

# LEADERSHIP AND PERSONALIZED STUDIES (AA)

Department website (<https://www.uwp.edu/learn/programs/liberal-studies-and-leadership-aa.cfm>)

College: College of Arts & Humanities

The associate of arts degree with a major in leadership and personalized studies provides students a well-rounded academic foundation and a customized exploration of various leadership skills. A student graduating with an associate of arts degree with the leadership and personalized studies major will be open to learning and growing in their careers, and possess the analytical skills to navigate the increasingly dynamic employment landscape. The program consists of a minimum of 60 credits that includes university skills requirements, general education requirements, an ethnic diversity requirement, and the program-specific requirements.

## Program Learning Outcomes

1. Communication: Effective communication skills include listening, speaking, reading, writing, and information literacy.
2. Ethical Reasoning and Action: Individual, social, and environmental responsibility includes civic knowledge and engagement (both global and local).
3. History: Recognizing patterns in past events and seeing their relevance to present-day life; demonstrating how contemporary social issues are rooted in past events and political choices; understanding the impacts of the social and physical environments on individual experience; and speculating in informed ways about how present-day trends might affect the future.
4. Critical and Creative Thinking: The capacity to combine or synthesize existing ideas and information; comprehensively explore issues, ideas, objects, and events before reaching a conclusion.
5. Intercultural Knowledge: Understanding and empathizing with people from diverse cultures; understanding societies and cultures on their own terms; interacting and working with people from diverse backgrounds; and leading or contributing support to those who lead.
6. Interdisciplinary Perspective: The ability to make deliberate connections among various academic disciplines, to comprehend and participate in more than one discipline; the ability to reflect on the nature and value of an interdisciplinary perspective.

## Requirements for the A.A. in Leadership and Personalized Studies

| Code   | Title  | Credits |
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| <b>Basic Skills Requirements</b>                     |  |         |
| <i>English/Writing Skills Course</i>                 |  |         |
| ENGL 101   | Composition and Reading <sup>1</sup>               | 3       |
| <i>Computational and Quantitative Skills Courses</i> |  |         |
| Select one of the following:                         |  | 3-5     |
| MATH 102   | Quantitative Reasoning <sup>2</sup>                |         |
| MATH 103   | Elementary Statistics <sup>2</sup>                 |         |
| MATH 104   | College Mathematics with Applications <sup>2</sup> |         |
| MATH 111   | College Algebra I <sup>2</sup>                     |         |
| <b>General Education Requirements <sup>3</sup></b>   |  |         |

### Humanities and the Arts Courses (12 credits)

Six credits completed through required courses.  
Select six credits; three must be outside LBST and COMM. 6

### Social and Behavioral Sciences Courses (12 credits)

Three credits completed through required courses.  
Select nine credits, three may be LBST, the other six need to be from two different departments. 9

### Natural Sciences Courses (12 credits)

Select four courses from three different departments. 12

### Ethnic Diversity Course

Select one course that carries "DV" credit. 0-3

### Leadership Core Courses

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| COMM 105 | Public Speaking for the 21st Century <sup>4</sup> | 3 |
| LBST 103 | Understanding Social Justice <sup>4</sup>         | 3 |
| LBST 210 | Introduction to Leadership <sup>4</sup>           | 3 |

### Leadership Elective Courses

Select nine credits. Work with your program advisor to select courses personalized to your interests and learning outcomes. 9

### Foreign Language Requirement <sup>5</sup>

Select one of the following: 0-8

FREN 103    Introductory French I  
& FREN 104    and Introductory French II

SPAN 103    Introductory Spanish I  
& SPAN 104    and Introductory Spanish II

### Electives

In consultation with advisor, select other courses as needed to reach a total of at least 60 credits. 9

**Total Credits** **60-73**

<sup>1</sup> This course fulfills the university writing skills requirements.

<sup>2</sup> This course fulfills the university computational skills requirements.

<sup>3</sup> There are 36 credits required for general education, but after taking required courses for the program, 27 credits will be needed.

<sup>4</sup> These courses count toward general education requirements for UW-Parkside.

<sup>5</sup> 0-8 credits depending on placement.

How credits count:

Courses can count for multiple requirements such as a program requirement and a general education requirement but, the credits only count once.

Depth, two-course sequence requirement:

The University of Wisconsin system has a requirement that each associate degree program must contain at least one two-course sequence in which the first course provides the foundation for the second course. The sequence is met by the Leadership Core Requirement courses.