



MONTANA
STATE UNIVERSITY
LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

HLD 291-001

Leadership Through the Lens of Aristotle: Exploration in the Four Cardinal Values



Course Activities:

Analysis of the four cardinal virtues through studying and discussing Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics and other readings

Application of the framework of the four virtues to cases in leadership

Leaders to be studies include accomplished guest speakers and those chronicled in film, writings, and podcasts

Graded activities include active engagement in seminar-style class, two in-class essays, "Inspiring Leader Project" that requires an interview and in-class presentation, and a personal reflection essay referencing the virtues and case studies

**Meets 2 of the 12 elective
requirements for the
Leadership Fellows
Undergraduate Certificate**

Learning Goals:

Understanding of the four cardinal virtues and their application to leadership and character development

Development of critical thinking and expression skills through analysis of writings, films, and presentations and rigorous in-class debate and discussion

Nurturing of ability to develop and draw on the virtues in leadership roles and situation

Application of virtuous leadership to current topics/challenges including AI, climate change, threats to democracy, and polarization.

HLD 291-001 • Fall Semesters
Tuesday/Thursday • 9:25-10:40am
Fall 2026 (9/13-11/5) • Spring 2027 (8 weeks)
2 Credits • Instructor: Gregory Avis

