

# SERVICE LEADERSHIP, MINOR

At the Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business at Saint Louis University, students do more than acquire technical knowledge — they develop sound judgment, human-centered leadership capabilities and the confidence to lead in complex, real-world environments. The service leadership minor at SLU is grounded in the Jesuit tradition of forming leaders of competence, conscience, compassion and commitment. This development is advanced through dignity-based leadership, which fosters both community and individual capability through practices rooted in dignity, accountability and high performance. Within this broader formation, service leadership represents a vital expression of these principles in action, preparing students to lead with purpose and contribute meaningfully to the communities they serve.

The Service Leadership Program at SLU has been vital in shaping my understanding of leadership through the lens of service and social responsibility. It has provided me with opportunities to develop my leadership skills while making a meaningful impact on the community. I encourage students to apply, as it fosters personal growth and equips you with the tools to create positive change in the world." — Caitlin Conrad, Class of 2026

The program allows all SLU undergraduate students to develop and hone their leadership skills while serving the St. Louis community. By volunteering at organizations such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, Campus Kitchen or one of the many other available service sites, you will practice critical thinking, decision-making, effective communication and team building. These skills are essential to your success as a more effective future business leader.

Learn More About SLU's Service Leadership Minor (<https://www.slu.edu/business/degrees-programs/service-leadership/>)

## Overview

The minor in service leadership requires 200 hours of community service, with at least 100 of them at the same site, 12 leadership workshops and 15 hours of coursework, including a hands-on experience where you'll consult alongside Habitat for Neighborhood Business-SLU in supporting small businesses in economically disadvantaged areas in St. Louis. Through their academic coursework, students pursuing a service leadership minor learn the theory behind leadership and integrate their service experiences into their lives and professional careers

There are numerous exciting opportunities for service leaders to complete their 200 hours of community service. Serving at least 100 of those hours at the same nonprofit allows the service leader's growth in their knowledge of the operations and needs of the organization to advance concurrently with their progress in the business curriculum. Service leaders can apply what they are learning in the classroom for the benefit of their service organization, thereby furthering the mission of the nonprofit in real time. The available service sites are diverse, and each one provides opportunities to gain meaningful leadership experience and make personal connections while serving the economically poor and marginalized of society.

Each year, several leadership workshops are offered through the service leadership program with topics ranging from humor to ethical decision-making and from personal reflection to professionalism. While service leaders are not expected to attend all of these workshops, they are expected to complete a total of 12 by the time they finish the program.

Students are encouraged to select workshops that will be most helpful in promoting their individual growth as a leader.

## Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>200 hours of community service (with at least 100 hours at the same site)</b>		
<b>12 leadership workshops</b>		
<b>Required Coursework</b>		
BIZ 2300	Social Change Leadership	3
BIZ 4300	Service Leadership Capstone	3
PHIL 2050	Ethics	3
<b>Service Leadership Minor Social Justice Elective Course</b>		<b>3</b>
<i>Select 3 credits from of the following or with the "Service Leadership Minor Social Justice Electives" attribute:</i>		
ASTD 2500	American Identities	
ASTD 2700	Gender, Race, and Social Justice	
ASTD 2880	Race and Citizenship in St. Louis History and Culture	
CMM 1210	Advocacy	
CMM 2300	Intergroup Dialogue	
CMM 3060	Political Communication	
CMM 3090	Health Communication	
CMM 4070	Social Justice Communication	
CMM 4310	Dialogue Facilitation: Communication Strategies to Support Social Justice	
CMM 4820	Community-based Inquiry	
ENGL 2250	Conflict, Social Justice and Literature	
ENGL 3875	Conflict Writing	
POLS 2691	Theory and Practice of Human Rights	
POLS 2710	Theories of Justice	
POLS 3130	Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	
POLS 3520	Communism, Capitalism and Social Justice	
POLS 3770	Feminist Theory: Gender Justice	
SOC 1500	The Urban Community: Race, Class, and Spatial Justice	
SOC 1550	The Ignatian City: Social Suffering, Urban Marginality, and Social Justice	
SOC 2080X	Urban Poverty: A Global Perspective	
SOC 3180	Immigration	
SOC 3220	Urban Sociology	
SOC 3370	Violence in America	
SOC 3490	Sociology of Mental Health	
SWRK 1000	Introduction to Social Work	
SWRK 3100	Social Policy for Social Justice	
SWRK 3200	Dismantling Oppression: Exploring Equity & Inclusion	
THEO 2515	Social Justice	
THEO 2530	Social Injustice/Social Gospel	
WGST 3510	The Structure of Poverty in the U.S.	
<b>Service Leadership Minor Business Electives</b>		<b>3</b>
<i>Select 3 credits from of the following or with the "Service Leadership Minor Business Electives" attribute:</i>		
ECON 4400	Labor Economics	

ECON 4450	Economics of Int'l Migration
ECON 4560	Economic Development
ECON 4650	Public Choice and Political Economy
ECON 4700	Health Economics
IB 3160	Cultural Differences in International Business
MGT 3201	Social Entrepreneurship
MGT 3301	Negotiations and Conflict Resolution
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

## Continuation Standards

Students must have a 2.00 grade point average (GPA) in all courses used to fulfill minor requirements. If students' minor GPA falls below a 2.00, students will go on program probation and have one semester to increase their minor GPA to a 2.00. If students' minor GPA is below 2.00 after one semester they will be dismissed from the minor.

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