

# THE URBAN LEADERSHIP LEARNING COMMUNITY (ULLC)

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In the Jesuit tradition of being “people for and with others”, the Urban Leadership Learning Community personally and professionally develops students from the Greater Buffalo area that historically have been denied access to positions of influence and power. Through leadership training, mentoring, and involvement in extracurricular activities, the ULLC Program prepares students to take on leadership roles in their communities with a focus on promoting diversity, equity and inclusion.

The ULLC offers students a four-year program to help create the next generation of leaders in Buffalo and Western New York. The program provides its students with partial and full scholarships to cover tuition, room and board and fees. Moreover, through its many activities throughout a student’s undergraduate career, the program fosters academic excellence, extra-curricular involvement and service to others, all through collaboration.

The ULLC enrolled its first class in Fall 2000 and experiences an impressive 80% four-year graduation rate. Almost 200 ULLC students have graduated since 2004, and currently there are about 40 ULLC students pursuing undergraduate degrees in a wide-range of majors.

Graduates have gone on to graduate programs and professions in education, medicine, business and social work or are employed in a variety of occupations.

ULLC students are required to take four, collaborative, non-lecture “Team Learning” courses for the core curriculum foundation courses. They have opportunities for more in a range of disciplines. The leadership activities that ULLC students participate in are many and varied and include: a Leadership Workshop Series, four workshops that investigate and apply leadership concepts to the demands of careers and good citizenship; a Summer Leadership Training Program for incoming freshmen, two weeks of intensive preparation for the demands of college life; the ULLC Council, class representatives to plan and promote program activities, such as the Annual Banquet. All ULLC students participate in one or more internships either related or ancillary to their career plans.

ULLC students hold offices in a wide range of campus activities; many of them study a semester abroad; and many participate in the Service Weeks opportunities offered by the Office of Campus Ministry.

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