The Online Executive Master of Public Administration Program
from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

The online Executive Master of Public Administration program is delivered by Syracuse University's #1-ranked Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. The Maxwell School is top-ranked for 10 public affairs specialties and delivers a program designed for mid-career professionals who want to become leaders in the nonprofit, public, and private sectors.¹

Delivered through live classes that promote collaboration, the program prepares experienced public servants to advance within government, nonprofit and for-profit organizations, both nationally and internationally. Courses are designed and led by the same faculty who teach on campus, which includes multiple Guggenheim, Fulbright, and MacArthur fellows.

About Maxwell

Founded in 1924, the Maxwell School was the first school in the nation to offer a graduate degree in public administration. Since opening its doors, the school has maintained its reputation for excellence, consistently being ranked as a top institution for graduate education in public affairs in the country. Maxwell's greatest strength is its community, which is made up of diverse student leaders, award-winning faculty, and accomplished alumni, all united by their commitment to service the Maxwell way.

An Action-Oriented Curriculum

• Formulate, evaluate, and predict outcomes of policy
• Lead and manage organizations
• Analyze data to make better decisions

Practical Expertise

• Focus on real-world applications of public service concepts
• Practice managing people, programs, and budgets
• Explore policy implementation and data-driven decision making

Collaborative Learning

• Build real connections during face-to-face, online classes
• Share ideas and experiences with like-minded leaders
• Work together to address public service challenges

“Online” Does Not Mean “Apart”

Even though classes are online, students still feel connected to our faculty and their classmates. Online Executive MPA students attend live, interactive online classes developed and led by distinguished Maxwell faculty. In small, face-to-face online class settings, students engage with fellow classmates from around the globe in real-time, working together to review weekly coursework and debate critical public service concepts.

Outside of class, students can access multimedia course content 24/7 via the program’s virtual campus. Through a convenient mobile app, students can take their learning on the go and access course content even when they are offline. This accommodating learning format allows students to complete a rigorous academic program while still managing their personal and professional commitments.

Career Advancement Resources for Students

1:1 Career Advising
Students meet with dedicated career development specialists for resume, interview, and strategic planning guidance.

Online Career Hub
This self-guided online course offers 24/7 access to industry-specific tools and career-building resources.

Career Development Center
Students participate in career strategy workshops, employer information sessions, and networking events.

Lifelong Connections
Alumni are encouraged to stay in close contact with students, faculty, and staff, and they have lifelong access to coursework.

Student Support
From first contact through graduation and beyond, students have personalized support from the Maxwell community.

Support services include:
- Application and admissions guidance
- Student support and academic planning
- Technical support
- Mentoring opportunities
- Career-building guidance and resources
- Lifelong alumni community connections

To learn more about the online Executive MPA program and the Maxwell School, contact an admissions counselor at admissions@onlinempa.syr.edu or 866-376-3167.