

# DOCTORATE IN LEADERSHIP

The Doctorate in Leadership (Ed.D.) merges an academy of scholars with community practitioners to develop enlightened, ethical leaders. Through study in a faith-based environment, graduates will embody skills, knowledge, and dispositions to bridge theories with research-based practices to become visionary leaders.

This 57-hour program follows a cohort model over the four-year program. Because of the cross-disciplinary nature of the program, students can enter the program from any fully accredited master's degree. Students take six hours of coursework each fall, spring, and summer, allowing

for continuation of employment. In addition to the outlined curriculum, students will read books from a Great Books List to support a breadth and depth of knowledge in the field of leadership.

At the end of the program, students will synthesize knowledge gained through these readings with their study of leadership through coursework and individual research and respond in an oral exam. The culminating experience for the doctoral degree will be the completion of a dissertation/professional project supervised by a professor related to the student's interest in a particular aspect of leadership.

*The Doctorate in Leadership program contains four distinct practices that support effective pedagogy and doctoral study, enmeshing the on-campus environment with various delivery methods:*

#### EMPHASIZES THE VALUE OF BRIDGING THE ACADEMY TO THE COMMUNITY

Alongside HSU faculty members, leaders in various professional organizations and entities will co-teach courses, providing clear connections between academic study and real-world applications.

#### INVOLVES LOW-RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

Courses will meet on campus approximately four weekends a semester, with additional faculty/student interactions through video-conferencing, Skype, online chats, podcasts, online assignments, and faculty visits. Students will move through the program as cohort groups providing opportunities for collegial support, enhanced camaraderie, and professional networking.

#### INCLUDES THREE BRIEF SUMMER RESIDENCIES

For approximately one week each summer, a professor and students will visit leaders in an authentic setting at remote sites in Austin, Texas; Washington, D.C.; and a global location. Students will conduct studies through action research that incorporates a practical application of theoretical knowledge and research skills.

#### CONSIDERS THE INTERDISCIPLINARY NATURE OF LEADERSHIP

The program currently offers an 18-hour concentration in Higher Education Leadership and intends to add concentrations in other fields.



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