Taylor Leadership Institute

R. Bruce Taylor, III, Ph. D., the chairman of the UNF Board of Trustees, championed with Dr. Mauricio Gonzalez, Vice President of UNF International and Student Affairs, a leadership development resource for the community – Taylor Leadership Institute. Dr. Taylor founded Taylor Engineering, Inc. and guided the company to prominence as one of the leading coastal and water resource engineering organizations in the United States. Dr. Taylor is the recipient of a number of honors and recognitions for his leadership roles to include Distinguished Alumnus at the University of Florida and Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, Florida Engineer of the Year and the nation’s highest honor given to a professional engineer: the National Society of Professional Engineer’s Award. Dr. Taylor participates in planning, developing and promoting innovative programs offered by the UNF Taylor Leadership Institute.

A Different Way of Learning

The Taylor Leadership Institute (TLI) offers a high-engagement pedagogical model encouraging the intentional study and practice of leadership. You will study the groundbreaking research of Dr. Ron Heifetz, Co-Founder of the Center for Public Leadership in Public Leadership at Harvard University. He reinforces the strength of adaptive programming, such as TLI’s. According to Heifetz, “In teaching leadership, the key is to de-brief sufficiently. The single most common failing in teaching leadership is insufficient debriefing analysis.” In debriefing classroom exercises, mentoring experiences, or extracurricular activities on campus, there needs to be an analytical framework and time to teach it so that students take the right lessons from their experiences. Without good frameworks for diagnosis and action, students will pick up a lot of wrong lessons about leadership and how to deploy their talents.

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About the Institute
The Taylor Leadership Institute (TLI) at UNF facilitates the education and development of students by providing the resources to become effective, ethical and value-based leaders with a commitment to excellence, accountability, and responsibility to the real world of the workplace and civic/community engagement.

The Institute operates several innovative programs and events to operationalize values. In addition to a growing array of academic offerings, TLI connects students, like you, to applied learning activities and resources to develop your emerging role as a leader for the future.

Distinguish yourself with increased employability, enhanced self-confidence, and the valuable tools necessary to create positive social change by enrolling in the Leadership Program!

Mission Statement
To develop and promote global ethical leadership and character among our students and the UNF community through education, service, civic engagement and research.

Transformed Into a Leader
“The UNF Leadership Institute and its Leadership Program have been valuable resources to me as a student. The program enabled me to synthesize and deeply reflect on my leadership experiences both on campus and in the community to further enhance my understanding of leadership and to take an action-oriented approach to being a community trustee.”

Sichao Ni, Leadership Program Graduate
Regulatory Affairs Associate, Medtronic Surgical Technologies

The Minor in Community Leadership
The Leadership minor is an academic program under the stewardship of the TLI and the Department of Leadership, School Counseling, and Sport Management. The minor consists of four courses with an interdisciplinary approach applicable to students with declared majors across all five colleges at UNF.

Co-curricular components enable you to integrate classroom learning with the practice of leadership on-campus and in the community.

Requirements of the Minor
(Total: 12 credit hours)
1. Gateway Course: (3 hrs)
   • LDR 3003 Introduction to Leadership
2. One Primary Leadership Program Elective (3 hrs)
   • LDR 3240 Inter-Group Dialogue;
   • SOP 3515 Fundamentals/Conflict Transformation
   • LDR 3320 Collaborative Leadership
3. One Approved Leadership Elective (3 hrs)
   • Chosen from an approved list of courses having leadership learning outcomes across all five colleges at UNF.
4. Completion Course: (3 hrs)
   • LDR 4263 Practicum in Community Leadership

Events & Programs
Student Leadership Summit: The Annual UNF Student Leadership Summit awakens you to the definitive purpose in your life. Hosted by TLI each October, the summit experience will empower you to develop meaningful interactions with community organizations and introduce venues on and off campus for experiential leadership opportunities.

Leadership Speakers Bureau: This program offers face-to-face time to interact directly with leadership speakers to explore rich experiences, incredible backgrounds, and inspirational stories by attending lectures with question and answer segments. This series brings to campus an expanding variety of high-profile leaders in business, government, science, culture and much more.

Intergroup Dialogue: A program bringing together individuals from two or more social identity groups in a facilitated co-learning environment to help you build the skills and knowledge needed to engage in or lead multicultural group interactions. This course is open to all for elective credit and also satisfies selected requirements for the Leadership Program.

Learning to Lead: This fun and interactive orientation provides an opportunity to learn about the benefits and requirements of the Leadership Minor. Students acquire the credentials documenting the intentional study and practice of leadership as an undergraduate and an opportunity to ask the TLI Academic Coordinator clarifying questions.

Experiential Learning Transcript (ELT): An exclusive transcript enabling you to chronicle your personal leadership experiences defining leadership development during your UNF journey.

Entrepreneurial Resource: The network connects you to entrepreneur resources on campus and in the community. Moving from a dream to a business plan, the Taylor Leadership Institute entrepreneurial connection aligns Thought Leaders in the community with future business owners for feedback on start-up designs.