MNO: A Nonprofit Management Degree for Change Agents
30
YEARS OF NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT EDUCATION
LEADERSHIP AND ONE OF THE FIRST UNIVERSITIES TO
OFFER THE PROGRAM

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STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO, ONE OF THE NATION’S LOWEST

#9
RANKED SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK IN AMERICA (#1 IN
OHIO), BY U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

16TH
CLEVELAND’S RANKING ON FORBES’ LIST OF MOST
AFFORDABLE CITIES IN AMERICA

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ARTS, CULTURAL, AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ADJACENT TO CAMPUS IN UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

1ST
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IN THE U.S. WAS FOUNDED IN
CLEVELAND AND THE CITY IS THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE
COMMUNITY CHEST (PREDECESSOR OF UNITED WAY)

750+
GRADUATES WITH THE MNO CREDENTIAL FROM CASE
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
Turn your passion into your profession.

Master of Nonprofit Organizations (MNO)

“The Mandel School has shown me opportunities in Cleveland that I never thought were possible. I’ve met so many amazing men and women leading nonprofits.”
MASTER OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS (MNO)
The MNO is a 39-hour degree program comprised of 27 hours of required coursework and 12 hours of electives. The MNO degree can be completed full-time in three semesters over 11 months or part-time in two years. The curriculum includes:

**Required Courses**
- Strategic Planning
- Ethics and Professionalism
- Revenue Planning and Development
- Nonprofit Organization and Management
- Data-Based Decision Making
- Financial Management
- Law of Nonprofit Organizations
- Nonprofit Leadership Dialogues (3 semesters)
- Practicum option or elective course

**Electives Options**
- History of the Nonprofit Sector
- Nonprofit Public Policy and Advocacy
- Needs Assessment and Program Evaluation
- Program Design in NPOs
- Governance of NPOs
- International NGOs
- Marketing for NPOs
- Legislative and Political Processes
- Strategic Alliances

CERTIFICATE IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT (CNM)
The Certificate in Nonprofit Management (CNM) is offered as a credential requiring 15 academic credit hours. The CNM may be done concurrently with the MNO degree, MSSA degree, or may be taken as a stand-alone credential. The CNM requirements are:
- Nonprofit Dialogues (3 hours)
- Four 3-hour courses from the approved listing for the Master of Nonprofit Organizations selected in consultation with an academic adviser.

CERTIFICATE IN MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP (CML)
The Certificate in Management and Leadership (CML) allows students to pursue 12 academic hours of focused coursework designed to prepare them for managing and leading in a range of social welfare settings. The certificate is available to all MSSA students regardless of concentration or specialization and can be completed within the normal master’s framework. The courses are:
- Perspectives in Management & Leadership
- Supervision and Leadership
- Budgeting and Finance
- Two 3-hour electives

DUAL MASTERS OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIAL WORK (MNO/MSSA)
The MNO/MSSA dual degree allows students to undertake a specialized curriculum in social work and nonprofit management in a minimum of 81 hours of academic coursework. It can be completed in 2.5 years. Students entering with advanced standing can graduate in two years with the dual degree.

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I decided to pursue a dual degree – an MNO and an MSSA with a focus on the Community Practice for Social Change concentration. The Mandel School made it easy to pursue both.
POWERHOUSE PROFESSORS WHO BELIEVE

Having someone believe in you is the most important resource any school can provide. When you enter the Mandel School, our faculty will believe in you. They are, first and foremost, mentors and teachers. They are also world-renowned researchers, whose breakthroughs and insights inform public policy. In several MNO classes, professors are often joined by the leaders of Cleveland’s preeminent nonprofit organizations who will be teaching you real-world skills and applications. Our faculty’s doors are open, their classrooms are engaged, and their true passion is for their talented students who are the future of nonprofit management.

BEYOND THE MANDEL SCHOOL

You will be part of the vibrant campus of Case Western Reserve University, which will offer interprofessional opportunities with your student-colleagues in management, law, medicine, and other schools. You will also be a part of Cleveland, a city with a rich philanthropic history and one of the highest concentrations of community development organizations. It has vibrant neighborhoods, a low cost of living, exceptional food and culture, and terrific opportunities for students in their academic and personal lives.
A COMMITMENT TO NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE

The Mandel School is the editorial home of Nonprofit Management & Leadership, one of the field’s leading journals. It is also a member of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), the U.S.-based national and international association that connects scholars, teachers, and practice leaders interested in research on nonprofit organizations, voluntary action, philanthropy, and civil society.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

Every student who applies to the Mandel School is automatically considered for our merit and need-based scholarships that range from partial to full tuition. The admissions office has a dedicated financial aid adviser on staff to match you with the best financial aid opportunities available, including federal loan programs, veteran’s benefits, and external scholarships.

HOW TO APPLY

We encourage you to apply to the Mandel School. The application form is online: msass.case.edu/apply

There is no application fee. Your submission must include:

- Transcripts from an accredited college or university, including from any institution where you completed six or more credits
- Three recommendation letters (preferably from a faculty member, direct supervisor or volunteer coordinator)
- Personal statement that is exemplary of graduate school-level writing
- Resume highlighting your paid and volunteer experiences
Do you feel called to serve others and make the world a better place?

Do you have a passion for social welfare, civic engagement, youth work, arts and culture, or the environment?

Do you seek a skills-based degree program that also emphasizes theory, ethics, and advocacy?

Our Master of Nonprofit Organizations provides the essential tools you need to lead a nonprofit, carry out its mission ethically and effectively, and contribute to society’s betterment in the “Third Sector” – in places where the government has failed and the for-profit sector sees no market motive.
Think Beyond

As the #9 ranked social work school in the United States and the highest ranked school at Case Western Reserve University, the Mandel School is at the forefront of educating future leaders in social work and nonprofit management. Our mission is to promote social justice and empower communities. Our research is shaping public policy, informing social change, and transforming lives. Our students are talented, compassionate, diverse people who are educated and mentored by world-renowned professors and taught in a rigorous, groundbreaking curriculum that will prepare them to change the world.

If you are thinking about how you want to change the world, think the Mandel School. To find out more or to schedule a visit, go to: msass.case.edu/admissions.