

EXECUTIVE MPA (MPA)

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Program Description

Designed to train seasoned public service professionals for the next step, this flexible program trains you in leadership and management skills.

As a passionate, experienced professional, you're too driven and committed to your work to stand still for long. You're looking for new skills, expanded networks, and ways to apply your leadership experience to make the maximum impact. Our Executive MPA (EMPA) program is designed to combine your experience and exposure with a professionally-focused education to advance your career and help you deliver social impact at an even higher level.

Program Highlights

- An inspiring, cohort-based community. EMPA students take part in orientation, core courses, and co-curricular programming within a cohort of service-minded professionals. You'll create powerful connections with fellow students and alumni that will expand your network and inspire your professional journey.
- Individualized coaching and leadership development. We support EMPA students' professional development through executive coaching, leadership development courses, and a co-curricular series featuring organizational leaders and skill-building workshops.
- A customizable curriculum. You'll work closely with a faculty advisor to develop an individual learning plan based on your unique career goals. About two-thirds of the curriculum consists of elective coursework you can cluster around specific topic areas or skill sets.
- Full- or Part-Time Study. You can complete the program within a year of full-time study, or two or more years of part-time study, with the option to alternate between the two.
- Flexible Scheduling. You may take elective courses as your schedule permits: on Saturdays (mornings/afternoons), during the week (days/evenings), or a combination of the two.

Program Options

Public Service Leaders

EMPA students learn to lead organizations and address public service challenges at the highest level in the nonprofit, public, and private sectors.

NYU Wagner's Executive MPA (<https://wagner.nyu.edu/education/degrees/executive-mpa/>) for Public Service Leaders teaches seasoned professionals to lead organizations to address the world's most pressing challenges. Students are trained in rigorous methods of management and leadership to develop skills and tools to affect positive change in their field. The program is designed for professionals who have a minimum of eight years of work experience, with increasingly progressive management and leadership responsibility.

International Public Service Leaders

EMPA students interested in international development policy and management can focus their curriculum on leading organizations in an global context.

NYU Wagner's Executive MPA (<https://wagner.nyu.edu/education/degrees/executive-mpa/>) (EMPA) for International Public Service Leaders teaches seasoned professionals to lead organizations to address the world's most pressing challenges. The EMPA helps graduates craft

careers in government, nonprofits, international organizations, and the private sector. Students are trained in rigorous methods of management and leadership to develop a comparative perspective, skills, and tools to affect positive change in a global context. They share the common vision of leaving the world a better place while working across sectors.

The program is designed for professionals who have a minimum of eight years of work experience, with progressively increasing management and leadership responsibility, as well as a background or strong interest in international development management and policy.

Admissions

Admission to the EMPA program requires the following:

- Online Application
- Essays
- Resume
- Letters of Recommendation
- Transcripts
- Interview (by invitation only)
- Standardized Test Scores
- Application Fee

See EMPA Application Checklist (<https://wagner.nyu.edu/admissions/degree-checklist/empa/>) for admission requirements and instructions specific to this program.

International Applicants should review the International Applicant Checklist (<https://wagner.nyu.edu/admissions/degree-checklist/international/>) for a complete and comprehensive list of application requirements and instructions.

Program Requirements

The program requires the completion of 30 credits. Students must choose one of the following specializations:

Public Service Leaders

Course	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
EXEC-GP 1194	Strategic Leadership	3
EXEC-GP 2141	Financial Decision Making and Management	3
EXEC-GP 3190	EMPA Seminar: Leadership Confronted	3
Electives		
Select 21 credits of electives ¹		21
Total Credits		30

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Students choose electives from a wide array of courses at Wagner (<https://wagner.nyu.edu/education/degrees/executive-mpa/public-service-leaders/electives/>), and may also propose coursework in other divisions of NYU.

International Public Service Leaders

Course	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
EXEC-GP 1194	Strategic Leadership	3
EXEC-GP 2201	Institutions, Governance, and Public Sector Reform	3

EXEC-GP 3190	EMPA Seminar: Leadership Confronted	3
Experiential Learning ¹		
Select one of the following:		3
Public Service Practicum ²		
Wagner course abroad ³		
Electives		
Select 18 credits of electives ⁴		18
Total Credits		30

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Students will engage in a unique opportunity to enhance their knowledge and skills in a global context as part of the International Public Service Leaders cohort. Students will choose between participating in either a Public Service Practicum (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ALhdkTaC-J8TLIzewQbHh5-OiD0ZmBH7a9ZmzuIPWBA/edit/?usp=sharing>) with a client organization or a Wagner course abroad (<https://wagner.nyu.edu/portal/students/academics/courses/abroad/>).

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The Public Service Practicum (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ALhdkTaC-J8TLIzewQbHh5-OiD0ZmBH7a9ZmzuIPWBA/edit/?usp=sharing>) is an executive course that provides valuable learning in a new setting and features conversations with experts in the field as well as site visits to organizations. Students examine trends, lessons learned, and opportunities for change in a practical setting.

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Wagner courses abroad (<https://wagner.nyu.edu/portal/students/academics/courses/abroad/>) are typically offered in the January and Summer terms with focuses on health, urbanization and transportation, social impact, and food security. Students will be able to choose which course to participate in.

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Sample Plan of Study

Public Service Leaders

Full-Time

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
EXEC-GP 1194	Strategic Leadership	3
EXEC-GP 2141	Financial Decision Making and Management	3
Electives		6
Credits		12
2nd Semester/Term		
Elective		3
Credits		3
3rd Semester/Term		
EXEC-GP 3190	EMPA Seminar: Leadership Confronted	3
Electives		9
Credits		12
4th Semester/Term		
Elective		3
Credits		3
Total Credits		30

Part-Time

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
EXEC-GP 1194	Strategic Leadership	3
EXEC-GP 2141	Financial Decision Making and Management	3
Credits		6
2nd Semester/Term		
EXEC-GP 3190	EMPA Seminar: Leadership Confronted	3
Elective		3
Credits		6
3rd Semester/Term		
Elective		3
Credits		3
4th Semester/Term		
Electives		6
Credits		6
5th Semester/Term		
Electives		6
Credits		6
6th Semester/Term		
Elective		3
Credits		3
Total Credits		30

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Elective		3
Credits		3
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Electives		9
Credits		12
4th Semester/Term		
INDEP-GP 1900	Independent Reading ¹	0.5-9
Credits		3
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Or an approved graduate-level course abroad.

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EXEC-GP 2201	Institutions, Governance, and Public Sector Reform	3
Credits		6
2nd Semester/Term		
EXEC-GP 3190	EMPA Seminar: Leadership Confronted	3
Elective		3
Credits		6
3rd Semester/Term		
INDEP-GP 1900	Independent Reading ¹	0.5-9
Credits		3

4th Semester/Term	
Electives	6
Credits	6
5th Semester/Term	
Electives	6
Credits	6
6th Semester/Term	
Elective	3
Credits	3
Total Credits	30

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Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will:

1. Embrace a shared leadership model/style.
2. Utilize an adaptive leadership model that consists of changing attitudes, taking risks, and challenging the status quo in order to move communities forward.
3. Conduct a multi-faceted organizational diagnostic and data-driven analysis.
4. Develop organizational change strategies that are designed to clarify and crystallize the relationships of the activities of nonprofits and the societal impact they desire to achieve.
5. Integrate financial analysis into financial forecasting and analysis, decision-making, strategic planning, risk analysis, and program evaluation.
6. Provide leadership support to peers.
7. Promote leadership behavior.

Policies

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

Standard Policies Statement

Additional academic policies can be found on the Wagner academic policy pag (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/graduate/professional-studies/academic-policies/>)e (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/public-service/academic-policies/>).