

# 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 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.

## 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 Global 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; or 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 in your first year.
- Begin elective coursework as early as your first term.
- Participate in a bi-weekly 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 minimum of 7 years of work experience, with increasing management and leadership responsibility
- 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\*

9:00am-12:30pm	<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.
12:40pm-2:20pm	<b>EMPA Co-Curricular Series</b>	• Sessions focused on professional development, communication skills, leadership and social justice, and networking.
2:45pm-6:15pm	<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\*

9:00am-12:30pm	<b>ELECTIVE COURSE</b> Human Resources: Leading Talent Development	• Develop skills as a manager in areas such as recruitment, retention, and job design.
12:40pm-2:20pm	<b>BREAK</b>	
2:30pm-6:00pm	<b>ELECTIVE COURSE</b> 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 each.