

EMPA

# EXECUTIVE MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

In order to drive meaningful and lasting change in the world, public service leaders must understand how to navigate complex leadership dynamics and intractable social issues. Tailored for mid-career professionals, the Executive MPA program offers the flexibility to advance your career while balancing work and life commitments. You will develop the skills to lead yourself, teams, and organizations through change in every field of public service and across sectors.



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 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 to 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 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 knowledge, skills, and abilities.

### Flexible scheduling

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.

## ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

Students complete 30 credits for the EMPA degree and may choose one of two tracks within the EMPA program: Public Service Leaders (PSL), with a focus on the U.S. context, and Global Public Service Leaders (GPSL), with a focus on comparative policy and international development. PSL students complete 9 core credits and 21 elective credits (7 to 14 courses). GPSL students complete 9 core credits, 3 experiential learning credits, and 18 elective credits (6 to 12 courses).

### REQUIRED CORE COURSES (3 credits each):

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



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## DESIGNED FOR YOUR SCHEDULE

- 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 in your first year.
- Begin elective coursework as early as your first term.
- Participate in a monthly co-curricular series on Saturday afternoons with students in your cohort.
- Personalize your electives by choosing courses offered 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 other NYU divisions.

## APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- US bachelor's degree or equivalent
- A demonstrated interest in management and leadership and at least 7 years of full-time work experience, ideally with supervisory duties
- Online application
- Essays
- Transcripts
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation
- \$85 application fee

### Additional Requirements for International Applicants:

- Proof of English Language Proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo scores) is required if the bachelor's degree was not conducted in English
- International Credential Evaluation is required for applicants who earned their degree outside of the US or Canada

## SAMPLE SATURDAY SCHEDULE

### SESSION A\*

<b>9:00am-12:30pm</b>	<b>ELECTIVE COURSE</b> Intersection of Operations, Policy & Leadership	• Build skills in stakeholder analysis, decision modeling, and forecasting, as well as communication, presentation, and negotiation.
<b>12:50pm-2:10pm</b>	<b>CO-CURRICULAR SERIES</b>	• Sessions focused on professional development, communication skills, leadership and social justice, and networking.
<b>2:30pm-6:00pm</b>	<b>CORE COURSE</b> Financial Decision Making & Management	• Learn both the "nuts and bolts" and "big picture" of financial decision-making and management.

### SESSION B\*

<b>9:00am-12:30pm</b>	<b>ELECTIVE COURSE</b> Strategic Philanthropy	• Explore the fault lines within the field of philanthropy and learn to effectively leverage resources for your organization.
<b>12:40pm-2:20pm</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>2:30pm-6:00pm</b>	<b>ELECTIVE COURSE</b> Human Resources: Leading Talent Development	• Develop skills as a manager in areas such as recruitment, retention, and job design.

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