LEADING A LIFE OF IMPACT

In this newly redesigned curriculum, Kent State students will gain important skills and will engage with complex problems through transformative learning experiences. Students will gain essential knowledge that sets the stage for leading lives of impact, including Building for Success, Appreciating Human History and Culture, Understanding Ourselves and Others and Understanding the Natural World. As part of the Understanding Ourselves and Others category, students will complete a course focused on diversity, equity and inclusion which will offer an intensive exploration of these topics. Our students will use this broad base of skills and knowledge to identify and solve complex real-world problems in two thematic courses that represent the culmination of the Leading a Life of Impact curriculum. We anticipate that themes will align with Kent State’s distinctive history, culture, and scholarly endeavors. These courses will motivate students to apply acquired knowledge and skills by addressing global issues in creative and engaging ways.

This program is designed to meet all the Ohio Department of Higher Education’s OT36 transfer credit requirements. Adherence to this alignment will ensure students’ ease of transfer, CCP, and AP credit. While this curriculum honors the tradition of liberal arts education through retaining existing courses and fields of study, by renaming the categories, emphasis is placed on how the general education program impacts each student through requisite foundational knowledge and expertise that scaffolds to advanced learning and personal growth. While the thematic capstone courses provide an immediate opportunity for new pedagogy and cross-disciplinary curriculum, faculty responsible for existing general education courses may find inspiration to include thematic, self-reflective, and high-impact strategies in their courses. This curricular model affords ease of navigation, easy on and off ramps for transfer and College Credit Plus students, and exciting new opportunities to engage with real-world problems.

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