EXECUTIVE MPA PROGRAM

For nearly 70 years, Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs has drawn students from around the world. The Executive Master of Public Administration program is designed for working professionals from a wide array of public, nonprofit, and private sector organizations dedicated to making the world a better place.

The EMPA curriculum focuses on the core analytical and management skills shared by all master’s programs, on a schedule that is designed by our students around their work. Students can build on these core skills with a focus on International Economic Policy and Management, Advanced Management and Finance, or Environmental Policy and Sustainability Management. EMPA students have immediate access to an exciting set of programs designed in collaboration with SIPA alumni. They are also welcome to participate in a multitude of events (lectures, conferences, seminars, film series) that are a regular part of the day-to-day life at one of the world’s leading public policy schools.

The application process can be completed online at apply.sipa.columbia.edu/apply

**Deadlines**
- December 15: Spring admission deadline
- March 31: Fall priority deadline
- July 1: Final fall admission deadline

**Application Checklist**
- Completed application
- Personal statements
- Application fee
- Standard and academic résumé/CV
- Three letters of recommendation
- GRE/GMAT: Though the GRE/GMAT scores are required, EMPA applicants who have significant work experience and/or have performed well in previous quantitative courses may request a waiver from the EMPA Program Office.
- TOEFL or IELTS: Students who did not earn a bachelor’s degree from an institution in which English is the primary language of instruction must submit TOEFL or IELTS scores.
- Official Transcripts: Transcripts should be scanned and uploaded to the site. If you are admitted to the program, official transcripts must be on file in order to register for classes.

**Fellowships and Financial Aid**
Applicants to the Executive MPA program who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and who will be enrolled for a minimum of 6 credits per term are typically eligible for federal Stafford loans. All international applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is available online at www.fafsa.gov. The School’s Title IV code is 002707.

**Interviews and Class Visits**
Prospective students are strongly encouraged to attend an open house and schedule an informational interview. Open houses are an excellent way to find out more about the Executive MPA program and meet faculty, staff, and fellow applicants. Informational interviews give prospective students a chance to determine if Columbia’s program is right for them. Applicants are also invited to sit in on classes and speak with current students and faculty.

To visit a class, please register at apply.sipa.columbia.edu/portal/ClassVisitEMPA

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It's a great opportunity to meet with faculty, staff, and current students to learn more about the EMPA program and what Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs has to offer. It’s a program that is truly designed for working professionals who want to make a difference and see change happen. For more information or to apply, please visit apply.sipa.columbia.edu/apply.

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international students will take a full-time course load of four courses per semester, enabling them to graduate in 16 months, or longer if they choose to complete a sixth class to transfer a total of two courses (6 credits) from outside EMPA course offerings.

The Core Requirements

The core curriculum provides the professional skills needed to analyze and understand the formulation and management of public policy issues, including micro- and macroeconomics, financial risk management, and management of complex projects. Students must complete the six classes in the core curriculum as a requirement for graduation. Core classes cover topics ranging from international finance and trade policy to domestic policy issues. They also work as managers and staff analysts in nonprofit organizations, private corporations, banks, and consultancies.

What Our Alumni Say

The EMPA program helped me tremendously to improve my practical skills and my ability to present ideas through written and oral report. It gave me an in-depth knowledge of management and policy, international relations and economics from world class faculty.