**General Curriculum: Introduction to fundamentals of team building, strategic thinking, and relationship building.**

- **Welcome Week:** Weeklong training before fall semester classes
- **Oswegatchie Retreat:** Weekend off-campus team building retreat
- **Town Halls:** Monthly training sessions on topics like budgeting or time management
- **Business Retreat:** Weekend retreat in October to begin practicum experiences
- **Welcome Back Retreat:** One-day session in January
- **Social events:** Opportunities to informally connect with other members
- **Majors:** Allow members to learn more about a specific content area
- **Practicums:** Allow members to put their leadership learning into practice on teams. Members can receive 3 credit hours for practicum experience.

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**Majors**

- Conflict Resolution
- Intergroup Dialogue
- Health/Policy/Wellness
- Entrepreneurship
- Outdoor Education
- Power and Politics
- Event Logistics, Planning, and Management

**Practicum Experiences**

- Leadership Symposium
- Healthy Monday
- Panasci Business Plan
- Outdoor Field Experience
- Campaign Organizing
- Event Planning
Description of Majors

Event Logistics, Planning, and Management: Members who select this major will gain a valuable perspective on all aspects that encompass an event. They will learn what makes our student employees successful customer service agents on campus and will interact with the staff whose behind-the-scenes work makes events happen. In the practicum members will use their skills to plan different events.

Power and Politics: This major will explore past and present student social movements that have challenged power and changed politics in America. Members will learn skills necessary for creating social change—developing strategy and tactics, coalition building, grassroots organizing, designing workshops, and using the media. Emphasis will be on the political power of wealth. In a practicum/project experience members will apply what they have learned.

Entrepreneurship: The Falcone Center for Entrepreneurship aims to help develop the entrepreneur within. Members who select the entrepreneurship major will learn the skills required to conceptualize and begin launching a business venture. They will benefit from expertise of Falcone Center staff and will be challenged to submit a business concept proposal (and potentially a complete business plan) for inclusion in the Panasci Business Plan Competition.

Health/Policy/Wellness: Improving the health of people and a community requires increasingly dynamic and multi-disciplinary approaches. Members who select this major will learn from public health experts by attending lectures sponsored by the CNY Master of Public Health program at Upstate University Hospital. Members will then implement a Healthy Monday campaign as their practicum experience with experts from the Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion in Maxwell. The certificate in health, health policy and wellness is available only for those completing the major and practicum.

Intergroup Dialogue: Can we talk? Leaders are tasked with the difficult role of creating understanding across disagreement and differences. Members who select this major will learn how to engage in difficult dialogues across differences, how to use effective communication to lead diverse teams and organizations, and how to facilitate dialogue with members and student groups. This major will be facilitated by the instructional staff of the Intergroup Dialogue Program.

Conflict Resolution: Conflict Resolution is conceptualized as the processes involved in peacefully ending conflict between and among parties. Members who select this major will learn theories and practices associated with mediating and negotiating conflict. This major will be facilitated by instructional staff and faculty in the Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration and the Conflict Management Center in Maxwell.

Outdoor Education: Members who select the Outdoor Education Major will learn about outdoor recreation opportunities, environmental education, & local conservation work from our strategic partners; Syracuse University Outdoor Education and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation. Members will attend 3 workshops, which provide opportunities to explore local NY State parks as well as on-campus outdoor education facilities.

Description of Practicum Experiences

Maxwell

Members who excel in the Fall can elect to do the Practicum Experience for academic credit through the Public Affairs Program in the Spring semester. 3 CAS credits are available.

Leadership Symposium: Members who select this practicum will plan and implement the annual Student Leadership Symposium. Visit http://studentactivities.syr.edu/leadership/sls.html for more information.

Healthy Monday: Members who select this practicum will design and lead the annual “Hiking at Green Lakes” Outdoor Adventure Trip in conjunction with SU Outdoor Education.

Panasci Business Plan Competition: Members who select this practicum will create and implement a grass-roots campaign on campus designed to advance a particular issue of importance to the students. This team will work with the team from Democracy Matters.

Event Planning: Members who select this practicum will work with staff in Student Centers and Programming Services to manage all aspects of an on-campus event.