

EXECUTIVE MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Leaders at the highest level of public service must understand the complexities of management and leadership—as well as intractable social issues—in order to make a positive impact in the world. With core courses in leadership and either financial management or global governance, and unique networking opportunities beyond the classroom, the EMPA program will prepare you to address public service challenges through leadership roles in any sector: nonprofit, government, philanthropic, and private.



I left NYU Wagner with a fantastic network of peers. I explored my own leadership, I learned how to read financial statements, I consulted for a nonprofit. I became literate in leadership and theory, while enjoying new classes like multi-sector partnerships.

Primo Lasana, EMPA 2021
Executive Director, Reading Partners NYC



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

A cohort-based community. Create powerful connections with members of your cohort, Wagner students and graduates, faculty, and guest speakers that will expand your network and inspire your professional journey.

Transformational self-discovery. Participate in individualized leadership coaching, self-assessment exercises, leadership development courses, and a co-curricular series of talks and workshops that will support your personal and professional growth.

A customizable curriculum. Work closely with a faculty advisor to fine-tune a personalized, career-focused learning plan that will expand your skills, tools, and frameworks.

Full- or Part-Time Study. Complete the program in one year of full-time study, or in two years of part-time study while working. You can alternate between full- and part-time study, or extend study beyond two years.

Flexible Scheduling. Take elective courses as your schedule permits: on Saturdays, weeknights, and weekdays; as intensive, half-term, or full-term courses; and throughout the year, including during NYU's January and summer terms.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

EMPA Public Service Leaders complete 9 core credits and 21 elective credits (7 to 14 courses). EMPA students who plan to work in international development and policy may select the program's International Public Service Leaders track, comprised of nine core credits, three experiential learning credits, and 18 general elective credits (6 to 12 courses).

REQUIRED CORE COURSES (3 credits each):

- Strategic Leadership
- Leadership Confronted
- Financial Decision Making and Management, Institutions, Governance, and Public Sector Reform

SCHEDULE OPTIONS

- **Start the program with four day-long meetings** of the intensive course, Strategic Leadership, in late August prior to your first term.
- **Complete remaining core courses and begin elective coursework** in your first or second term.
- **Join a bi-weekly co-curricular series** on Saturday afternoons with students in your cohort.
- **Personalize your electives** by taking courses on Saturdays (mornings/afternoons) and/or during the week (days/evenings) based on your interest and availability. Courses may be selected from within Wagner or from other divisions of NYU.

SAMPLE SATURDAY SCHEDULE

SESSION A*

9:00am-12:30pm	ELECTIVE COURSE Intersection of Operations, Policy & Leadership	• Build skills in stakeholder analysis, decision modeling, and forecasting, as well as communication, presentation, and negotiation.
12:50pm-2:20pm	EMPA Co-Curricular Series	• Sessions focused on professional development, communication skills, leadership and social justice, and networking.
2:45pm-6:15pm	CORE COURSE Financial Decision Making & Management	• Learn both the “nuts and bolts” and “big picture” of financial decision-making and management.

SESSION B*

9:00am-12:30pm	ELECTIVE COURSE Human Resources: Leading Talent Development	• Develop skills as a manager in areas such as recruitment, retention, and job design.
12:40pm-2:20pm	BREAK	
2:30pm-6:00pm	ELECTIVE COURSE Community Organizing	• Learn how to run national or local advocacy organizations that make change happen.

*Over the course of one semester, Session A and B meet on alternating Saturdays for a total of seven dates.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- ✓ US bachelor's degree or equivalent
- ✓ A minimum of eight years of work experience, with increasingly progressive management and leadership responsibility
- ✓ Application and essays
- ✓ Transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Interview by invitation
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ GRE or GMAT (optional)
- ✓ TOEFL or IELTS Exam (if bachelor's program not conducted in English)
- ✓ \$85 application fee

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