

EXECUTIVE MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Executive Master of Public Administration Curriculum

The **Executive MPA (EMPA)** is designed to elevate the careers of mid-career professionals. The program enhances analytical and management skills and deepens policy knowledge, making graduates more effective and impactful in their respective fields.

Flexible Program Duration and Structure:

Students can complete the EMPA degree in two to three years, allowing them to balance their studies with professional and personal commitments. The curriculum requires the completion of 54 points, with up to 9 points granted for professional and management work experience and the remaining 45 points earned through the program of study. Additionally, students may transfer up to two courses (6 points) from outside the EMPA offerings toward graduation requirements, pending approval from their academic advisor.

Core Curriculum and Concentrations:

The EMPA program includes a robust core curriculum that combines rigorous coursework in public affairs with specific analytic, managerial, and communication skills necessary for effective leadership. Students can choose from five concentrations to tailor their education to their career goals:

- Management and Innovation
- Environmental Policy and Sustainability Management
- International Economic Policy
- Global Policy Studies
- Urban and Social Policy

Experiential Learning and Professional Development:

The program emphasizes practical experience and professional development, ensuring that graduates are well-prepared to assume leadership roles in various sectors, including government, nonprofits, international organizations, and the private sector. Students engage in hands-on learning opportunities that bridge theoretical knowledge with real-world applications.

For additional information on the Executive Master of Public Administration program, including information for prospective students and admissions, please refer back to the program's [main site](#).

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Core Curriculum

All EMPA students are required to take the core courses that build skills required of top leadership (21 points).

	Points
Politics & Policy	3
Must take one of the following courses:	
EMPA U6223	Political Environment of Policymaking
EMPA U6237	Global Context of Policymaking
Quantitative Analysis	3
EMPA U6310	Quantitative Techniques
Economics	6
Must take both courses:	
EMPA U8213	Microeconomics and Policy Analysis I
EMPA U6035	Open Economy Macroeconomic Analysis
or EMPA U6040	Cost Benefit Analysis
Financial Management	3
Must take one of the following courses:	
EMPA U6010	Accounting for Public Affairs
EMPA U8201	Financial Management
Management	3
Must take one of the following courses:	
EMPA U8200	Effective Management in the Public Service

EMPA U9225	Public Management Innovation	
SIPA U6005	Effective Management in the Public Service	
SUMA PS4100	Sustainability Management	
Workshop		3
Must take one of the following courses:		
EMPA U9000	Capstone Workshop for Executive MPA	
EMPA U9500	Portfolio Presentation Workshop	
Total Points		21

Policy Concentrations

All students choose one of the following concentrations: a policy field in which they focus their studies at SIPA (12 points).

- **Management and Innovation**
- **Environmental Policy and Sustainability Management**
- **International Economic Policy**
- **Global Policy Studies**
- **Urban and Social Policy**

Students entering the Executive MPA program *before* Fall 2019 may also choose a concentration in:

- Advanced Management and Finance
- International Economic Policy and Management

Elective Courses

In addition to the core (21 points) and a policy concentration (12 points), students must also complete 12 points of elective courses.

Professional Work Experience

In lieu of an internship, EMPA students are granted up to 9 points for professional and management work experience.

Degree Audit Report

Matriculated students in this program can view their degree audit report on [Stellic](#).