Overview

Colorado State University’s online Master of Arts Leadership and Administration helps you apply your creative talents and develop new skills to meet the rising demand for entrepreneurial arts management professionals and visionary organizational leaders.

Why Arts Leadership Matters

We believe the arts serve a valuable purpose in society, and we need leaders and entrepreneurs to ensure their success. Often, however, those best suited to serve in these roles—those who are passionate about their creative work and making positive change in the community—lack formal administrative and entrepreneurial training. This arts administration master’s helps you fill your knowledge gaps, so you can do the work that you love, and be more successful at it.

What You Learn

Gain the foundational skills you need to operate your own business, or take on leadership roles and impact meaningful change in an organization. The program covers a broad range of entrepreneurial subjects, including finance management, media communication, policy, project planning, events management and community engagement. These are skills that not only will be immediately applicable to your career today, but will provide valuable insight to help you make informed decisions throughout your career.

More About the Program

Taught by the same faculty who teach on campus, this online arts administration master’s allows you to earn the same degree as on-campus students, but offers the flexibility you need as a working creative professional. This program is offered by the LEAP Institute for the Arts, a special academic unit of Colorado State University’s College of Liberal Arts.

Delivery

Online

Credits

32 credits

Tuition

$582 per credit; financial aid is available

Time Frame

Can be completed in 2 years

Degree Awarded

Master of Arts Leadership and Administration (M.A.L.A.)

Offered By

College of Liberal Arts – Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Arts Advocacy and the Public (LEAP) Institute of the Arts

Learn More

online.colostate.edu/degrees/arts-leadership-administration/
**Minimum Admission Requirements**

- A bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution
- GPA greater than 3.0 in all undergraduate coursework (Faculty may consider applicants with a GPA lower than 3.0 if they can show significant work history in the field of arts administration)
- Potential for advanced study as evidenced by academic achievement
- Motivation to succeed in graduate study and in the profession of arts administration
- GRE scores are not required

**Completion Requirements**

- 32 semester credits, 9 of which must be approved elective credits
- Two separate semester-long internships (academic advisors will help students identify an appropriate internship opportunity at a local, regional or national arts organization in their area)

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**Curriculum**

**First Year**

- LEAP 500 – Leadership in the Arts (3 cr.)
- LEAP 600 – Arts Policy and Advocacy (3 cr.)
- LEAP 650 – Arts Event Management (3 cr.)
- LEAP 687 – Internship (3 cr.)
- LEAP 692 – Internship Seminar (1 cr.)
- Selected Elective Course¹ (3 cr.)

**Second Year**

- LEAP 660 – Arts Collaboration and the Community (3 cr.)
- LEAP 670 – Law and the Arts (3 cr.)
- LEAP 687 – Internship (3 cr.)
- LEAP 692 – Internship Seminar (1 cr.)
- Selected Elective Courses¹ (6 cr.)

¹Select course(s) from program list of approved courses in consultation with advisor and committee. Additional coursework may be required to fulfill prerequisites.

**Selected Elective Courses**

- CIS 600 – Information Technology and Project Management
- EDOD 506 – Human Resource Development
- EDOD 673 – Plan and Implement Change Interventions
- EDOD 675 – Design, Develop, Implement Workplace Learning
- EDOD 678 – Assess Change Interventions
- EDUC 651 – Multicultural and Special Populations
- EDUC 670 – Grant Writing

**Career Opportunities**

The demand for creative people with entrepreneurial and administrative skills is on the rise. Organizations in a wide array of fields are looking for leaders who can think differently, integrate knowledge across disciplines, spot and solve problems, and generate new ideas.

The Master of Arts Leadership Administration program seeks to enhance the skills that employers are seeking: innovative thinking, leadership, adaptability, collaboration and passion. These skills will translate to a wide variety of career paths in the creative and nonprofit sectors and beyond.