Community Leadership - aspiring leaders to enact social change

» UMBC’s Community Leadership interdisciplinary program is designed to prepare aspiring and practicing leaders with the skills and experience needed to enact transformative social change.

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

» The structure of the program allows students to integrate themselves into communities and organizations through a number of deeply immersive experiential learning opportunities. Students will learn to identify and examine key issues facing a specific community and develop and deliver a research-based intellectual product that both enhances the student’s professional development and broadens the capacity of the served community and 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 community involvement and grassroots social change, providing the ideal incubator for students to engage with established 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.

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**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 at least two years work experience.

» GRE scores are not required for admission

**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.)

**OR**

» 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)*

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**Office of Professional Programs**

UMBC's Office of Professional Programs offers a broad array of professionally focused master's degree and certificate programs that address industry needs while anticipating future opportunities. [professionalprograms.umbc.edu](http://professionalprograms.umbc.edu)

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**Master's Program**

**Master's of Professional Studies: Community Leadership**

**30 Credits (9 courses)**

**Required Core Courses (18 credits)**

- CLDR 601*: Introduction to Community Leadership: Models, Communication, and Contexts (3)
- SOCY 600* or PUBL 600*: Research Methodology (3)
- CLDR 602: Legal and Ethical Issues in Community Leadership (3)
- CLDR 603*: Capstone Project (6)
- SOCY 606*: Social Inequality & Social Policy (3)

* Indicates courses needed for Community Leadership Certificate.

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**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**

- AFST xxx: Problem-Solving in the Urban Black Community
- 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

*Please consult [leader.umbc.edu](http://leader.umbc.edu) for typical schedule.*