

EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

Distinguished Leader Certificate Program

Take Your Leadership Development to the Next Level and Personalize Your Career Development Path

The Distinguished Leader Certificate is the highest credential awarded by Michigan Ross Executive Education—a mark of elite leadership and sustained professional excellence. Reserved for accomplished executives who commit to a rigorous and thoughtfully curated learning journey, this distinction signals mastery across strategy, execution, and people leadership. It reflects not only breadth of knowledge, but depth of capability earned through meaningful engagement with world-class faculty and a global network of senior leaders.

As you progress through eligible programs, you build a portfolio of advanced skills grounded in cutting-edge research and practical application.

Certificate candidates receive preferred pricing as they advance and may extend partial scholarships to colleagues and clients. Contact us to discuss how to pursue this highest level of distinction.

Key Benefits

- › **Advance Your Career:** Completing a Distinguished Leader Certificate strengthens your resume and skills, positioning you for growth within your organization.
- › **Support Your Team's Development:** Certificate holders can share a special discount with colleagues and team members.
- › **Expand Your Global Network:** The Distinguished Leader Certificate connects you with top faculty and peers across industries and experience levels.
- › **Gain a Lifetime Discount:** Complete the full Distinguished Leader program to earn a lifetime Michigan Ross Executive Education discount.

Who Should Apply

Elevate your career with a Distinguished Leader Certificate. Upon completion, you will earn the added distinction of being a Distinguished Leader alum. This certificate is designed for:

- › Individuals who are passionate about their leadership development.
- › Leaders who desire to stay up-to-date with emerging trends, technologies, and evolving leadership practices.
- › Managers, directors, high potentials, and senior-level executives from all functional areas and industries who aspire to highlight their commitment to a transformative leadership journey.



Develop Yourself and Develop Others

At Michigan Ross, we know that two things are true of the best leaders: they never stop learning and they commit to developing others. To support you in these important aspects of your leadership, we offer tuition scholarships and benefits as you work toward your certificate.

LEVEL DESCRIPTION	UNITS NEEDED	PERSONAL DISCOUNT EARNED	SHARED PEER DISCOUNT
Level 1	1-5	Earn a 10% discount toward your next program enrollment.	
Level 2	6-9	Earn a 15% discount toward your next program enrollment.	
Level 3	10-13	Earn a 20% discount toward your next program enrollment.	
Level 4	14	Earn a 25% lifetime discount on Michigan Ross Executive Education programs.	Earn a 50% off discount voucher toward Executive Education program cost for a 5-day program. This voucher is transferable to an individual or peer once per year.



“The Distinguished Leader Certificate Program has provided a unique opportunity to engage in a diverse set of leadership courses that have delivered immediately actionable frameworks and tools, which I have been able to apply in the workplace as soon as each course has concluded. The relevance, depth, and practicality of the instruction have set this experience apart.”

Annette Stewart

Vice President of Financial Services Business Strategy & Development, Samsung Electronics America



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Units Earned for Program Completion[^]

UNITS	PROGRAM NAME
8 units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Advanced Human Resource Executive Program (In-Person) › Advanced Human Resource Executive Program (Blended) › Board Director Program › Chief Data and AI Officer Program
6 units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › CXO Leadership Program › Emerging Leaders Program › Strategic Leaders Program
5 units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Accelerated Management Development Certificate Program
4 units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Advanced Strategic Leadership › Leading High-Performing Teams
1 unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Analytical Thinking › Digital Transformation and Innovation › Leadership Accelerator › People-Driven Thinking › Practicing Positive Leadership › The Power of Persuasion › Strategic Decision Making › Value-Driven Thinking

[^]Completion of the Accelerated Management Development Certificate (four foundational courses and one speciality course) earns five Distinguished Leader Certificate units. Completing individual AMDCP course offerings earns a single DLC unit. Individual course completion units may be applied towards the Distinguished Leader Certificate only once.



A WORLD-CLASS EXPERIENCE

Every aspect of our in-person and online programs is designed to deliver you a truly world-class experience. Our program directors work closely with faculty before, during, and after the program to ensure you achieve your objectives. Program managers facilitate a seamless transition between activities and assist with anything you might need—ensuring your focus is on learning, not logistics.

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For more information, and to view program dates, contact us or scan the QR code below:

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Plan Your Journey to Earn a Distinguished Leader Certificate (DLC)*

Step 1

Review Our Program Catalog

Review our program catalog and identify the programs of interest to you. To learn, more contact us at 734-763-1000 or RossExecEd@umich.edu.

Step 2

Select Your First Program

Contact a customer service representative to discuss and select your first Distinguished Leader Certificate program or learn how you can earn units from courses you have already completed.

Step 3

Complete Your Distinguished Leader Journey

Finalize your journey by completing a minimum of 14 Michigan Ross Executive Education program units. Earn a certificate and join an elite group of global business executives recognized as Michigan Ross Distinguished Leaders.

*Select programs are not eligible for DLC program units. Programs that have been completed, but are no longer offered may still be eligible for units. Check with our Customer Service Representative to verify program eligibility.

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