**Presidents Leadership Class**

The Presidents Leadership Class (PLC) is a specially designed, top scholar community with both academic and experiential curricula that focus on leadership development through an exploration and honing of our five domains of leadership development (http://www.colorado.edu/plc/plc-advantage/how-we-develop-leadership). Skills are developed in interdisciplinary, academic and experiential environments and through exposure to the key industries of Colorado. PLC students are from any school or college participate in the PLC curriculum as part of their regular course work.

The PLC is a program of CU Boulder and has a Board of Advocates representing Colorado business, educational, nonprofit and government communities.

**Admission and Enrollment**

Admission to the PLC is considered one of the highest honors awarded to incoming CU Boulder students. Most PLC students are admitted prior to the beginning of their first year at CU Boulder; however, a maximum of five spots are reserved for qualified rising sophomores through a second point-of-entry application. Selection criteria include academic excellence, a growth mindset, a willingness to challenge oneself, empathy, humility and resiliency. Each year, 50 first-year students are enrolled, comprising both Colorado residents and nonresidents. Instructions on how to apply to PLC are available on the PLC website (http://www.colorado.edu/plc). The application is part of the CU Boulder Scholarship Application through the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship Services. The application is due by February 15. To access the application, visit the Apply Now (http://www.colorado.edu/plc/apply-now) webpage.

Only students who are accepted into the PLC are eligible to enroll in PLC courses (PRLC) with few exceptions for PRLC 2820 and 3810. Students receive Arts and Sciences core credit in Ideals and Values for PRLC 1810; and core credit in Contemporary Societies for PRLC 1820.

**Academic Program**

The PLC provides students with unique academic courses, purposeful experiential education and real-life experiences that:

- Support academic and professional excellence
- Grow critical thinking and analytical capabilities
- Develop extraordinary creativity
- Hone abilities of thoughtful implementation
- Cultivate moral reasoning and ethical decision making

PLC provides opportunities by uniting the support of the university, local and statewide leaders. The academic curriculum is supplemented by a substantial experiential learning curriculum and professional development opportunities.

For more information on the PLC Curriculum Strategy and the research behind it, visit the Presidents Leadership Class (http://www.colorado.edu/plc) website.

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Total Credit Hours: 16

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### Scholarship Programs and Opportunities

The PLC offers many scholarships to fully participating students over the course of their undergraduate career. The first-year award is a merit award of $1,000 that is awarded upon selection into the program. The first-year scholarship is non-renewable. PLC students have the opportunity to apply or be nominated for a number of other scholarships to substantially help fund their undergraduate education upon their second year in the program. Below is a list of available scholarships primary to PLC students. All PLC allocated scholarships are dispersed through the Office of Financial Aid, and are calculated directly against the cost of attendance.

- William A. Douglas Endowment
- FirstBank Scholars
- EI Pomar-SLE
- Flanagan & Walker Scholarships
- Hoelscher Memorial Scholarship
- Annabelle K. Lutz Voss Scholars
- David A. Van Landschoot Family Scholarship
- Brian Watson Foundation Scholarship
- Tim Pestonik Scholarship
- Leo Hill Endowment
- The Ruyle Family Scholarship
- PLC Enrichment Fund Scholarship
- PLC Student Staff Fellowship

### Courses

**PRLC 1810 (3) Leadership Foundations and Applications I**

Introduces fundamental principles of leadership and ethics. Emphasizes application of the principles for self-development and organizational effectiveness.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students in the Presidents Leadership Class (PPLC) only.

**Grading Basis:** Letter Grade

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: Ideals and Values
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
PRLC 1820 (3) Leadership Foundations & Applications II
Explores challenges to leadership at the community level such as drug abuse, poverty, decline of infrastructure, care of the aged, etc. Gives particular attention to the development of effective leadership responses to community difficulties at university, city, state, and national levels. 
**Requisites:** Restricted to students in the Presidents Leadership Class (PPLC) only.

**Grading Basis:** Letter Grade 
**Additional Information:** GT Pathways: GT-SS3 -Soc Behav Sci: Hmn Behav, Cult, Soc Frame 
Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies 
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

PRLC 2820 (3) Multilevel Issues in Leadership 
Studies multilevel issues that originate in organizational settings but carry community and global implications. Encourages students to fully explore the complexity and interrelatedness of issues with a special emphasis on leadership and ethical implications. 
**Requisites:** Restricted to students in the Presidents Leadership Class (PPLC) only.

PRLC 2930 (1-3) Leadership Internship 
Students analyze the leadership styles within a host organization, examine how successfully an organization fulfills its mission and further refine their own theories of what constitutes effective leadership. Students also complete a meaningful project over the course of the internship. Department enforced prerequisites: PRLC 1810 and PRLC 1820 and PRLC 2820. 
**Repeatable:** Repeable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

PRLC 3800 (4) Global Inquiry for 21st Century Leadership 
Introduces students to the ways in which leadership and sustainable development theory converge, challenges students to examine these issues in specific contexts around the world, and provides them with practical training in cross-cultural competency and leadership skills. 
**Requisites:** Requires prerequisites PRLC 1810 and PRLC 1820 (both minimum grade C). Restricted to Presidents Leadership Class members.

**Grading Basis:** Letter Grade 

PRLC 3810 (3) Global Issues in Leadership 
Examines the challenges to leadership posed by major global issues. Problems in the areas of human rights, hunger, disease, large-scale collective violence and environmental deterioration are explored with a special emphasis on the development of effective, long-term leadership strategies. Department enforced prerequisites: PRLC 1810 and PRLC 1820 and PRLC 2820.

PRLC 4010 (3-4) 21st Century Leadership 
An advanced course that focuses on critical analysis of leadership principles and techniques. Designed to provide theoretical and hands-on experience for individuals who wish to function in leadership roles at high levels of competence in the workplace and in the civic arena. 
**Requisites:** Requires prerequisite courses of PRLC 1810 and PRLC 1820 (all minimum grade D-). Restricted to students in the Presidents Leadership Class (PPLC) only.

PRLC 4081 (3) Icons of the American Republic 
Examines the founding period of the United States through the events, political concepts and individuals depicted in the art exhibited in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. The course includes a visit to the U.S. Capitol Building, the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, the floor of the U.S. Senate, and an exploration of the legislative process. 
**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101 or PSCI 2012 or PSCI 2223 or PSCI 2004. 
**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: American