

VOSS ADVANCED LEADERSHIP UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE

Frequently Asked Questions

The VALUE Program is made possible through the generous donations of the Omer G. Voss family. For more information about VALUE, visit www.fhsu.edu/leadership and click on VALUE Program, or contact the Department of Leadership Studies.

What are the requirements of the program?

All participants in the program are required to:

- Attend two VALUE orientations
- Enroll in the two Advanced Leadership Lab courses offered through the Department for Leadership Studies and complete all assigned coursework
- Meet with a mentor a minimum of twice per month
- Complete a project within a chosen program track
- Compile an end-of-program portfolio demonstrating competency in the programs learning objectives.

What are the courses like?

The courses will be taught in a seminar format, which means they are primarily student led. A large portion of the courses will include discussion, but there will also be various writing assignments related to your VALUE project. Project planning and implementation will be a focus of the courses.

Do these courses count toward my degree program?

These courses will count toward your program as major electives in most situations. If you are not an organizational leadership major, be sure to check with your advisor.

What kind of project can we do?

You will choose a project that connects to your interests and/or career goals. Your mentor could also assist you in choosing an appropriate project for your chosen track. An example project for each track includes:

Corporate leadership

Internships

Marketing

Human Resources

Event planning

Organizational development

Civic/Non-profit leadership

Serviceships

Fundraising

Event planning

Volunteer programs

Advocacy

Scholarship/Leadership research

Undergraduate research experiences

Organizational improvement

Academic/scholarly topics

Historical

My major requires an internship; can the VALUE program's internship count for my internship credit?

If your major requires an internship, your VALUE program internship experience could count toward the completion of your internship requirement; however, you would have to enroll in the internship credit hours in order to receive internship credit. Check with your advisor to determine whether the internship will count toward program completion.

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Is this program like LDRS 310: Field Work in Leadership Studies?

While there are similarities between the VALUE Program's components and the LDRS 310 course, this program is considered more intense, with a deeper focus on operations and collaboration. In addition, your project is your own. While your mentor will be available to assist and provide support to you, you are expected to plan and complete the project. This program is designed to give you a real-world experience that will prepare you for your career and community life.

What if our project requires funding to be accomplished?

For projects in which funding may be needed, the Department of Leadership Studies may assist you. The generous donation from the family of Omer G. Voss, for whom this program is named, has set aside funds specifically for this purpose. The amount of funding allocated for each project will be determined by the Department Chair.

What scholarships are available?

Students accepted into the VALUE Program will receive a \$700 scholarship (\$350/semester) to assist in covering the costs of the Advanced Leadership Lab courses. Additional support will be provided through travel and project funding.

Which conferences might we get to attend?

Conference attendance will be based on several factors each year. The Department of Leadership Studies is affiliated with the Association for Leadership Educators and the International Leadership Association, each of which hold an annual conference, and are open to students to submit research projects. Other conferences that may be available to students include the National Collegiate Leadership Conference, the McDonough Leadership Conference, NACA/NCLP National Leadership Symposium, and the Tobias Leadership Conference. Conference attendance is not limited to one of these choices, and others may be available.

Who will our mentor be?

You will be paired with a mentor based on your chosen track. Your mentor will have significant experience in the track you choose. If you know of someone you would like to have as a mentor in the program, please contact the chair of Leadership Studies, or the director of the VALUE program.

Can graduate students participate?

No. This program is exclusively for undergraduate students.

When will applicants be selected?

VALUE participants will be chosen from the pool of applicants and notified within three weeks of the application due date.