Community Leadership - preparing leaders to generate social change

» UMBC’s Community Leadership program provides aspiring and practicing leaders with the skills and experience needed to generate transformative social change.

» Community Leadership coursework draws from a wide range of disciplines—including Entrepreneurship, Public Policy, and Sociology—to give students a thorough understanding of the social, political, and economic contexts in which community leaders do their work.

» The structure of the program helps students integrate into communities and organizations through deeply immersive experiential learning opportunities. Students will identify and examine key issues facing a specific community-oriented organization and develop and deliver a research-based intellectual product that both enhances the student's professional development and broadens the capacity of the partner organization.

When you choose this graduate program, you can count on:

» Applied learning and an interdisciplinary capstone course that is the culminating experience in the theory and practice of collaborative leadership, community-centered social capital development, and culturally-inclusive problem solving.

» Instructors who have deep practical experience and a passion for community leadership.

» Flexible evening class schedule that accommodates working professionals.

Why UMBC?

» UMBC is classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a Research University (High Research Activity).

» UMBC has a deep and long-held commitment to building community partnerships and tackling issues of social justice with rigor, curiosity, and creativity.

» Classes are conveniently offered in the evening on UMBC’s main campus, located just five minutes from BWI Airport, with easy access to I-95 and the 695 Beltway, or at the Lions Brothers Building in Baltimore.

» Campus is located just outside of Baltimore, a city with a long legacy of grassroots social change, providing the ideal place for students to engage with community-oriented organizations and develop strong leadership skills.

» Ranked in the top five on U.S. News & World Report’s 2017 closely-watched Most Innovative Schools list and has recognized UMBC as a global leader in higher education.
### Admission Requirements

**M.P.S. and Certificate:**

- An undergraduate degree in any subject
- Applicants should have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicants should have experience working or volunteering in community-oriented organizations.
- GRE scores are not required

**International Students**

- An undergraduate degree in any subject
- Applicants should have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- TOEFL Scores: Minimum score 99 (iBT). Scores must no more than 2 years old.
- iBT Score Breakdown: Writing (23), Listening (23), Reading (25), Speaking (28, 23 acceptable if have 2 years' work experience in supervisory or management position in the U.S.)
- IELTS Score: Minimum score of 7.0 required

### Admission Deadlines

**Fall:** August 1  
**Spring:** December 1

*For detailed application process please visit: [leader.umbc.edu](http://leader.umbc.edu)*

### Office of Professional Programs

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### Master’s Program

#### Master’s of Professional Studies: Community Leadership

30 Credits (9 courses)

#### Required Core Courses (18 credits)

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*Indicates courses needed for Community Leadership Certificate.

#### Pathway Courses (12 credits)

Students can choose between three pathways: Urban Studies, Non-Profits/Social Sector, and Social Entrepreneurship. The pathways allow students to take classes specific to their interests. Each pathway consists of four courses.

### Urban Studies

- PUBL 644: Urban Theory
- PUBL 645: The U.S. City
- PUBL 646: The Global City

### Non-Profits / Social Sector

- PUBL 613: Managing Public Organizations
- SOCY 652: Healthcare Organization and Delivery or SOCY 658: Sociology of Mental Health and Illness
- SOCY 681: The Social and Institutional Roles of Nonprofits
- SOCY 685: Structure and Function of Nonprofit Organizations

### Social Entrepreneurship

- ENTR 608: Design Thinking
- ENTR 610: Intrapreneurship
- ENTR 611: Project Management Approaches
- ENTR 612: Creative Problem Solving & Social Entrepreneurship

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