

SPECIAL AND AFFILIATED COLLEGE PROGRAMS

President's Leadership Program (PLP)

Sponsored by the Otero Junior College Foundation

An academic certificate in Leadership at Otero Junior College requires 12-credit hours of study and is *limited to scholars who are accepted into the President's Leadership Program*. The mission of the President's Leadership Program (PLP) is to develop and train emerging leaders at Otero Junior College through a one- or two-year academic leadership program. The objective of PLP is to provide academic, experiential and service learning programs designed to foster and cultivate leaders who are: Ethical, visionary, critical and innovative thinkers, committed to action, empowering of others, rational and intuitive, open to possibilities and servants of the broader good. The program serves as a bridge between Otero Junior College and the greater community by continually developing partnerships with area leaders, businesses and community service organizations.

The program requires two core leadership courses and additional elective courses from a wide-variety of academic programs on campus. Students must complete the 6-credit hour leadership core plus an additional 6-credits of electives with a grade of "B" or higher to receive the certificate.

Leadership

Required Courses:

MAN 224	Leadership	3
MAN 287	Cooperative Education/Internship.	3

Elective Courses: 6

Students may choose 2 of the following courses to fulfill elective requirements.

- MAN 128 Human Relations in Organizations
- BUS 217 Business Communication & Report Writing
- POS 205 International Relations
- COM 115 Public Speaking
- COM 125 Interpersonal Communications
- PHI 111 Introduction to Philosophy
- PHI 112 Ethics
- PSY 101 General Psychology
- SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology I
- SOC 102 Introduction to Sociology II

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Service Learning

PLP places an emphasis on community service and civic engagement in order to help scholars develop a social awareness, civic responsibility and interconnectedness. A total of 120 service learning hours will be required over the course of the program.

Experiential Learning

PLP scholars will be given opportunities to learn about leadership through numerous hands-on experiences throughout their one or two years in the program. This will be provided, but not limited to, annual leadership workshops and conferences, lectures from recognized leaders and opportunities for leadership positions on campus and in the community.

As part of this experience, students will become an active member of Phi Theta Kappa or other approved organization.

Selection Criteria

Selection is based on leadership potential, intellectual curiosity and commitment to something outside one's self. Scholars will be chosen based on:

- A minimum 3.2 cumulative grade point average is required to apply.
- Completed written application that includes an essay question and examples of leadership and service experiences
- Two letters of recommendation
- High School or college transcripts
- Personal interview

Contact:

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