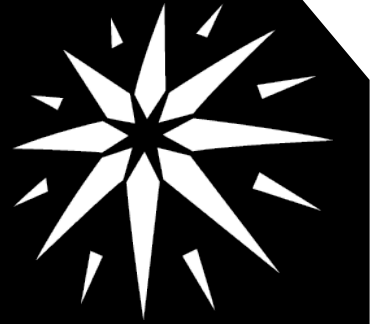


PRESIDENTS LEADERSHIP CLASS

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THIS IS PLC

Each year, 50 of the University of Colorado Boulder's incoming students are selected to be Presidents Leadership Class scholars. These students receive four years of rigorous academic and experiential leadership education and development, fostering both intellectual and personal growth. The PLC academic path leads to a Leadership Studies Minor while the experience gained on and off campus prepares PLC students to launch successfully into the professional arena upon graduation.

We realize the world needs extraordinary leaders with the skills, mindsets, and ethics necessary to do whatever it takes to meet the current and coming needs of our communities. Therefore, we strive to graduate students that:

- Are outstanding in their field of academic study and leadership there within.
- Know when and how to act professionally, and are ready to start a career in any field.
- Will act with integrity for themselves, the program, and those in their community at all times.
- Demonstrate a strong ethical foundation from which their decisions are made.
- Cherish a strong community made up of talented and motivated individuals.
- Inspire one another to push boundaries and take chances to make real change in the world.



Thursday Recitation Group

PLC MISSION

To develop extraordinary, ethical leaders for the betterment of individuals and society by promoting a broad, inclusive approach to leadership, fostering excellence in our exclusive academic competencies, delivering pioneering curriculum and experiential learning, leveraging the advantages of the university and the state of Colorado, and supporting our students with mentors, community, alumni, and financial resources.



Tuesday Night Lecture

THE PLC ADVANTAGE

CLASS

There are four PLC courses, designed to be taken sequentially, that address a widening focus on leadership starting with individual ethics and ending with a look at leadership issues on a global scale.

COMMUNITY

In PLC you are part of a small family of highly driven peers with a dedicated staff that offers you individualized support throughout your undergraduate experience. This community provides guidance and reinforcement with everything from your academics to your social life, and from balancing your busy schedule to managing life on campus.

SCHOLARSHIP

You will receive a \$1000 merit scholarship your freshmen year. Starting your sophomore year you are eligible to apply for and receive many other scholarships exclusive to PLC students. Our scholarships can greatly enhance your undergraduate experience and help relieve the financial burden of the cost of attendance.

EXPERIENCE

The most important leadership lessons you will learn in your time with PLC will be through your experiential education endeavors. You will have the opportunity to experience practical leadership through your involvements both on and off campus. At PLC, we recognize that the best way for you to learn how to lead and how to follow is by experiencing both, inside and outside of the classroom.

PLC ACADEMICS

The courses offered in PLC are designed and instructed with the intention of developing your leadership abilities and perspective throughout your undergraduate career. Each course will draw upon lessons you have learned in previous PLC courses and will challenge you to apply your leadership skills in new and increasingly creative ways. The sequence of the PLC curriculum is not meant as a beginning and end to your leadership education, but rather as a broad foundation from which you will continue your leadership growth beyond graduation.

PRLC 1810: Ethical Leadership
PRLC 1820: Community Issues and Leadership
PRLC 2820: Multi-Level Issues and Leadership
PRLC 3810: Global Issues in Leadership
LEAD 4000: Leadership Capstone (CU course)

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

Experiential learning is a hallmark of PLC and sets our students apart from those in other leadership development programs. Experiential learning will accelerate your classroom learning when you integrate it with your real-world opportunities. Our program intentionally engages you with the world through Experiential Weekends, the Walkabout program, Professional Development offerings, and the Applied Leadership Wilderness Program. You will learn how to effectively plan, develop goals, implement ideas into action, and lead others in order to impact your community and become a global citizen.



Orientation 2010 Group Picture



Agriculture Experiential Weekend



Sports Tourism Experiential Weekend



Orientation 2014 Staff Team



Education Experiential Weekend

MOST COMMON PLC FAQ'S

Should I apply to PLC?

PLC students are driven, conscientious and ambitious, both in the classroom and in the community. If you are academically motivated and seek community involvement, you should apply to PLC.

How do I get the PLC application?

The application is available through your **MyCU Boulder portal**. Go to the Finances Tab and apply for scholarships. Complete the General Scholarship application, then proceed to the PLC application under "Opportunities."

When is the PLC application due?

All parts of the PLC application are due on **FEBRUARY 15**. The online application must be submitted via CU Boulder Financial Aid and Scholarship Services.

What is required for the application?

1. General Scholarship application
2. Presidents Leadership Class opportunity application
 - Four custom short-answer essays
 - Two Reference Names/Emails to provide recommendations

Do I have to be accepted to CU Boulder before applying for PLC?

No. Please apply for PLC even if you do not know your admission status with the university. However, you cannot participate in PLC if you do not gain admission into CU Boulder.

When do I find out if I get a PLC interview?

You will be notified by **MARCH 1** if you have been selected for an interview.

When are PLC interviews?

In-State interviews on CU Boulder campus: **March 9 & 10**
Out-of-State interview via Skype: **March 9 & 10**

When will I find out if I got into PLC?

You will be notified if you have been invited to join PLC no later than **APRIL 1**.

Can I be in Honors if I am in PLC? Norlin Scholars? Leeds Scholars? EHP? ELP? LRAP?

If you are admitted into PLC, you can also participate in other talented scholar programs on campus, **except for Norlin Scholars and the LRAP/ELLC**. Most of our students are in Honors, Leeds Scholars, Boettcher, Engineering Honors, Engineering Leadership Program, BOLD, etc.

Is PLC a Residential Academic Program (RAP)?

No, **PLC is not a RAP**, and you are not required to live with PLC students in a specific dorm. You can be in any of the RAPs on campus, except LRAP/ELLC, while you are in PLC. Many PLC students are in the HonorsRAP and EHP (Engineering Honors Program).

How much is the PLC scholarship?

PLC Scholars receive a **\$1,000 merit scholarship** their freshman year (\$500/semester). Following your 1st year, there are no automatic scholarships awarded, however, there are many scholarships available to PLC students. Our website lists all of the available scholarships for PLCers.

How do I contact PLC with questions?

For help with the application (system) contact **Scholarship Services at CU Boulder: 303-492-4533**. For questions specifically about PLC contact the Manager of Student Affairs, Jessie Kasynski: **bePLC@colorado.edu**.

PLC APPLICATION CALENDAR

OCTOBER 1 - Application opens on myCUBoulder

NOVEMBER 15 - Taste of PLC guest lecture

FEBRUARY 15 - Application due - click finish & submit

MARCH 9-10 - Interviews - CU Boulder campus or Skype

APRIL 1 - Notification of selection status

APRIL 8 - Be A PLCer/Admitted Students Day

WHAT WE LOOK FOR

Each student in the program differs in leadership issues, leading styles, academic interests, extracurricular passions, and character. Students thrive on their differences, and through them, exhibit their very own versions of intellectual curiosity, leadership potential, commitment to others/outside of self, and a contribution to community.



Do you excel and are you committed to excellence in school, and explore an array of programs that widen your academic knowledge base?



Do you understand leadership approaches, and have already started to put your own style into practice?



Do you give time and resources to better your community and have an undeniable compassion and genuine interest in serving?



Do you stand-out in your own way? Will you make a positive contribution to the PLC community?

KNOW MORE ABOUT PLC

There are many ways to learn more about PLC. Please visit our website at www.colorado.edu/plc and/or schedule a visit to our office on the fourth floor of Norlin Library. We can arrange for you a visit and discussion with a PLC student, staff, or faculty. You are also invited to attend **Taste of PLC**, a guest lecture for prospective applicants and 1st year students on Nov. 15th.

APPLY TO PLC

- You need to begin your CU Boulder application to have access to the PLC application through the General Scholarship Application.
- Access the General Scholarship Application through your **myCUBoulder** portal.
- Complete the General Scholarship Application.
- Click **Finish & Submit** to access “Opportunities.”
- Find the Presidents Leadership Class (PLC) application under the “Opportunities” menu.
- Answer the short-answer custom essay prompts for PLC.
- Please include two email addresses for recommendations. Choose people who know your leadership ability and future potential. Notify your recommenders.
- When you are ready, click Submit on your completed application.
- You must have completed the PLC application no later than **February 15**. Late and partial applications will not be accepted.

Be PLC.

Be Boulder.

