

# Graduate Program IN SERVANT LEADERSHIP

*“If we have healthy servant leaders,  
we have healthy organizations,  
communities, and a healthy nation.”*

—Tom Thibodeau, Master of Arts in Servant  
Leadership program at Viterbo University



## Change Your Life, Change the World

Servant leadership is a philosophy and set of practices that enriches the lives of individuals, builds better organizations, and ultimately creates a more just community and caring world. Our flexible program meets the unique needs of full-time working professionals, full-time graduate students, and those looking to take an occasional course.

### Our Purpose

Our classrooms provide an opportunity for students to engage in conversations that provide a language of articulating and promoting servant leadership philosophies and practices. If you care about growth and development of others, building healthy communities and thriving cultures, encouraging ethical decision making, and integrating faith or a higher purpose with your work this is the right program for you.



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### Our Students

The Master of Arts in Servant Leadership (MASL) program is designed for individuals who aspire to deepen their leadership skills or become servant leaders in nonprofit organizations, business, government, health care, ministry, or education. By promoting ethical decision making, theological reflection, leadership skills, and public activity, the program supports and affirms people who seriously embrace their vocation to serve.

### Delivery Method

Classes are offered in various methods throughout the academic year:

- Face to face weekend classes – usually meet three times per semester, Friday evening and all day Saturday
- Online or blended
- Summer Institute – blend of online and up to a two week on-campus intensive

Apply online at [www.viterbo.edu/masl](http://www.viterbo.edu/masl)



“This program appeals to me because it matches my mission to help people become their best selves. As a person who has already served in senior leadership positions, I hope I can contribute my knowledge and experience to those who aspire to that path.”

—Karla Davis

“I hope to gain a new sense of patience, to pursue humility, and to enjoy a life of simplicity while enhancing my ability to affect the lives of others. I also hope to find a bridge between three unlikely partners: my spiritual life, my passion for ethics, and my potential practice in business.”

—Jacob Hart



## Curriculum

The MASL degree requires 30 graduate credits consisting of five core courses and five elective courses. All courses are three credits.

**Sample Two-year Schedule** Can be accelerated or extended depending on your timeline.

YEAR ONE: FALL – 6 credits	YEAR ONE: SPRING – 6 credits	YEAR ONE: SUMMER – 3 credits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SVLD 501 - Servant Leadership Theory and Practice</li> <li>SVLD 550 - Building Community I</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SVLD 504 – Ethical Decision Making for the Common Good</li> <li>Elective one</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elective two</li> <li>Elective three</li> </ul>
YEAR TWO: FALL – 6 credits	YEAR TWO: SPRING – 6 credits	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SVLD 690 – Building Community II/ Colloquium</li> <li>Elective four</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SVLD 553 - Ritual and Celebration</li> <li>Elective five</li> </ul>	

## MASL Core Courses

- SVLD 501 - Servant Leadership Theory and Practice
- SVLD 504 - Ethical Decision Making for the Common Good
- SVLD 550 - Building Community I
- SVLD 553 - Ritual and Celebration
- SVLD 690 - Building Community II/Colloquium

## MASL Elective Course Offerings

- SVLD 530 - Grant Writing
- SVLD 531 - Interpersonal and Organizational Excellence I
- SVLD 532 - Interpersonal and Organizational Excellence II
- SVLD 546 - Power and Trust in Organizational Culture
- SVLD 548 - Teaching, Leading, Serving
- SVLD 555 - Servant Leadership and Global Change
- SVLD 557 - Prophetic Leadership
- SVLD 562 - Serving, Leading, Healing (Fall)
- SVLD 565 - Franciscan Theology of Environmental Stewardship

MASL students also have the opportunity to take any graduate level business courses (MGMT, ECON, BLAW, ACCT, HMG, MKTG) or the following courses in graduate education: EDUC 505, 506, or 507.

**For additional information contact Graduate Admissions, [gradadmissions@viterbo.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@viterbo.edu) or 608-796-3011.**