Leadership Rice

The mission of Leadership Rice is to help Rice University undergraduates from all disciplines build their leadership capacities to create and manage change effectively. Leadership Rice explores how heart and mind, theory and practice, and ideas and actions come together to facilitate change.

The introductory course, Leadership: Theory to Practice (UNIV 309), is required to apply for participation in the Summer Mentorship Experience and the Leadership Certificate. UNIV 309 is only offered during the fall. Other courses may be taken independently. Leadership Rice's Summer Mentorship Experience places 40 to 50 students each summer in full-time, paid summer mentorships in Houston or nationally. Students are accepted by application between December and February and, if accepted, become part of the Leadership Rice program.

Leadership Rice courses, however, are open to undergraduates from all disciplines:

- UNIV 309: Leadership: Theory to Practice
- UNIV 310: Leadership Certificate Seminar
- UNIV 311: Creativity
- HUMA 311: Leadership Communication
- UNIV 313: Entrepreneurial Leadership
- PHIL 120: Applied Ethics
- UNIV 409: Leadership Practicum (for UNIV 309 teaching assistants)

The Leadership Certificate:

The program offers a Leadership Certificate for students eager to experience personal growth and reflect deeply on their activities while at Rice. The intention of the certificate is not to have students burdened by doing more but to get more from what they will already be doing. More details about the Leadership Certificate can be found on the Leadership Rice website.

Certificate requirements, which can be met in a variety of ways, include:

Academic Work

- UNIV 309 Communications
- Public policy/leadership theory
- Ethics

Experiential Components

- Summer work experience
- Community service
- International experience
- Campus engagement
Capstone Project:
At the end of the process, certificate students address their understanding of leadership by tackling a “real world” problem, either on campus or beyond. Students are expected to make a public presentation of their work and include documentation in their portfolio.

More information about the program may be found at www.rice.edu/leadership