

SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

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The School of Leadership and Professional Studies offers a variety of career-oriented associate and baccalaureate degree programs and flexible interdisciplinary baccalaureate and associate degrees. The School consists of academic programs in organizational leadership, business studies, workforce administration, and interdisciplinary studies. A certificate in real estate studies is also offered. The School of Leadership and Professional Studies is also home to University Learning, WKU's non-discipline specific first-year experience course. The School is heavily engaged in educational outreach and offers programs in on-line, hybrid, and face-to-face formats. The academic programs within the School share a common emphasis on the delivery of transfer-, military-, and adult-friendly academic programs.

Degrees

- Interdisciplinary Studies, Associate of Interdisciplinary Studies (246) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/education-behavioral-sciences/leadership-professional-studies/interdisciplinary-studies-ais/>)
- Interdisciplinary Studies, Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (558) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/education-behavioral-sciences/leadership-professional-studies/interdisciplinary-studies-bis/>)
- Organizational Leadership, Bachelor of Science (545E, 545) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/education-behavioral-sciences/leadership-professional-studies/organizational-leadership-bs/>)
- Organizational Supervision, Associate of Arts (2000) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/education-behavioral-sciences/leadership-professional-studies/organizational-supervision-aa/>)
- Workforce Administration, Bachelor of Science (739) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/education-behavioral-sciences/leadership-professional-studies/workforce-administration/>)

Minors

- Organizational Leadership, Minor (431) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/education-behavioral-sciences/leadership-professional-studies/organizational-leadership-minor/>)

Certificates

- Interdisciplinary Professionalism and Success, Certificate (1765) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/education-behavioral-sciences/leadership-professional-studies/idst-professionalism-and-success/>)
- Organizational Leadership, Certificate (1721) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/education-behavioral-sciences/leadership-professional-studies/organizational-leadership-certificate/>)
- Real Estate, Certificate (195) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/education-behavioral-sciences/leadership-professional-studies/real-estate-certificate/>)

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