ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

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Admissions: Eligible applicants will hold a bachelor’s degree with a minimum 3.00 GPA earned. No particular undergraduate major is required, although some undergraduate work in economics and statistics is beneficial. Applicants must also submit either GRE test scores or GMAT test scores, and three letters of recommendation. English proficiency is also required; international students must submit TOEFL scores.

Financial Aid: Some scholarship funding is available, and loans are available to students taking six credits or more per semester.

SUCCESS STORIES

Just a sampling of where our graduates work!
- La Casa de Esperanza
- Layton Boulevard Neighborhood Association
- ACLU of Wisconsin
- Skylight Music Theater
- Milwaukee Public Schools
- Zilber Family Foundation
- Medical College of Wisconsin
- University of Wisconsin
- Boys & Girls Club
- Racine Literacy Council
- Milwaukee Repertory Theater
- Colorado Public Radio
- University of Texas

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Master of Science
Nonprofit Management and Leadership
Advance your career in nonprofit management with the Master of Science in Nonprofit Management and Leadership.

UWM’s MS program is a professional degree designed to prepare students to advance their career in the nonprofit sector or to make a career change into this arena. The program is jointly offered by the College of Letters & Science and the Sheldon B. Lubar School of Business, offering students the best blend of theory and practice from the liberal arts and business.

Nonprofit leaders today must meet many different demands and must be armed with a broad skill set to address:

- Fundraising in a competitive environment
- Grant writing
- Accounting
- Human resources management in a high turnover sector
- Board and volunteer management
- Brand awareness and marketing
- Legal issues related to funds and operations

Our MS graduates will be uniquely prepared to understand the responsibility and accept the challenges of nonprofit management.

Stand out in a competitive job market.
The nonprofit sector has enjoyed above-average job growth since 2008. The market has become more competitive recently, but there are still many opportunities, particularly in marketing and fundraising.

Gain experience through internships.
Our students intern at a wide variety of sites throughout the Metro Milwaukee area.

Make a difference in your community.
The decisions and projects you manage will have a direct impact on people’s lives. The opportunity to use your skills and knowledge while serving a higher mission is both personally and professionally fulfilling.

Connect with and learn from industry leaders.
Our faculty come from both academia and the nonprofit sector. They bring their vast and diverse experience into the classroom for your benefit. Your classmates will also be your future colleagues – start building your network while in school.

Continue working during your studies.
Classes meet once per week during fall and spring semesters, and twice weekly in summer session.

Graduate quickly.
Students generally complete their studies in 2 to 3 years.

What you will learn
- Financial management and accounting
- Resource development
- Governance and board relations
- Program planning
- Fundraising principles
- Organizational management and team building
- Grant writing
- IT principles
- Advocacy

The program requires the completion of 39 credits. Thirty-three of these credits are in required courses; the remaining six credits are electives.

Students without an undergraduate background in accounting, economics, and/or statistics will need to make up these academic deficiencies before fully embarking in these graduate-level classes.