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 change within yourself, teams, and organizations and to apply your learning in a variety of public service fields and sectors.

I left NYU Wagner with a fantastic network of peers. I explored my own leadership, learned how to read financial statements, and consulted for a nonprofit. I became literate in leadership and theory, while enjoying a range of engaging classes."

Primo Lasana (EMPA 2021)



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 two years of part-time study while working. You can alternate between full- and part-time study or extend your studies beyond two years.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

The 30-credit Executive MPA program includes 12 credits of core coursework designed to strengthen your capabilities in personal leadership development, financial management, leading teams and organizations, and understanding policy, governance, and public sector reform. The remaining 18 credits are fulfilled through elective courses, which students select in consultation with their advisor to customize their learning experience.

During the first year, students also participate in monthly co-curricular sessions featuring leadership coaching, skill-building workshops, and guest lectures.

REQUIRED CORE COURSES:

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

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DESIGNED FOR YOUR SCHEDULE

- Start the program with an in-person retreat in August to build connections with members of your cohort.
- Complete core courses and begin elective coursework in your first year, or finish the whole program in one year of full-time study.
- Participate in a monthly co-curricular series on Saturday afternoons with students in your cohort.
- Personalize your electives by choosing courses offered on Saturdays and/or during the week (days/evenings) based on your interest and availability. Courses may be selected from within Wagner or from other graduate divisions at NYU, pending faculty approval.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- Bachelor's degree or U.S. equivalent
- Demonstrated interest in management and leadership, with at least seven years of full-time work experience
- 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 COURSES

FALL TERM (SESSION A)*

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

SPRING TERM (SESSION B)*

9:00am-12:30pm	**CORE COURSE** Institutions, Governance, and Public Sector Reform	Use comparative analysis to understand how to make change in institutions, governance, and the public sector.
12:50pm-2:10pm	**CO-CURRICULAR SERIES**	Sessions focused on professional development, communication skills, leadership and networking.
2:30pm-6:00pm	**CORE COURSE** Strategic Leadership	Learn the tools, perspectives, and frameworks for executing high-impact strategy within mission-driven organizations.

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

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