

**Graduation with Leadership Distinction
in Community Service, Diversity and Social Advocacy,
Global Learning, Professional and Civic Engagement, or Research
for ASSOCIATE Degrees** (available only at Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter, and Union campuses)

Requires a 3.0 cumulative GPA and the following.
Complete information available at www.sc.edu/usconnect/leadership.

PATHWAY	REQUIREMENTS				
	BTC Extensive Experience (see requirements by pathway)	Enhancement Activities (2 related to pathway required)	Coursework (3 credits required, B or better, prog. req. can count)	Presentation (1 required, must be related to the pathway)	E-portfolio (or alt.) (must be assessed by trained reviewer, training available)
Community Service	<p>125 hours of community service from at least two different programs/experiences</p> <p>Notes: -Organizing/leading philanthropic activities counts, simple participation does <u>not</u> (dancing/walking to raise \$\$) - GLD Service Learning Course BTC hours can be applied to BTC Extensive Experience</p>	<p>Sample activities (not an exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture ▪ Workshop ▪ Local council/govt. meeting ▪ Conference ▪ Leadership in advocacy or fund raising 	<p>3 credits from approved service-learning or related course work</p> <p>Notes: -GLD Service Learning Course BTC hours can be applied to BTC Extensive Experience in Community Service (only). -Contact USC Connect if you believe a course not listed should count.</p>	<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Professional presentation (e.g., Discovery, professional conference/meeting, USC Connect approved event) ▪ Publication ▪ Nominated scholarship application 	<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3-4 key insights integrating within & beyond the classroom experiences with analysis from multiple perspectives, disciplines, or experiences ▪ Application of key insights to leadership ▪ Artifacts related to learning from class & BTC (e.g., papers, projects, programs)

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Diversity and Social Advocacy	80 hours of immersion in, or service to, a community that experiences societal challenges, documented through community service, internships, peer leadership, and/or other experiences related to social advocacy issues in the United States AND a research or advocacy project related to ability, class, ethnicity, gender, sexual identity, race, and/or religion, accomplished through development of community services, political activism, policy change, or research.	Sample activities (not an exhaustive list): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture ▪ Workshop ▪ Conference ▪ Diversity Dialogues ▪ EMPOWER Lunch & Learns ▪ Safe Zone Ally Training ▪ Trans* Advocacy Training ▪ MAPP Meetings 	3 credits from approved list of courses including emphasis on diversity or social challenges.	Professional publication or presentation through one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discover USC • Professional meeting • Approved office/college/department presentation experience 	Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Beyond-the-Classroom Experience Descriptions (includes Core & Enhancement) ▪ Integrative Learning: Knowledge, skills, attitudes developed; connections to coursework, academic concepts. ▪ Leadership: Impact on future; application to make a positive difference
Global Learning	Minimum 4 weeks of overseas study or equivalent in multiple experiences Notes: -Some domestic Study Away can count (e.g., experience in a distinct culture). -Total experience must include 9 days international -International students meet requirement by studying at USC.	Sample activities (not an exhaustive list): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture ▪ Workshop ▪ Conference ▪ Cultural performance ▪ International Student Org. ▪ Volunteer w/international groups or projects 	3 credits from approved list of courses including emphasis on international/cross-cultural content Notes: -Courses counting toward BTC Extensive Experience category <u>cannot</u> also count here. -Contact USC Connect if you believe a course not listed should count.	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Professional presentation (e.g., Discovery, Professional conference/meeting, USC Connect approved event) ▪ Publication ▪ Nominated scholarship application 	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3-4 key insights integrating within & beyond the classroom experiences with analysis from multiple perspectives, disciplines, or experiences ▪ Application of key insights to leadership ▪ Artifacts related to learning from class & BTC (e.g., papers, projects, programs)

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Professional and Civic Engagement¹	<p>Part A¹: At least 1 semester in an approved leadership experience (e.g., officer, ambassador, peer leader, project leader) AND</p> <p>Part B¹ (one of the following):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 120 hours of supervised, work/professional experience ▪ 1 additional semester in approved leadership experience (if an internship course is taken for the course work category) 	<p>Sample activities (not an exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture ▪ Workshop ▪ Local council/govt. meeting ▪ Conference ▪ Job shadowing ▪ Leadership or special professional program ▪ Professional or community service activity through student organization 	<p>3 credits from either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ approved practica/ internship course OR ▪ Leadership Studies Minor course (any category) <p>Notes: <i>-Courses counting toward BTC Extensive Experience category cannot also count here.</i> <i>-Contact USC Connect if you believe a course not listed should count.</i></p>	<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Professional presentation (e.g., Discovery, Professional conference/meeting, USC Connect approved event) ▪ Publication ▪ Nominated scholarship application 	<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3-4 key insights integrating within & beyond the classroom experiences with analysis from multiple perspectives, disciplines, or experiences ▪ Application of key insights to leadership ▪ Artifacts related to learning from class & BTC (e.g., papers, projects, programs)
Research	<p>Minimum 1 semester in an extensive research/discovery project as defined by the discipline</p>	<p>Sample activities (not an exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture ▪ Workshop ▪ Conference ▪ Creation or innovation event/performance related to focus (e.g., Music, Art) ▪ Discover Research Seminar ▪ Research ambassador 	<p>3 credits in approved research course or independent study focused on research</p> <p>Notes: <i>-Courses counting toward BTC Extensive Experience category cannot also count here.</i> <i>-Contact USC Connect if you believe a course not listed should count.</i></p>	<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Professional presentation (e.g., Discovery, Professional conference/meeting, USC Connect approved event) ▪ Publication ▪ Nominated scholarship application 	<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3-4 key insights integrating within & beyond the classroom experiences with analysis from multiple perspectives, disciplines, or experiences ▪ Application of key insights to leadership ▪ Artifacts related to learning from class & BTC (e.g., papers, projects, programs)

¹Some work/professional experience is required which can be achieved through either at least 120 hours in core experiences or a practica/internship course. Experiences cannot be double counted— e.g., a paid leadership experience is either counted toward meeting leadership OR work/professional experience, not both.