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UK Ag Equine Programs receives American Horse Publications awards





Greetings from Kentucky! It's summer - my favorite time of the year!

After a highly successful spring semester, we graduated 23 students and we wish them good luck in their future careers. We are excited to watch how they will contribute to the industry and will always be here if they ever need us.

Currently, we are gearing up for fall semester, with summer advising promising to be huge (we have close to 100 incoming freshmen). Although UK isn't for everyone, it IS the choice for those that love the horse industry and life in the beautiful Bluegrass.

While the pace on campus slows down drastically over the summer, horse activities across the state are in full swing. There are countless shows and clinics every weekend throughout Kentucky. What a fun time for horse enthusiasts! I myself have started horse showing again and am proud to say that my horse and I have beaten everyone in the cross-rail classes! Hey, you have to start somewhere.

Other things that have happened in the last couple of months:

- 1. We saw California Chrome win the Derby and the Preakness, rise to stardom, become everyone's favorite horse and arrive in fourth place at the Belmont. One more year goes by without a Triple Crown winner.
- 2. Dr. Coleman became a grandfather for the fourth time.
- 3. Dr. Rossano started taking dressage lessons.
- 4. Two students are completing their internships in Costa Rica and China.
- 5. Dr. Urschel is getting married.
- 6. Ms. LaBonty is going to Australia to find more internship spots.
- 7. And we learned that the 2015 Breeders' Cup will be at Keeneland.

We still have one more month for the summer break. Enjoy it wisely. Remember to keep you and your horse healthy and hydrated. We all look forward to your return in the fall!

Fernanda C. Camargo, Associate Professor- Equine Extension Specialist



Upcoming Events:

August 27
First day of class

August 28

Department of Veterinary Science Equine Diagnostic Research Seminar Series, 4 p.m., Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Lexington. Topic: "Fluid therapy choices for the sick foal: when, what and how much?" Speaker: Pam Wilkins, University of Illinois



Stephanie Rowney at her internship

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Dr. Martin Nielsen, assistant professor in the Department of Veterinary Science at Bryarfest Photo: His daughter, Ida-Sophie Sigsgaard

Student Professionalism Series

Elizabeth LaBonty

The University of Kentucky Equine Science and Management undergraduate degree program strives to not only educate you about equine science, but also to prepare you for your future career. Part of this preparation includes classroom guest lectures, hands on labs, requiring an internship before you graduate, exposing you to numerous industry related careers and, most recently, we have added a series called the Student Professionalism Series to the Wildcat Canter. The Student Professionalism Series will offer insights and tips to help you effectively prepare for, find, apply to and obtain the career of your choice.

One of the best things about college is that every semester marks a new beginning. You get to start each class with a clean slate. I had a professor in college that once said, "On the first day of class everyone starts with an A; it's what they do from there that will determine what their final grade will be." I loved that idea!

So here we are, fall semester on the horizon and it's time to start thinking about it. I would like to encourage you to take some time over the next month and set some goals for yourself. Maybe you want to get a 3.0 GPA this semester, or a 4.0. Maybe you want to pass that chemistry class you are taking for the second time, or perhaps you want to get an A in at least one class. Whatever your goals may be, dream big, challenge yourself and create a plan to achieve what you set out to do. Determine that this semester you will get to know your professors, not miss class, not procrastinate, make friends and study together.

Perhaps you will set goals for yourself outside the classroom. If I could recommend one goal for you, it would be to get involved. Go to the Welcome Back BBQ, join a club or team, make new friends, go to a football game, go to Keeneland, go to an equine event outside your favorite discipline. The possibilities are endless.

Above all, don't just think about your goals for this upcoming semester. Write them down, put them somewhere you will see them, reread them often and even share them with others. Research shows that the more you see, think about and talk about your goals, the more likely you are to achieve them. Right now faculty are spending the summer learning, relaxing and traveling. But come Aug. 27, we will be geared up ready for a new year. May it be everyone's best year yet. May you set high goals and may we do everything we can to help you achieve them. See you soon!

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Here, LaBonty interacts with a child in a Haiti orphanage during a recent mission trip.

Equine events from a different perspective

Hannah Forte

As an intern at Equestrian Events, Inc., Kylie Stavola was responsible for assisting the directors in preparation for the 2014 Rolex Kentucky 3-Day Event. Stavola gained a new perspective on horse shows because the internship allowed her to see from a different perspective than that of a spectator or volunteer.

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Stavola has been riding and showing horses for 11 years, ever since a summer riding camp she attended at the age of 7. She has experience working with horses as a barn hand, instructor and camp counselor.

Originally from East Brunswick, N.J., Stavola came to UK because of the distinctiveness of its equine program. She found that UK offered a unique degree program as well as a large school atmosphere.

An upcoming senior in the Equine Science and Management program, Stavola said, "I thoroughly enjoy the business emphasis of the program since I do not want to work hands-on with horses as my career."



"When I met with Kylie to discuss her career ambitions there were several internships that would have worked, but Equestrian Events was by far the best one for her specific goals," said Elizabeth LaBonty, Lecturer and Internship Coordinator. "They put on a major event but are a small enough staff that an intern is both highly-valued and beneficial."

As an intern, Stavola's duties included email, writing, research and tasks such as preparing tickets. During the event, Stavola worked closely with sponsors as a liaison to ensure they were happy and with other branches of the event to organize information. The internship was very valuable to her because it helped her gain experience troubleshooting unforeseen issues.

"I learned how to work with people. How to be patient and keep everyone happy. I learned the best methods to talk with clients and how to quickly respond to problems. Multi-tasking and prioritizing were other skills that I practiced quite often at this internship," Stavola said.

Lee Carter, the Executive Director of Equestrian Events, Inc., said, "Stavola went above and beyond her intern duties and was dependable, energetic and self-motivating in completing all tasks at hand. She was organized and

innovative in problem solving, and was a huge asset to all the staff throughout her internship."

In her last year at UK, Stavola plans to build up her resume and search for jobs or internships after graduation.

UK CAFE Alumni Plaza celebrates college mission

Carol Lea Spence

Everyone agreed; the approach to W.P. Garrigus Building had seen better days. Well, better days are here again, with the completion of the new College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Alumni Plaza.

University of Kentucky President Eli Capilouto, CAFE Dean Nancy Cox and former dean Scott Smith were on hand June 24 to cut the ribbon. Also included in the dedication ceremony were Kevin Kreide, Physical Plant Division director; Boyd Sewe, landscape architecture student; and Ramona Fry, principal at element design and project manager for the plaza renovation. Fry and design team members, Liz Piper and Mark Arnold are alumni of the college's Department of Landscape Architecture.

"The completion of our Alumni Plaza is cause for celebration—celebration of our college alumni, celebration of our students and celebration of our threefold land-grant mission of teaching, research and extension," Cox said.



The new Alumni Plaza. Photo: Jackson Wells

"I think it's outstanding. It's money well spent. It's going to be a place that students, staff and faculty can enjoy and take pride in and use everyday."

The diversity, beauty and seasonality of Kentucky's agriculture inspired the plaza's design. The plantings, in raised beds, are not just aesthetically pleasing, but have the practical function of providing spatial separation and controlling surface runoff. Along with agricultural plantings, a "demo forest" was planted, using 13 potentially blight-resistant sapling American chestnut trees 1.0 and 50 pure American chestnuts, which have started to sprout from planted nuts. The trees were donated by The American Chestnut Foundation, which has a breeding program that strives to restore the American chestnut to the Appalachian Mountains.

Fry told the gathered crowd that the plaza is now "a place that provides for outdoor classrooms, learning, socialization and research, with a meaningful investment in stewardship and greening our campus. It's a place for large gatherings and for small, everyday conversations, a place to meet colleagues and make lifelong friends. It's a place that celebrates the environment of education."

The idea to renovate the space came from Kreide, who thought a revitalized plaza could make an important difference to that part of the college. He and now-retired vice president for UK Facilities Management Bob Wiseman kept the door open for local firms to submit innovative designs for the plaza. The selection committee unanimously approved element design's vision, saying it successfully reflected the image of UK and the college. Now that the work is done, Kreide believes the nine-month construction process was worth it.

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For Fry, Piper and Arnold, the opportunity to give back to the college that gave them so much as undergraduates is something they'll always value.

"To stand today in this vibrant, beautiful Alumni Plaza is both wonderful and humbling. The opportunity to help transform this place, to give something back of ourselves and our education here, where it all happened, is beyond measure. We are honored to be a part of this experience," Fry said.

http://news.ca.uky.edu/article/uk-cafe-alumni-plaza-celebrates-college-mission

UK Ag Equine Programs participates in 2014 NAJYRC jump decorating contest

Hannah Forte

The North American Junior and Young Rider Championships are held annually at the Kentucky Horse Park. This year, a cross country jump decorating contest provided a special opportunity for UK Ag Equine Programs to participate in the international event.

Each contest participant was assigned a fence from the second phase of the Junior or Young Rider Eventing competition, cross country. The contest rules were simple, to decorate the fence while maintaining safety. The winner received a tailgating spot at the 2015 Rolex Kentucky 3-Day Event and was determined by the Eventing Ground Jury.

UK Ag Equine Programs was assigned fence number 17 on the Junior Rider course. The impressive jump, called the "step table," measured 3 feet, 7 inches in height and 4 feet, 5 inches in width. The jump was decorated with a picnic theme, featuring UK Plaid, generously donated by the Department of Retailing and Tourism Management, and coolers containing refreshments for riders on their course walks. The jump also included a UK Ag Equine Programs banner and buckets of horse treats.



Number 142, gold medalist in the 2014 NAJYRC, on her Appaloosa. Photo credit: Liz Wise

Hats Off Day at the Kentucky Horse Park

Holly Wiemers, photos: Hannah Forte

Hats Off to Kentucky's Horse Industry Day, a celebration of the horse and its impact on the state of Kentucky hosted by Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital, was held July 26 at the Kentucky Horse Park.

The day offered fun family activities, including arts and crafts for children, pony rides, interactive educational booths, and equestrian competition. UK Ag Equine Programs has participated in the event for the past eight years.



An ESMA student and summer intern in Plant and Soil Sciences demonstrates grasses and hay.

Jackson Wells, ESMA student and UK Ag Equine Programs intern, teaches an attendee about different horse shoes and how they relate to the different work horses do.



Attendees look at the specimens on display from UK's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.



Deborah Maples, DVM and diagnostic services coordinator at the VDL, shows equine embryos to Hats Off attendees.



A participant learns about different grasses.



UK's equine undergraduate curriculum updated

Holly Wiemers

Beginning this fall, students enrolled in the University of Kentucky's Equine Science and Management undergraduate degree program will have the ability to better customize their college experience to match their interests and career aspirations.

Since its launch in 2007 and official implementation in 2009, the four-year, science-based degree program's curriculum has featured two main tracks for students—science and management. Under the new curriculum structure, which was approved by the university in May, students will be able to choose among four emphasis areas to better tailor their education to their interests and career goals. Those emphasis areas are equine science, business, community leadership and development and forages/pasture management.



According to Bob Coleman, director of undergraduate studies in equine science and management, the change has been two years in the making.

"As we hit the five-year mark of the program, we re-examined the curriculum to see if it was best meeting our students' needs," he said. "Are they on track? Are we preparing them for life after college?"

The result was a shift in how students could map out their courses during their undergraduate years.

"Students are now able to design a curriculum that best fits their interests and will enhance their prospects within the horse industry's diverse career opportunities," Coleman said. "They will get to align their passions and interests with their education, which we expect will ultimately enhance their skill set and knowledge base."

Incoming freshman and transfer students will automatically follow the new plan this fall. Current students will be given the option to switch to the new curriculum or stay on their current path after they weigh the benefits and their options.

The update results in students taking one less biology course, and choosing emphasis courses instead of completing 21 credit hours from a set list. They can also select multiple emphasis areas to highlight, which may be important to them as they pursue careers after graduation. To obtain recognition for completing an emphasis area, students must take nine credit hours in that area, in addition to 12 additional credits from other emphasis areas.

"There are a lot of details in any curriculum, but the essential element, to me, is its location at a state land-grant university in the Horse Capital of the World," said Nancy Cox, dean of UK's College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. "Our industry partners have embraced this program and have contributed invaluably to our students' real-world education."

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The equine science option will provide students with a strong background in basic sciences, preparing them for graduate school or careers that include laboratory research assistants, breeding technicians, pharmaceutical sales representatives or technical representatives for the feed industry.

The business option will help students learn skills related to marketing, operations and management of equine businesses, preparing them for careers as farm managers, as well as business managers for equine enterprises, breed associations and sales associates. This area also introduces them to the diversity of the equine industry through courses in equine law, sales, careers, event planning, marketing and human resources.

Community leadership and development is an area for students who are interested in leadership roles in business, breed associations or nonprofit equine organizations and Cooperative Extension. Courses in this emphasis area will enhance their communication skills and bolster their awareness about community dynamics, leadership development and agriculture communication.

Finally, in the forages/pasture management option, students will obtain knowledge in agronomic practices. This area will prepare students for careers related to general horse farm management or graduate school. These students will take courses in soil composition and fertility, forages, weed identification and control and pest management.

"The equine industry is more than just working on a breeding or training farm. Thus, we have designed a curriculum that will allow students to be employed in many of the diverse areas of the horse industry," said Ed Squires, executive director of the UK Gluck Equine Research Foundation, past UK Ag Equine Programs director and former chair of the equine curriculum committee, which was instrumental in navigating the approval process for the new curriculum. "We have added numerous new equine courses that broaden students' experiences. This new curriculum is sure to attract students that have a broad interest in the horse industry."



UK currently has 265 students enrolled in its undergraduate degree program, and expects the number of new students this fall to be in line with previous years, meaning there could be upward of 350 students in the program after the fall semester's numbers are tabulated. Currently, approximately 65 percent of the program's students come from outside Kentucky. Almost 80 percent of the students are women. The program has had 121 graduates since 2009.

UK Ag Equine Program hosts two June equine field days

Hannah Forte and Jackson Wells

6th annual Equine Farm and Facilities Expo held in Central Kentucky

University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs hosted the 6th annual Equine Farm and Facilities Expo June 3 at the Kentucky Equine Humane Center in Nicholasville, Ky. Approximately 150 people attended the event for horse owners.

Field demonstrations were held about topics that included sampling techniques for soil fertility and hay quality, equine digestion, practical parasite control and fencing possibilities. UK specialists included Ray Smith, PhD, professor and forage extension specialist in plant and soil sciences; Martin Nielsen, DVM, PhD, EVPC, assistant professor in veterinary science at the Gluck Equine Research Center; and Bob Coleman, PhD, PAS, associate professor and extension horse specialist in animal and food sciences. Jeremy McGill, territory manager

for Gallagher Animal Management Systems, and Amy Parker, MS, of McCauley Bros, Inc., also participated in field demonstrations.

Other educational highlights included weed identification and control, nutrition, pasture management, equine bones, veterinary diagnostic laboratory work, and farm safety.

Event sponsors included Central Equipment and McCauley Bros. Inc. Other event supporters included Central Kentucky Ag Credit, Creech Services Inc., Farm Credit Services, Kentucky Bank, Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders, Inc., NTRA Advantage, and The Pond Lady.



Uneeda Bryant, DVM and associate professor of veterinary pathology at UK's VDL, shows attendees different specimens common to the lab.

The Kentucky Equine Humane Center hosted the event at its 70-acre farm. The center is a safe haven for equines in need from all breeds and backgrounds.

UK and Murray State team up to host second Western Kentucky Equine Farm and Facilities Expo

University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs and Murray State University co-hosted a second Western Kentucky Equine Farm and Facilities expo June 5 in Murray, Ky. The free event was held at Murray State's Equine Center, and was open to the public. The expo highlighted informational demonstrations designed to offer real world applications.

Approximately 70 people attended the expo to see the latest horse management techniques. Attendees viewed demos covering pasture establishment, parasite control, pasture fencing, and weed control. Murray State's Bio-Burner technology (a heating system that utilizes plant and crop feedstock or waste, as well as horse manure, to produce heating in Murray's equine center) was also featured.

Bob Coleman, PhD, PAS, associate professor and UK extension horse specialist, co-demonstrated pasture fencing with Jeremy McGill, territory manager for Gallagher Animal Management Systems.

"The audience was very engaged, and asked great questions," said Coleman. "It was great having a crowd so passionate about the equine industry. I also found out how much you can learn from other people's questions. The expo was a great opportunity to find out what the public is really interested in."

The event will return to Murray for a third year in June 2015.

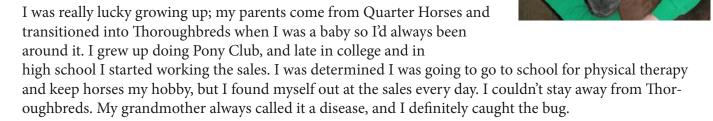
UK Alumni Spotlight: About our former students by an alum

Natalie Voss for the Paulick Report

'A Reason Behind What We Do'

Katey Caddel is an assistant to trainer Bill Mott with his New York string. Caddel formerly worked at Juddmonte Farms in Lexington, Ky. where she did everything from foaling mares to breaking yearlings. Caddel also completed the Irish National Stud course. Her parents founded and operate the Caddel Equine Therapy Center in Georgetown, Ky., where horses of all breeds receive post-hospital or lay-up care.

Obviously you grew up around horses; what made you decide to make your career in racing?



To read the entire story, visit http://www.paulickreport.com/features/breeders-cup-presents-fresh-faces/breeders-cup-presents-fresh-faces-a-reason-behind-what-we-do/.

'A Youthful Energy'

Gus Koch is the director of Shawhan Place, a full service Thoroughbred farm in Paris, Ky., where he works alongside brothers Matthew and Charles. Koch is the son of longtime Claiborne Farm manager Gus Koch, who was recognized in 2004 as Farm Manager of the Year by the Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Managers' Club.

The younger Gus Koch graduated from the University of Kentucky in 2009 with a degree in equine science and management.

Koch is recognized as the first official alum of the Equine Science and Management undergraduate degree program.



Photo: Paulick Report

Read the entire story at: http://www.paulickreport.com/features/breeders-cup-presents-fresh-faces/breeders-cup-presents-fresh-faces-a-youthful-energy/.

UK Ag Equine Programs wins American Horse Publications awards for Bluegrass Equine Digest and 2012 Equine Survey Booklet

Holly Wiemers

University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs won honors in two categories at the American Horse Publications annual awards ceremony June 21 in Charleston, S.C.

In the online equine-related newsletter category, the Bluegrass Equine Digest, a partnership between UK Ag Equine Programs and TheHorse.com, with sponsorship by Zoetis, nabbed the top spot. The free, monthly e-newsletter features information about equine research at UK. Archived issues can be found at http://equine.ca.uky.edu/bed.



In the equine-related specialty or custom publication category, UK Ag Equine Programs' 2012 Kentucky Equine Survey final results publication was awarded 3rd. That publication can be found at http://equine.ca.uky.edu/files/2012equinesurveyreportFINAL3.pdf on the project website (http://equine.ca.uky.edu/kyequinesurvey).

According to an AHP news release, a total of 171 awards were given in the AHP Annual Awards Contest for material published in 2013. This year's competition included 50 classes, 736 entries and 97 contestants, of which 64 became finalists and 38 earned first place awards. A copy of the awards program can be found at http://www.americanhorsepubs.org/programs/awards/Awards_Program_2014.pdf.

The AHP Annual Awards Contest provides members with an opportunity to be recognized for excellence in equine publishing, print and online, as well as professional critiques for improvement. American Horse Publications is a non-profit association promoting excellence in equine publishing media. Its members include equine-related print publications as well as digital media, professionals, students, organizations, and businesses which share an interest in equine publishing.

UK Ag Equine Programs released its 2013 Annual Report. Read it here:

http://equine.ca.uky.edu/sites/equine.ca.uky.edu/files/UKAgEquineProgramsAnnualReport2013FINAL2.pdf







Course Registration Information

Source: UK Registrar

We are pleased to announce that UK has a new course registration system that will make it easier to sign up for classes and also will significantly assist efforts of students and advisors in degree planning. You can view the new course registration guide here: http://www.uky.edu/registrar/content/course-registration

The system opened in time for students to start pre-registering for classes. And, most significantly, first-year students were able to use the new registration system for the first time during summer advising conferences — 'see blue.' U, which began June 23.

This new system — completely integrated with all of our customer management systems — has been in development by Enrollment Management and the Enterprise Application Group's (EAG) Mobile Portal Workflow Team for more than a year. It offers several powerful tools and insights for students and advisors to utilize, including:

- Easier searches for information, such as class availability and capacity, numbers of open seats in a class and wait list information
- A display of the class schedule in a calendar friendly view and format
- Vastly improved speed of the system and performance
- Greater access for students at pre-registration stage to see what classes they are eligible for and to work with advisors on a formalized degree plan

Several focus groups were held with students last year as the new system was being developed. Open forums also have been held with advisors to better understand their needs and how to make the system better.

Our entire focus — our only focus — has been to create a new registration system that makes it as easy as possible and as intuitive as possible for students and advisors to use.

We are pleased to debut this important new tool in helping students and advisors navigate the important process of registration and degree planning.

Switzer to retire as Kentucky Thoroughbred Association executive director

David Switzer, a longtime supporter of UK's equine programs, advisory committee member and a UK alum, is retiring from the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association. Switzer was named to the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's inaugural Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 2012. Switzer is recognized worldwide for his extensive knowledge, experience and accomplishments relating to the horse breeding and racing industries. In addition, he is an acknowledged expert in the field of equine foundation bloodstock and insurance, having owned and operated a bloodstock agency for many years. He promoted the Kentucky Thoroughbred industries locally, nationally and internationally. He played a vital communications role during the Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome crisis in 2001-2002 and led efforts to create an emergency response team from state government and the industry should another such event occur.

To read the story of his retirement, please see: http://www.lanereport.com/32559/2014/06/switzer-to-retire-as-kentucky-thoroughbred-association-executive-director/

From parking permits to letterhead to social media, UK celebrates 150 Years

Source: UK Now

The University of Kentucky's sesquicentennial is quickly approaching and programs across campus are beginning to celebrate the institution's 150 years of higher education in the Commonwealth. UK will turn 150 years old in 2015.

As part of the celebration, faculty, staff and students may notice several changes commemorating the milestone. This summer UK Parking and Transportation Services began issuing new permits to users with the sesquicentennial logo on them.

Sesquicentennial logos are being used on institutional letterhead from many of the university's departments and programs and in email signatures. The university invites the campus community to use these logos now through December 2015. Sesquicentennial logos for UK can be downloaded under "150th Logos" here:

www.uky.edu/Graphics/download.html

Users will need to use their LinkBlue information to access the files.

In addition, UK's sesquicentennial is being celebrated on social media with posts on the anniversary utilizing the hashtag #UK150. Sharing your memories of yesterday, today or tomorrow for the institution? Join in the celebration and use the hashtag #UK150.

UKNow, the university's official news website, also offers news stories on sesquicentennial events and historical accounts of the institution. Readers can find these stories in the website's "Sesquicentennial" section. An archive of these stories can be found here: http://uknow.uky.edu/sesquicentennial.

A special week of festivities is being scheduled for Founder's Week in February to celebrate the university's sesquicentennial. More information on these events will be shared on UKNow as they become available.

Upcoming Seminar Series, August 28

Department of Veterinary Science Equine Diagnostic Research Seminar Series

4 p.m., Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Lexington

Topic: "Fluid therapy choices for the sick foal: when, what and how much?"

Speaker: Pam Wilkins, University of Illinois (Contact: Ed Squires)

Certificate in Leadership Studies

For Undergraduates at the University of Kentucky



There is no application process; simply tell us that you want to join!

The Department of Educational Leadership Studies & the Department for Community and Leadership Development now offer an 18-credit Undergraduate Certificate in Leadership Studies. We are proud to announce that we are currently accepting students for Fall 2014.

There is no application process; simply tell us that you want to join!

The Certificate is completely flexible to meet the demands of your schedule. See the frequently asked questions below to see how.

The Undergraduate Certificate in Leadership Studies will prepare you to lead, live, and work in an interconnected and interdependent global community. You will improve your understanding of leadership and develop skills needed to lead in your field through a series of rich, leadership-focused courses.

You will master new skills and benefit from a credential, that, alongside your major and/or minor, shows your dedication to, and experiences in, leadership.

Is this a great resume builder? Yes. Employers want and need trained leaders. No matter what your field, understanding leadership and refining your leadership skills will put you ahead of the pack.

How flexible are the course choices? Very flexible! The Certificate has four key leadership pillars consisting of multiple courses. You may pick which course with each pillar best fits your needs and interests.

Are the courses online or face-to-face? Both. You can opt to take some or all of their courses online, face-to-face, or mix and match.



How does this fit with my existing program? It's a perfect fit because it's easily coupled with existing programs. Up to nine credits can be applied from your existing course of study. And students who study abroad can apply up to nine of those credits to the certificate.

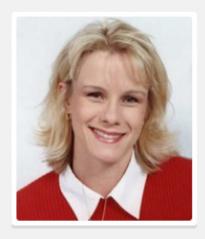
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