Holistic Leadership
   - MLS 510—Studies in Leadership Communication

B. Experiential Requirement: 3 credits
   - MLS 591—Applied Leadership Internship
     OR
   - MLS 592—Applied Leadership Observational Study

C. Research Requirements: 6 credits
   - MLS 585—Research Methods and Writing
   - MLS 590—Master’s Thesis

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 credit hours which may count toward the degree.

All matriculated and non-matriculated students are strongly advised to plan their study by meeting with the program coordinator.

It should be understood that with the exception of the field experience—MLS 591 and MLS 592—courses are offered only once per calendar year which includes winter and summer sessions.

Furthermore, you must take some courses during the winter and summer sessions.

Courses are offered in a variety of formats: online only, teleconference, face-to-face meetings, some Saturdays, and more.