GRADUATE STUDIES
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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A MESSAGE FROM
THE DIRECTOR

On behalf of the Department of Organizational Leadership (OL) at Purdue University Fort Wayne, I appreciate your interest in our graduate program. Enclosed is information about OL graduate studies. I welcome, and look forward to answering, questions regarding the program. You may reach me at 260-481-6420 or by e-mail at oconnork@pfw.edu.

Congratulations on taking this step in your educational and professional career.

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BENEFITS

SPECIALIZE YOUR DEGREE

Choose from two concentrations to specialize your degree and earn the skills and knowledge to advance your career and increase your potential.

Human Resources

Master the skills you need to promote organizational diversity, develop and manage compensation plans, and encourage a healthy work environment.

Leadership

Focus on the skills and tools to influence behavior, lead project teams and other functional areas of responsibility, and effect organizational change.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Our program emphasizes the value of the practical application of knowledge and skills. Not only will you examine the concepts, theories and research of the discipline, you will also apply it by engaging in a variety of projects, cases, discussions, presentations, written assignments and more. Leadership development is a common thread woven throughout our curriculum.

THE PURDUE FORT WAYNE DIFFERENCE

Stand out with a graduate degree that enhances your qualifications through:
- Small class sizes
- Personal attention from dedicated faculty
- Course offerings designed for working adults
- Internationally recognized degree at a fraction of the cost

“My favorite part of the organizational leadership program is that it’s an applied program. For a capstone project we worked with a company and my company happened to be Zimmer Biomet, so it was applied in a sense that we worked with the company and you do some real life things. In today’s work force I think it’s becoming more and more important to set yourself apart and one of the ways to do that is through graduate school”.

David Watterson

“This program has set me apart from my peers by providing much-needed institutional knowledge on compensation, staffing, training, job analysis, and law. I truly feel that the Organizational Leadership program provided me the opportunity to apply theory in practical application and develop the skills that are needed in my organization. I also learned to view leadership and HR through a strategic lens – verifying that today’s decisions meet the long-term focus of the organization.”

Kurt Briner
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP (33 CREDIT HOURS)

The Master of Science in Organizational Leadership offers a foundation in the key principles of organizational leadership through core courses and the opportunity to specialize in either leadership or human resources management.

OL CORE REQUIREMENTS

OLS 51000 Foundations of Behavior and Leadership in Organizations
OLS 51500 Foundations of Human Resources
OLS 52000 Foundations of Organizational Context
OLS 52500 Organizational Analysis and Action
OLS 53010 or EDU 50301 or COM 58200 Research Skills Course
OLS 59000 Capstone or OLS 68000 Research in OLS, Variable Course

COURSE OF STUDY

The course of study requires completion of 33 credit hours with three components:

- Core requirements
- Concentration requirements
- Additional requirements

- The OL core requirements (15 credits) include courses that are designed to enhance students’ ability to serve in leadership and human resources roles in a wide variety of organizations including industrial, medical, service, and other profit and nonprofit organizations.
- The two concentrations (12 credits) include Human Resources or Leadership.
- Additional requirements (6 credits).

Students should focus on an area of concentration that best reflects their own interests and career aspirations.
HUMAN RESOURCES CONCENTRATION

Students within this area of concentration master the skills needed to promote organizational diversity, develop and manage compensation plans, implement valid selection techniques, and encourage healthy work environments.

OLS 54500 Compensation and Benefits
OLS 55500 Workforce Planning and Employment
OLS 56500 Employee Relations or OLS 57500 Contemporary Employment Practices & the Law
Elective

LEADERSHIP CONCENTRATION

Students within this area of concentration master the skills needed to influence behavior, lead project teams and other functional areas of responsibility, and effect organizational change.

OLS 53000 System Change and Organization Development or OLS 57000 Leadership Across Cultural Boundaries
OLS 54000 Leading Collaborative Projects and Work Teams or OLS 56000 Leadership of Virtual Teams
OLS 58700 Developing a Leadership Philosophy
Elective

TRANSFER CREDIT

With the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies, students may transfer up to 9 graduate credit hours of appropriate course work with grades of B (3.00) or better earned at other accredited institutions. No more than 12 graduate credits completed as a non-degree student will be counted toward the degree.
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Graduate Certificate in Organizational Leadership is built on the same foundational core as the OL master’s degree program. Courses are designed to provide both a theoretical foundation to leadership and human resources, and a solid understanding of industry best practices. Students in the graduate certificate program develop the ability to:

- Assess and enhance organizational climate and culture
- Understand the complexity and interrelated nature of organizational phenomena
- Identify practices that promote teamwork as well as personal and organizational effectiveness

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS (15 CREDIT HOURS)

OLS 51000 Foundations of Behavior and Leadership In Organizations
OLS 51500 Foundations of Human Resources
OLS 52000, Foundations of Organizational Context OR OLS 52500 Organizational Analysis and Action
Elective Graduate Courses – 6 credits needed in leadership and/or human resources

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

See the Application page in this document to view all of the graduate school admission requirements. In addition to these, the following Department of Organizational Leadership requirements apply:

- Students who are currently admitted to any Purdue graduate degree program at Purdue Fort Wayne are eligible to earn the certificate if they are approved for admission to the program through the Department of Organizational Leadership.
- Students who are not currently admitted to the Purdue Graduate School must apply for admission through the Department of Organizational Leadership.
- Students already enrolled in the OL master’s degree program are not eligible for the certificate. Students who initially enroll in the certificate program may apply for the OL master’s near completion of the certificate requirements or after the certificate has been granted. A maximum of 12 credit hours earned in the certificate may be applied to a master’s degree.
- Students may take the minimum of six OL graduate credit hours prior to admission to the certificate program that may be counted toward completion of the certificate.
- If approved by the OL Graduate Admissions Committee, a maximum of three graduate-level transfer credits may be applied to the requirements for the certificate.
APPLICATION DEADLINES

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STEPS TO APPLY

1. Application: To begin your application create an account through the portal at pfw.edu/grad-apply. Applicants can make and save changes before submitting by logging in with the username and password used to create the account.

2. Application Fee: The Graduate School application fee is $60 (U.S. dollars) for domestic applicants and $75 (U.S. dollars) for international applicants. Your application will not be processed until your nonrefundable application fee has been paid.

3. Transcripts: Through the application portal, you must upload transcript(s) and/or academic document(s) for every institution of higher education you attended regardless of whether or not a degree was received. If a degree was received then it must be printed on the transcripts. If no degree conferral is printed on the transcripts then a copy of the original diploma (degree certificate) is needed. If the documents are not in English, you must upload an English translation certified by the college or university that issued it. For those who have completed degrees in the People’s Republic of China, you will also be required to submit the Graduation Certificate.

4. Statement of Purpose (Essay): The statement of purpose should be 300-500 words concerning your purpose for undertaking or continuing graduate study, your reasons for wanting to study at Purdue Fort Wayne, and your research interests, professional plans, and career goals. You also may explain any special circumstances applicable to your background and elaborate on your scholarly publications, awards, achievements, abilities, and/or professional history.

5. Recommendations: Submit names of two individuals who are qualified to evaluate your academic or on-the-job performance who can attest to your ability to pursue a graduate degree. In the online application to the Purdue Graduate School, once you click “Send to Recommender,” each individual will receive an email with instructions for submitting their recommendation online. Once submitted, the graduate program to which you applied will have access to view your recommendation(s).

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

You must provide official transcripts and/or academic records at the request of the graduate program or if you are admitted and choose to enroll. An official transcript bears the original signature of the registrar and/or the original seal of the issuing institution. An unofficial transcript printed from your current/previous institution(s) student system is not an acceptable document. Official documents should be submitted to:

Purdue University Fort Wayne
Office of Graduate Studies
2101 E Coliseum Blvd., KT 140
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Domestic transcripts must be mailed directly from a Registrar’s office to the Office of Graduate Admissions. (You can choose to send the transcripts yourself, but the transcripts must be in an envelope sealed by the Registrar).
All international applicants must also submit the following items to be considered for admission:

1. **English Proficiency Scores:**
   **TOEFL for Non-Native English Speakers**
   Minimum Paper-Delivered Test - no overall score reported with the following minimum section requirements:
   - Reading: 19
   - Writing: 18
   - Listening: 14
   Minimum Internet-Based Test (IBT) Overall Score: 80 with the following minimum section requirements:
   - Reading: 19
   - Speaking: 18
   - Listening: 14
   - Writing: 18
   **IELTS (Academic Module): An alternative to the TOEFL, overall band score of 6.5 or higher with minimum section requirements:**
   - Reading: 6.5
   - Listening: 6.0
   - Speaking: 6.0
   - Writing: 5.5

2. **Transcript Evaluation**
   International Applicants must submit original and certified copies for every institution of higher education attended. All documents must be submitted in both English and in the original language. All candidates must hold a four-year undergraduate degree or equivalent in any discipline from a recognized institution.

3. **Proof of Financial Support**
   An official letter and financial statement from a bank, company, or government sponsor indicating the availability of sufficient funds to pay for your tuition and living expenses is required.

4. **Visa and/or Permanent Resident Card (PRC)**

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**INTERNATIONAL TRANSCRIPTS SHOULD BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION**

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