



# HUMAN SCIENCES (PHD) - LEADERSHIP STUDIES

## Description

The doctoral program specialization in leadership studies is designed for individuals interested in studying leadership and leadership development. It is ideal for those interested in becoming a leadership scholar.

## Program-Related Information

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## Program Website

<https://alec.unl.edu/academic-programs/graduate-programs/phd-human-sciences-specialization-leadership-studies/>

## Applying for Admission

### Standard requirements for all graduate programs

- Application for Admission with \$50 non-refundable application fee (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#appfee>).
- Transcripts (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#transcripts>) (unofficial): Uploaded as part of application form.  
If International: Uploads must include all college- or university-level transcripts or mark sheets (records of courses and marks earned), with certificates, diplomas, and degrees plus certified English translations.

After admission: Official documents are required from all students who are admitted and enroll. Photocopies of certified records are not acceptable. International students enrolled in other U.S. institutions may have certified copies of all foreign records sent directly to the Office of Graduate Studies by their current school's registrar office.

- If applicant's native language is not English, verification of English proficiency (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/english-proficiency/>) is required.  
When sending TOEFL scores, our institution code is 6877 and a department code is not needed.
- If applicant is not a US citizen and expects an F or J visa: financial information (<https://graduate.unl.edu/prospective/international/financial/>).
- Applicants must also fulfill any additional requirements the department specifies at the time of application.

### Additional requirements specific to this program

- GRE: GRE waivers are only granted in rare circumstances (e.g. GRE is not available in your country of residence); contact [alec@unl.edu](mailto:alec@unl.edu) to request a waiver.
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume: Your vitae should include a complete account of your academic and professional history along with your community activities, service, accomplishments, and awards.

- Personal Statement: Describe 1) one to three personal and professional goals or objectives and how this degree will help you achieve them, 2) how your past experience (work, volunteer, research, etc.) provides you a context for studying in this field, and 3) how your interests align with research, extension, and/or creative activity of each of the ALEC faculty you list in the Faculty section.
- Writing Sample: Provide a writing sample that demonstrates your scholarly writing ability, for example a term paper, thesis, or published article.
- **Other Upload Academic Research Experience (required):** As part of your application, our faculty would appreciate you sharing any specific experience you have engaging in research. Within the program, you will be engaging in social science research (leadership, education, and communication), and there are several types of experiences we would encourage you to highlight in this section of the application. Specifically, it would be helpful if you can share any of the following with us:

- A list of your publications (if any). For each publication, please articulate your contributions (e.g., analyzed data wrote the literature review).
- Any specific social science research you've conducted (by yourself or as part of a team, if in a team, please articulate your contributions specifically)
- Any program/project evaluation experience you have
- Quantitative research methods experience
- Coursework or training in statistics and/or math
- Any project (for class or work) where you engaged in data analysis (either quantitatively or qualitatively)
- Experience engaging in life sciences (e.g., biology, animal science, plant science) and/or physical sciences (e.g., physics, chemistry) research
- Qualitative research methods experience
- Experience conducting interviews
- Experience coding/analyzing audio, video, or written materials.

It is not expected that you have any and certainly not all of these experiences, but we wanted to provide some examples to help you answer this question.

- Faculty: Review current faculty and their research areas on this page and on ALEC Graduate Faculty (<https://alec.unl.edu/our-people/faculty/>). With attention to which faculty are currently accepting new students, identify at least one (max 3) faculty members in this department with whom you would like to work. Also address faculty interest alignment in Personal Statement.
- Letters of Recommendation (three): One letter should speak to your capacity to be a successful student (e.g. from a faculty member); one letter should speak to your professional capacity (e.g. from a supervisor); the remaining letter can speak to anything you believe makes you an ideal candidate for our program (e.g. research capacity, teaching and training experience).
- Funding/Assistantship: See Funding and Assistantships (<https://graduate.unl.edu/funding/>) for information and the assistantship

application. To be eligible for an ALEC assistantship you must be admitted to an ALEC graduate program; you may complete the assistantship application prior to being admitted.

**Admission Application Deadlines**

- The priority admission deadline is December 15; applications submitted after this date may be considered if space is available.

**Requirements**

Hours required: 90