

NONPROFIT/NGO LEADERSHIP, MSNPL

The Nonprofit/NGO Leadership (NPL) Program at the School of Social Policy and Practice welcomes individuals who are bright, passionate, and energized to be transformative thought leaders, social entrepreneurs, and innovators for social impact. The world needs innovative approaches to address the world's complex social challenges. Our students are the next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs who will help transform nonprofits, social enterprises, international NGOs, educational systems, social service agencies, art and cultural institutions, foundations, and advocacy and volunteer organizations. Our program allows students to build a foundation for their professional and civic journeys as collaborative agents of innovation and impact.

For more information: <https://www.sp2.upenn.edu/program/master-of-science-in-nonprofit-leadership/>

Curriculum

Code	Title	Course Units
Core Courses		
Select 4 of the following:		4.0
NPLD 5850	Penn Social Impact Lab	
NPLD 5870	Empowering Nonprofit Leaders to Thrive	
NPLD 5890	Ethics and The Pursuit of Social impact	
NPLD 7200	Introduction to Data Analysis for Social Impact	
NPLD 7500	Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR): Partnerships and Practices	
NPLD 7620	Nonprofit Law	
NPLD 7810	Understanding and Managing Volunteers for Impact	
NPLD 7840	The Nonprofit Sector: Concepts and Theories	
NPLD 7860	Strategic Management and Leadership of Nonprofits	
NPLD 7870	Leadership Theory and Practice	
NPLD 7900	Social Finance	
NPLD 7920	Social Entrepreneurship	
NPLD 7940	Fundraising and Philanthropy: The Donor Journey	
NPLD 7960	Philanthropy and Fundraising Tools: A Survey Course	
Any NPLD course with: Attribute SMNC (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/smnc/)		
Electives		
Select 4 NPLD Electives		4.0
NPLD 5000-9999		
Select 2 additional Electives ¹		2.0
Any course 5000-9999		
Total Course Units		10

¹ Students may select to take an additional 2 NPLD electives or complete 2 graduate level course electives at another school at Penn.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2025 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.

Sample Plan of Study

The Master of Science in Nonprofit/NGO Leadership program is available as an on-campus full-time or part-time program and as a fully online full-time or part-time program. Students may combine on-campus and online study. While students may customize their schedules due to participation in a dual degree or certificate program, enrollment in an international course or study abroad experience, the grid below outlines the standard schedule and course of study for full-time students.

First Year		
Fall		Course Units
Select 2 NPLD Core Courses		2.0
Select 2 NPLD Electives		2.0
Select one additional elective		1.0
	Course Units	5.00
Spring		
Select 2 NPLD Core Courses		2.0
Select 2 NPLD Electives		2.0
Select 1 additional elective		1.0
	Course Units	5.00
	Total Course Units	10.00