Doctoral Program in Leadership Studies

Mission: Doctoral Program in Leadership Studies
The mission of the Doctoral Program in Leadership Studies is to educate scholars and leaders who possess conceptual and theoretical knowledge and professional and practical competencies for use in both scholarly and leadership roles that serve and engage others creatively, meaningfully, and purposefully for the greater good.

Values: Doctoral Program in Leadership Studies
Based on the Jesuit tradition of educating the whole person, the Doctoral Program in Leadership Studies creates a space where critical thought and moral conviction meet the questions of humanity. We believe that leadership is based on a deep understanding of the self and of the core values that drive one’s actions. Effective leadership requires self-development with meaning, dignity, and purpose, so that we, in turn, help others to flourish with meaning, dignity and purpose. Because we believe that effective leaders need to develop the critical imagination required to embrace individual, organizational, and global change from a stance of hope and courage, we designed a leadership studies curriculum that supports the mission with a focus on three interrelated dimensions: Scholarly, Conceptual, and Professional. Each dimension is threaded through the curriculum, and is expressed through three specific leadership perspectives, also threaded through the curriculum: the leader as person, the leader in organizational systems, and the leader in global, social systems. Each perspective emphasizes the nature of change and the development of human capacities for life that are healthy and sustainable.

Learning Outcomes: Doctoral Program in Leadership Studies

Learning Outcome #1: Scholarly: Writing Core Course Papers

- Students will write with a proficiency that accurately theorizes, analyzes, and supports with evidence, a thesis.

Learning Outcome #2: Conceptual: Research in Core Courses

- Students will demonstrate an understanding of the differences between quantitative and qualitative research.

Learning Outcome #3: Professional: Application of Leadership and Organizational Principles

- Students will demonstrate professional communication skills through team presentations.