



JOHN WITHERSPOON COLLEGE

Fides Quaerens Intellectum

The Leadership Program

The Leadership program aims at the formation of mature Christian character and effective Kingdom leadership by:

1. Grounding students in biblical, theological, and related studies, and developing their interpretive skills for “rightly handling the word of truth” (2 Tim 2:15);
2. Developing students’ capacities and skills for analysis and synthesis, problem-solving, logic, and written expression so that these skills are transferable across disciplines and cultural contexts;
3. Promoting students’ leadership development in the classical tradition, based on wide-ranging knowledge of Western culture and literature, training in the skills and methods of argument and oratory, and hands-on leadership experience in a variety of roles and settings, including cross-cultural experience.

Associate of Christian Leadership – *Ministry Track*

The Associate of Christian Leadership (ACL) is a professional degree that incorporates an exposure to the liberal arts through the JWC Classics Core. It is designed primarily to provide foundational ministry leadership training for laypersons, as well as preparation for further studies or career enhancement.

While the ACL program is intended primarily as preparation for leadership in various ministry and vocational settings, most courses are designed to match “General Education” or biblical studies courses in most traditional baccalaureate programs. Eligible courses in the program may be applied to baccalaureate programs at John Witherspoon College. The ACL Degree also meets minimum requirements for appointment with certain mission agencies.

Students in the Associate of Christian Leadership program must complete a *Basileia* (“Kingdom”) Mission (non-credit) for graduation, if they have not already done so in a diploma program. Such projects might include missions trips, regular involvement in an approved ministry, internships, or participation in special evangelistic outreach efforts. Guidelines for completing the *Basileia* Mission requirement are available from the Registrar’s Office. Students may choose to complete either the *Ministry Track* or the *Management Track*. Students in the Ministry Track will take electives from among the Christian Studies courses listed as BIB, CHR, GRK, or HBR. Students in the Management Track will take electives from among the Leadership courses listed as LDR.

Program Objectives

The purpose of the Leadership program is achieved by enabling students to:

1. Understand the components of effective leadership.
2. Demonstrate the ability to effectively lead others in small groups and Christian service projects.
3. Begin practicing the leadership skills needed to advance beyond small-group leadership to leadership at mid-range and strategic levels.
4. Comprehend the dynamics of leadership at different organizational levels and in different environments (secular and religious, public and private sector, etc.)
5. Think critically about how to mitigate problems caused by ineffective leadership at various organizational levels.

Program Requirements (Ministry Track)

Language (0)

Humanities (31)

ENG 111: Rhetoric I (3)

ENG 112: Rhetoric II (3)

MAT 102: College Algebra or MAT 107: Mathematics for Liberal Arts (3)

SCI 111: Physical Science Colloquium/Lab (4) or SCI 112: Life Science Colloquium/Lab (4)

PHL 243: Ethics/Moral Decision Making (3)

HIS/HUM 111: Ancient World I (3)

HIS/HUM 112: Ancient World II (3)

HIS/HUM 211: American Experience I (3)

HIS/HUM 212: American Experience II (3)

Humanities Elective (3)

Christian Studies (24)

BIB 101: Introduction to the Bible or CHR 113: Biblical Interpretation (3)

CHR 211: The Old Testament Story (3)

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CHR 311: *Theologia Principia* I: God and Creation (3)

CHR 312: *Theologia Principia* II: Christ and Salvation (3)

Christian Studies Electives (9)

Leadership (9)

LDR 101: Leadership Foundations I (3)

LDR 201: Leadership Foundations II (3)

CHR 481: Field Practicum or Cross-cultural Experience (3)

LDR 200: *Basileia* Mission (non-credit, may be combined with CHR 481: Field Practicum or Cross-cultural Exp.)

Total: 64 credits

Program Requirements (*Ministry Track*)

CORE AREA	Freshman		Sophomore	
Humanities	Rhetoric I College Algebra <i>or</i> Math for Liberal Arts Ancient World I	Rhetoric II Life or Phys. Science with Lab (4) Ancient World II	Ethics/Moral Decision Making Am. Exp. I	Humanities Elective Am. Exp. II
Christian Studies	Christian Studies Elective I	Intro to Bible or Biblical Interpretation Christian Studies Elective II	Old Testament <i>Theologia Principia I</i>	New Testament <i>Theologia Principia II</i> Christian Studies Elective IV
Leadership Dev.	Leadership Foundations I	<i>Basileia</i> Mission (non-credit)	Leadership Foundations II	Field Practicum or Cross Cultural Experience
Credits	15	16	15	18