The Women’s Leadership Program (WLP) (http://wlp.gwu.edu) is a selective, year-long, living and learning program for freshmen women of any GW school. Offered at the Mount Vernon Campus, WLP commemorates and preserves the vision of the founder of Mount Vernon College and Seminary, Elizabeth J. Somers. WLP students have the benefit of small classes, close contact with faculty and women in leadership roles, and strong community ties within the program.

The dynamic curriculum emphasizes exploration and development of women’s leadership through academic courses and weekly symposia. WLP symposia offer special lectures, workshops, and experiential learning that draw on the unique resources of Washington, DC, to bring students together with women of achievement in leadership roles from many professional fields. Membership in the WLP program is indicated on the student’s transcript.

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COURSES

Explanation of Course Numbers

- Courses in the 1000s are primarily introductory undergraduate courses
- Those in the 2000s to 4000s are upper-division undergraduate courses that can also be taken for graduate credit with permission and additional work
- Those in the 6000s and 8000s are for master’s, doctoral, and professional-level students
- The 6000s are open to advanced undergraduate students with approval of the instructor and the dean or advising office

WLP 1020. Writing, Literature, and Society. 3 Credits.
Critical reading skills, concepts of disciplinarity, and processes of producing and legitimating knowledge. Writing intensive. Texts and emphasis vary according to cohort. Restricted to students in the women’s leadership program with the permission of the instructor.

WLP 1110. Women and Leadership Symposium (I). 1 Credit.
A weekly symposium that includes a wide variety of leadership-building workshops, cultural events of cross-disciplinary interest, and guest speakers.

WLP 1111. Women and Leadership Symposium (II). 1 Credit.
A weekly symposium that includes a wide variety of leadership-building workshops, cultural events of cross-disciplinary interest, and guest speakers.

WLP 4198. WLP Independent Study. 3 Credits.