

# LABOR LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE

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## Introduction

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The Labor Leadership certificate is meant to develop the next generation of leaders in labor unions and civic organizations focused on labor and related issues of race, class and gender equity. The certificate is particularly relevant to labor union leaders, rank and file members, and community-based organizational staff who desire to receive continuing education regarding labor leadership. The labor leadership certificate will combine academic instruction with field learning and community-based research projects. The program features active partnerships with local labor organizations, such as unions and community-based groups focused on relevant labor, class and race issues (such as immigrant rights groups, workplace gender equity groups, etc.). Certificate students will join a diverse group of graduate students pursuing their full Master's degree in the Department's community leadership program (including students focused on governmental/public leadership, and students focused on non-profit leadership) which will enhance synergetic learning in the classroom, and enlarge networking opportunities among all students.

The certificate is open to non-degree seeking as well as students formally admitted to the MA in Political Science program. The Certificate can be earned as a stand-alone University certificate, or it can be applied to a current or future degree program. Non-degree seeking students who successfully complete the certificate program would be allowed to transfer in the credits received in the certificate program to complete the Master's Degree in Political Science.

The certificate can be earned either through our traditional on-campus graduate seminars, or entirely through classes offered in a weekend-intensive format in our New Directions graduate program. Students may take classes in either format desired.

These requirements are subject to periodic revision by the academic department, and the College reserves the right to make exceptions and substitutions as judged necessary in individual cases. Therefore, the College strongly urges students to consult regularly with their faculty advisor to confirm the best plans of study before finalizing them.

## Admissions and Declaring this Certificate

Any current or potential student wishing to declare this certificate should schedule a certificate advising appointment with either the Director of the New Directions graduate program (Dr. Steve DelCastillo) or with the Director of the On-campus Graduate Program (Dr. Michael Berry), in order to register their intent to pursue the Labor Leadership Certificate and to develop a curriculum plan.

## Program Requirements

1. Students must complete a minimum of 15 PSCI credit hours.
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3. Students must earn a minimum grade of B- (2.7) in all program courses taken at CU Denver and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 3.0. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the program GPA. Students cannot complete program or ancillary course requirements as pass/fail.
4. Students must complete all coursework with CU Denver faculty.

## Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Take all of the following courses</i>		9
PSCI 5535	Labor and Working Class Politics	3
PSCI 5548	Labor Law and Collective Bargaining	3
PSCI 5550	Labor, Trade Unions and the Global Economy	3

## Elective Courses

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Take two of the following courses</i>		6
PSCI 5326	Advanced International Political Economy: Globalization	
PSCI 5424	The Social Economy and Sustainable Development	
PSCI 5434	The Cooperative Movement: Politics and Policy	
PSCI 5914	Community Organizing and Community Development	

To learn more about the Student Learning Outcomes for this program, please visit our website ([https://clas.ucdenver.edu/newdirections/certificates/labor-leadership-certificate/#graduate\\_level\\_learning\\_outcomes\\_for\\_the\\_labor\\_leadership\\_certificate-58](https://clas.ucdenver.edu/newdirections/certificates/labor-leadership-certificate/#graduate_level_learning_outcomes_for_the_labor_leadership_certificate-58)).