

NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP STUDIES

2025-2026 Catalog Year

The Bachelor of Arts in Nonprofit Leadership Studies is designed to prepare students for a career in nonprofit sector. Students will learn the essentials of managing & leading nonprofit organizations such as marketing, operations, management, & leadership. Courses will examine volunteer management & recruitment, fundraising, grant writing, philanthropy, leadership, finance, & community resources. Courses will be offered using the traditional in class model & supported with blended classes & online courses to support busy students. Faculty members are already actively participating in the DFW nonprofit community and will provide an important bridge between students & this growing industry.

A Bachelor of Art in Nonprofit Leadership Studies requires 48 semester credit hours: 33 hours of required courses and 15 hours of supporting courses for the major. Major classes are offered 100% online with in-person options for core and general electives.

Major Requirements

(A letter grade of "C" or better is required for each major course in order to apply for Graduation)

Required Courses (33 hours):

PADM 3010	Foundations of Philanthropy & Nonprofits	PADM 4240	Volunteer Management, Concepts, & Applications
PADM 3020	Public Management	PADM 4250	Community Development & Collaborative Plan
PADM 4050	Negotiation	PADM 4260	Volunteer Program Planning & Evaluation
PADM 4200	Leadership Theory & Practice for Volunteer Managers	PADM 4300	Nonprofit Leadership Capstone
PADM 4210	Intro to Philanthropy & Fundraising	PADM 4310	Community Service Internship
PADM 4220	Proposal Writing & Grants Administration		

Supporting Courses for the Major (15 hours – Choose 5 courses):

PADM 2000	Discover the City	PADM 4170	Methods in Urban Planning Research and Analysis
PADM 2100*	Cultural Competency in Urban Governance	PADM 4450	Public Policy Analysis
PADM 2120	Introduction to Urban & Regional Planning	MGMT 3850 <i>or</i>	Foundations of Entrepreneurship <i>or</i>
PADM 2200	Introduction to Conflict Resolution	MGMT 4235	Social Entrepreneurship
PADM 3100	Workplace Conflict	JOUR 3410	Public Relations for Nonprofits
PADM 3210	Population & Demographics in Planning	COMM 2040*	Public Speaking
PADM 3420	Bureaucracy & Public Policy	SOWK 3000	Foundations of Interviewing & Interpersonal Skills
PADM 4000	Mediation	SOWK 2430	Policies, Issues & Programs in Social Welfare
PADM 4130	American Intergovernmental Relations		

*PADM 2100 *and* COMM 2040 can satisfy both general academic requirements & major requirements.