My time at Wagner helped me cultivate the skills and experiences I needed to enter into a career at the State Department. The coursework at NYU Wagner really set me up to understand how to manage large programs and projects, essential to the work I do within the government.”

Maureen Ahmed, MPA-PNP 2016
Foreign Affairs Officer, U.S. State Department

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

• Engaged and influential faculty who encourage you to test the skills and ideas you develop in the classroom against your real-world professional experiences and vice versa.
• Critical analytic skills and frameworks that you’ll need to successfully make an impact across sectors, fields, and policy arenas.
• A powerful community whose members can connect you to key organizations, contacts, and career opportunities worldwide.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

The MPA-PNP program can be completed in two years full-time or three to four years part-time, with the flexibility to switch between the two. All students take core courses to gain essential skills in management, policy, and finance. Students then focus on a specialization, each of which has a set of required courses, and take a wide range of electives.

REQUIRED CORE COURSES:

• Management & Leadership
• Financial Management
• Statistical Methods
• Microeconomics
• Introduction to Public Policy

A full list of courses can be found at wagner.nyu.edu/courses
SPECIALIZATIONS

Students must complete a total of 45 credits to graduate.

**ADVOCACY & POLITICAL ACTION**
prepares you to magnify your impact and create meaningful change in the civic engagement, political, and advocacy arenas. You’ll learn the strategies and tactics to successfully mobilize people, organizations, and systems.

**FINANCE**
prepares you for a finance career in the nonprofit, public, or private sector. You’ll study the field of finance from both an internal managerial perspective (financial management) and an external policy perspective (public finance).

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY & MANAGEMENT**
prepares students with an interest in global public service work to confront the challenges of implementing complex public service policies and programs in different international contexts.

**MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP**
gives you the breadth and depth of skills you’ll need to lead and manage public, nonprofit, and private organizations around the world.

**PUBLIC POLICY**
gives you the analytical and qualitative skills you’ll need to evaluate and create policy that better serves the public good.

**SOCIAL IMPACT, INNOVATION & INVESTMENT**
blends financial management, impact investment, operations, and policy to prepare you to develop entrepreneurial solutions to the world’s most pressing challenges.

**APPLICATION COMPONENTS**
- US bachelor’s degree or equivalent
- Online application
- Essays
- Transcripts
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation
- GRE or GMAT (optional)
- $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

**ELECTIVES (15 CREDITS)**
Select from a diverse range of Wagner electives allowing you to dig deeper into the topics you’re passionate about.

**CAPSTONE (3 CREDITS)**
The Capstone Program, an essential component for all MPA students, involves a year-long consulting or research project.