Leadership

Degree Type
Master of Science (MS)

Admission Requirements

Admissions criteria for the Master of Science in Leadership (MSL)

Graduate Admissions - Masters level

Prospective students are required to submit the following:

- Completion of application for admission
- Official transcripts for bachelor or graduate degree within 5 weeks of the class start date (refer to Conditional Acceptance). (All credentials earned outside the United States must be evaluated by a NACES or AICE-member credential evaluation service). Please speak with an admissions representative for more information.

Note: See program notes and specific requirements below for each graduate - masters level degree program

Specific requirements for admission to classified graduate status are:

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- Completion of application for admission.
- A 2.7 overall grade point average or higher on completed requirements for the baccalaureate degree, or an earned graduate degree from an accredited institution with a CGPA of 3.0 or higher.

Provisional Admission**:**

Applicants with an undergraduate degree CGPA of less than a 2.7, but not lower than a 2.3, or a graduate degree CGPA of less than 3.0, but not lower than a 2.7, will be considered for provisional admission. Students who do not attain a 3.0 GPA in the first quarter will be dismissed. Students cannot appeal the dismissal from the university as a result of failure to meet the conditions of provisional admission.

For additional admissions information please see the admissions section here.

Program Overview and Outcomes

Offered at Columbia, Online Programs, Savannah, and Virginia Beach.

Note: Not all Online Program offerings are available to residents of all U.S. states. Please contact an admissions representative for further information.

The Master of Science in Leadership degree program is designed to provide students the opportunity to develop skills in leadership, communication, problem solving and teamwork for use in a broad range of organizations. These skills are critical for successfully managing and leading organizations in today's dynamic organizational environment.

The 12-course (48 credit hours) program is designed for experienced professionals seeking to advance in their careers and for individuals with limited professional experience seeking to develop skills that can prepare them to seek employment managing and leading individuals, teams, departments and organizations.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

1. Assess how individuals, cultures, society, ethics, and psychological principles affect the actions and decisions of leaders as they influence individual and organizational stakeholders.
2. Influence others through effective communication skills that present clear, scholarly, and persuasive arguments.
3. Apply critical thinking to examine qualitative and quantitative data, including evaluation and synthesis of data for problem recognition and problem solving.
4. Demonstrate information literacy, including the ability to determine the extent of information needed, assess the needed information, evaluate information and its sources critically, and use information effectively, ethically, and legally to accomplish a specific purpose.

Master of Science in Leadership: 48 Credits

Foundation: Personal Leadership: 12 Credits

Course Code	Title	Credits
LEA5100	Leadership, Organization Theory and Change	4.0
LEA5125	Leadership Ethics, Culture, and Politics	4.0
MBA5001	Organizational Behavior and Communication	4.0

Core: Organizational Leadership: 32 Credits

Course Code	Title	Credits
LEA5130	Team Building and Group Dynamics	4.0
LEA5140	Emotional Intelligence and Leadership	4.0
LEA6150	Coaching and Professional Development	4.0
LEA6175	International Leadership	4.0
LEA6180	Strategic Negotiations	4.0
LEA6185	International Negotiations	4.0
MBA6501	Strategic Human Resources Management	4.0
MBA6505	Organizational Development and Change Management	4.0

Capstone: 4 Credits

Course Code	Title	Credits
LEA6999	Strategic Leadership and Implementation	4.0
	Total Credits	**48**