

# leadership, change, and social responsibility



## WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A MINOR IN LEADERSHIP, CHANGE, AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY?

Students from different disciplines across the campus have the option of pursuing a minor in Leadership, Change, and Social Responsibility. As a student in the minor, you will take a series of courses that will focus on 1) expanding your knowledge of leadership, 2) recognizing the actions necessary to organize a change initiative, 3) developing self-awareness of your leadership potential and 4) enhancing your skills in directing organizations and people in a socially responsible manner.

As a student in the Leadership, Change, and Social Responsibility Minor, you will receive regular reminders to participate in extracurricular programs specifically designed to help you extend your leadership experiences. Regardless of your career direction, this minor will enhance your current experiences and future opportunities.

### Career choices as a graduate of the minor

There are unlimited ways that you can benefit from a minor in Leadership, Change, and Social Responsibility. Specifically, the minor serves as an enhancement for almost any degree, including those in medicine, the arts, research, education and computer science. In fact, there are few career opportunities where working with other people isn't a key to success, and the minor helps students be more successful in their work with others.

### Advantages of this minor

- You'll gain experiences inside and out of the classroom that you can draw upon as you interview for jobs.
- You can exercise your leadership skills in a low-risk environment before you enter the workforce.
- You'll gain awareness of the extracurricular resources available throughout the program and the College of Charleston campus.
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- You'll network with individuals who are associated with the minor, including professors, students and outside mentors.

**“Leadership and social responsibility are strategic objectives in many top companies. The curriculum in this minor provides practical assignments that help me examine my readiness for leadership and assess my leadership style. And the professors are an invaluable and essential component in developing our leadership skills. I know that when I enter the business world, I will be better prepared to deal with the challenges and opportunities that I will face.”**

**Joseph Cary '09**

## Curricular Requirements

To obtain the minor, students will need to complete the following courses (6 hours):

- MGMT 301 Management and Organizational Behavior
- MGMT 345 Leadership and Management Development

Students must also choose *four* (12 hours) of the following courses:

- MGMT 332 Business Communications
- MGMT 350 Business, Leadership and Society
- MGMT 401 Organizational Behavior and Change
- MGMT 360 Special Topics Courses (upon approval)\*
- MGMT 420 Independent Study\*
- MGMT 444 Internship\*

\* With no more than 3 credit hours from the following: special topics, independent study or internships.

## Extracurricular Resources

Students are also encouraged to participate in the many extracurricular opportunities offered as a part of the minor in Leadership, Change, and Social Responsibility, and through the Higdon Student Leadership Center. Although the extracurricular opportunities offered each semester may change, examples of these opportunities include:

- **Service Learning** – In cooperation with the Office of Civic Engagement, students enrolled in the minor may be paired with an organization to complete a meaningful volunteer project. Through service learning, students will be able to enhance their ability to become future leaders.
- **Leadership Workshops** – One to two leadership workshop opportunities are provided each semester. The workshops are led by College of Charleston faculty or guests, and cover specific skills required to be an effective leader.

- **Higdon Student Leadership Center** – Housed in its own building on campus, this entity offers an array of opportunities for student involvement and learning through individual and group leadership activities. These activities are designed to develop responsible student leadership on campus and in the students' respective communities while promoting positive citizenship. The goal of assisting students in their overall development is an integral part of the leadership efforts implemented within the center.

- **Brown Bag Lunch Leadership Series** – Provided in conjunction with the Higdon Student Leadership Center, this series features leaders from the greater Charleston community who are invited to enjoy lunch with a select group of College of Charleston students. In this setting, the local leader shares his or her personal experiences and challenges as a leader. The students are encouraged to ask questions and network with the leader.

- **Fall Leadership Conference** – Students enrolled in the minor are encouraged to attend the campuswide Fall Leadership Conference sponsored by the Higdon Student Leadership Center. Faculty from the minor make presentations at the conference.

- **The LeaderShape Institute at the College of Charleston** – An intense, six-day leadership training session sponsored by the Higdon Student Leadership Center. This program, part of which takes place off campus, encourages students to lead with integrity. Students enrolled in the minor are encouraged to apply for the institute.

- **Leadership CofC** – Students enrolled in the minor are encouraged to apply for admission to Leadership CofC. Leadership CofC is a program for junior and senior students and is sponsored by the Higdon Student Leadership Center. The purpose of the program is to provide students monthly opportunities to visit with local and state leaders, making the students aware of the issues they will face as future leaders of corporations and communities.