Nonprofit Management

Nonprofit organizations confront the challenges and opportunities that mission-driven organizations face today in areas such as succession planning, voluntarism, resource development, and competitive funding. The Master of Arts in Nonprofit Management addresses these areas, drawing on experienced practitioners in the St. Louis area.

The Master of Arts in Nonprofit Management provides students with the skills and resources for leading mission-driven organizations as productive examples of social entrepreneurship. Grounded in the historical context of nonprofit management and philanthropy, students acquire skills in all operational areas of nonprofit management, including financial management, law, grant writing, volunteer management, resource development, research and statistical analysis, and marketing communications. At the strategic level, the program teaches leadership, organization development, strategic planning, marketing communications, and the skills of social entrepreneurship.

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Degree Requirements

Master of Arts in Nonprofit Management

The Master of Arts in Nonprofit Management consists of 36 units of graduate course work covering all aspects of nonprofit administration and management in a combination of nonprofit and human resources management courses, of which 27 units are required.

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NPM 531 Human Resources Management 3
NPM 555 Leadership in the Nonprofit Sector 3
NPM 570 Legal Issues Impacting Nonprofit Organizations 3

Total Units 27

The remainder of courses (9 credits total) are nonprofit-related electives of the student's choice.

Courses

Visit online course listings to view semester offerings for U76 NPM (https://courses.wustl.edu/CourseInfo.aspx?sch=U&dept=U76&crslvl=4:8).

U76 NPM 450 Social Entrepreneurship

This course links the passion of a social mission with the discipline and skills of successful business performance to explore the issues, concepts, and processes associated with social entrepreneurship. Students learn to design an economically sustainable business model that also addresses an existing social problem. In learning to apply skills and strategies that produce a successful bottom line, both financially and socially, each student develops a business plan for a social entrepreneurial venture or evaluates the business model of an existing social entrepreneurial business venture.

Credit 3 units.

U76 NPM 470 Grantwriting

This course will teach grantwriting from request for proposals through the grant award. Students will learn the language of grantwriting, the basics of grant prospect research, and how to write a grant. Each student will prepare a grant application in response to a request for proposal and will have the grant evaluated. The course will focus on private sector grants and will not explore federal or state grants.

Credit 3 units. UColl: ONLINE

U76 NPM 507 Management in Nonprofit Organizations

Effective mission-driven leadership is central to the success of a nonprofit organization. This core course provides an overview of fundamental principles of management, governance, and leadership in nonprofit organizations. Particular attention is given to issues of motivation, supervision, and evaluation of professional staff and volunteers, and working with the board of directors. (Same as U76 NPM 410.) This course is fully online. Only University College students receive credit for online courses.

Credit 3 units. UColl: OLH, OLI

U76 NPM 508 Resource Development for Nonprofit Organizations

This fully online course concentrates on effective fundraising management, accenting the practice, principles, process, and programs of fundraising from the private sector. A special focus of the course is an examination of the historical, legal, ethical, and theoretical contexts for fundraising. A comprehensive review and analysis is provided of annual and major gift
programs, together with planned giving and capital campaign strategies. The course includes a choice of a preparation of a 12-month fundraising plan or a paper chronologically describing a completed capital campaign. Limited to 20 people. This is a fully online course. Only University College students may receive credit for online courses. Same as U76 HRM 415.
Credit 3 units. UColl: OLH

U76 NPM 509 International Organizations
This course examines the role of major international organizations in the modern world — the UN, EU, NATO, IMF, WTO, MERCOSUR, and others. We explore the background for the creation of these organizations, the purposes they serve, and those whose interests they promote. We also consider how they adapt and evolve over time. Our survey centers on three broad areas of investigation: First, we examine how international organizations promote and maintain international security. Second, we consider organizations designed to regulate and promote economic growth and development. This entails a focus upon the process of globalization and the challenges presented in an era of heightened economic interdependence. Finally, we examine growing efforts at regional cooperation through the emergence of organizations such as NAFTA, the EU, and MERCOSUR.
Same as U85 IA 509
Credit 3 units. UColl: IAI

U76 NPM 510 Statistics and Research Design in Nonprofit Management
Credit 3 units. UColl: OLH

U76 NPM 513 Executive Coaching
Executive coaching is an effective leadership development tool focused on high potential middle- to upper-level managers. It is a collaborative partnership between the executive, the sponsoring organization, and a professional coach designed to facilitate and hasten the executive’s learning and achieve identified business results. This course will compare and contrast executive coaching to other types of remedial and personal coaching and mentoring relationships; review the grounding principles that form the foundation of an executive coaching partnership; outline the steps in the coaching process; and review the expectations and guidelines for each member of the executive coaching team — executive, organization, coach.
Same as U87 HRM 513
Credit 1.5 units. UColl: HRO

U76 NPM 514 Integrative Capstone Project for Nonprofit Management
This capstone course provides the opportunity to integrate the program course work through 1) a substantial independent project conducted in a host organization, and 2) the review of several important trends affecting organizations and human resources management.
Credit 3 units. UColl: OLH

U76 NPM 520 Organizational Behavior and Administration
This is a survey course focusing on the individual, group, organizational, and environmental factors relevant to understanding and managing behavior in complex organizations. It considers behavior from structural, human resources, political, and symbolic perspectives.
Same as U87 HRM 520

U76 NPM 525 Financial Management of Nonprofit Organizations
This course focuses on important financial and accounting principles and techniques, with particular attention to operational and project budgeting, financial statement analysis, cash flow projections, endowment building and investment management, and strategic financial planning. Course content is designed to help non-accountants understand standard accounting concepts and procedures, manage the record-keeping function, make effective financial decisions, and report financial status to key constituents. Same as U76 NPM 425.
Credit 3 units.

U76 NPM 530 Organizational Change and Development
This course is designed to assist students in developing a framework for: 1) assessing the current condition of an organization, 2) developing an intervention strategy for changing the organization, and 3) executing the planned change in a manner that promotes effective organizational change and development. Within this context, substantial attention will be devoted to developing the analytical, conceptual, and interpersonal skills required of effective change agents.
Same as U87 HRM 530
Credit 3 units. UColl: HRO

U76 NPM 531 Human Resources Management
This course develops a comprehensive understanding of the human resources function in an organization. Particular attention is given to selection, performance management, training, wage and salary administration, career development, human resource planning, and the federal regulations impacting on the function.
Same as U87 HRM 531
Credit 3 units. UColl: HRP, OLH

U76 NPM 533 Topics: Emerging Research
From time to time, additional courses are offered in specialized topics of current interest, especially the influence of new research and industry trends on traditional management and accepted best practices in nonprofit organizations. This course will require students to read, analyze and discuss trends, research and expert commentary on the nonprofit sector released within the past 10 years, compare this new information to the sector's historically identified best practices, and determine how this affects the future success of nonprofit organizations.
Credit 3 units.

U76 NPM 540 Managerial Economics
The fundamentals of microeconomic analysis, including consumer demand behavior, the productive behavior of firms, market and industrial structures, market institutions, and the role of government in the economy. Topics from the theory of the firm include firm evolution, personal interactions within the firm, managerial incentive structures, and an analysis of public goods and externalities as they relate to firm decision making.
Same as U87 HRM 540
Credit 2 units.
U76 NPM 545 Leading and Engaging Volunteers in Nonprofit Organizations
Students will explore and develop practical strategies for effective program planning, volunteer recruitment and retention, staff and volunteer relations, program evaluation, volunteerism trends within a global context, and ethical practices. This course will provide an introduction to the core competencies of volunteer resource management as presented by the Association for Volunteer Administration through its credentialing program. Credit 3 units.

U76 NPM 555 Leadership in the Nonprofit Sector
Students will examine leadership in the nonprofit sector and develop their own leadership style. Students will study traditional leadership styles including authoritarian, participative, and delegative; examine the differences in leadership in the nonprofit, for-profit, and government sectors; and explore the distinctive roles of nonprofit leaders, including the relationship between the nonprofit executive director and the board of directors, and the relationship between nonprofit leaders, volunteers, and staff. In addition to readings, student research will include interviews and discussions with real-world nonprofit leaders. Hybrid online. Credit 3 units. UColl: OLI

U76 NPM 562 Group Processes in Organizations
Same as U87 HRM 562 Credit 3 units. UColl: HRRO

U76 NPM 564 Workplace Harassment: Sources, Issues, and Remedies
The quality of life present in the workplace is an important consideration in attracting and retaining valued employees. Employee harassment, in any form, contributes to decreased productivity and the distinct possibility of substantial litigation. The roles of both the human resources department and top management in developing a constructive workplace environment are identified and developed. Same as U87 HRM 564 Credit 1.5 units. UColl: HRP

U76 NPM 570 Legal Issues Impacting Nonprofit Organizations
This fully online course focuses on the opportunities and requirements placed on nonprofit organizations under federal and state law. We explore how nonprofits are organized, governed, operated, and financed within this legal framework. This is a fully online course. Only University College students receive credit for online courses. Credit 3 units. UColl: OLI

U76 NPM 571 Legal Aspects of Human Resources Management
This course will provide a general legal framework for human resources practices in organizations. Particular attention will be given to legal issues regarding employment, personnel practices, wages and salary, benefits, family and medical leave, workers with disabilities, terminations and unions. Same as U87 HRM 571 Credit 3 units. UColl: HRP

U76 NPM 572 Employee Benefits
Credit 1.5 units.

U76 NPM 582 Principles of Finance
This course is designed to give HR personnel of the future the opportunity to develop skills in, and an understanding of, basic financial management methods, as well as evaluation techniques used to assess overall organizational financial and business performance. Specifically, the individual will gain an ability to evaluate capital investments, capital acquisitions and capital budgets, an understanding of uncertainty (risk) and risk management, a knowledge of cash and credit management techniques, a knowledge of the costs of alternative sources of short-, intermediate-, and long-term financing (both debt and equity), and an understanding of financial statements and their analysis. Same as U87 HRM 582 Credit 3 units.