USC Connect including Graduation with Leadership Distinction

Information for Faculty & Advisors

USC Connect (integrative learning within and beyond the classroom) is for all students! Students engaging at high levels can earn Graduation with Leadership Distinction (GLD).

Basic Information on GLD

Students can Graduate with Leadership Distinction in 4 pathways
  - Community Service
  - Global Learning
  - Professional and Civic Engagement
  - Research

Distinction appears on transcript and diploma. USC Connect receives student applications for GLD, verifies completion of all requirements, and notifies registrar of eligible students.

Resources:

- Searchable Database of Opportunities: tinyurl.com/USCConnectDatabase
- Recommendations by Major: tinyurl.com/ProgramRecommendations
- E-Portfolios (with link to video instructions): tinyurl.com/USCConnectPortfolio
- Graduation with Leadership Distinction: www.sc.edu/USCConnect/Leadership.shtml
- GLD on-line orientation with link to registration www.sc.edu/USCConnect/orientation.shtml
- Registration for GLD is reflected in a student’s DegreeWorks header under “Special.” Progression toward meeting requirements appears under “Degree Progress.”
- Who can help www.sc.edu/usconnect/facultystaff/experiences.shtml

Faculty & Advisor Role:

Faculty & Advisors impact students’ choices. Encourage students to make the most of their education.

- Know basic information (on this sheet)
- Communicate the value of beyond-the-classroom experiences and reflection on their significance
- Make sure USC Connect/GLD Recommendations by Major are up-to-date for your area(s)
- Encourage students to check out on-line resources & consider specific beyond the classroom experiences
- Recommend students pursuing GLD take UNIV 401 and/or consider integrating an e-portfolio into program courses
- Contact USC Connect at any time for information or support 777-3272; uconnect@mailbox.sc.edu

In Development:

University-wide calendaring system that will include options to feature opportunities for students

On-line tracking system to facilitate record-keeping of students’ beyond-the-classroom engagement

Gives Us 30 minutes . . .

Talk through your vision for your students with us. We’ll develop the materials.