MNO: A Nonprofit Management Degree for Change Agents
31 YEARS OF NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AND ONE OF THE FIRST UNIVERSITIES IN THE NATION TO OFFER A MASTER’S PROGRAM

8:1 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

40 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 AND CNM 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)
- MNO Practicum or elective course

Elective Courses
- Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector
- Nonprofit Public Policy and Advocacy
- Needs Assessment and Program Evaluation
- Nonprofit Program Design
- Nonprofit Governance
- International NGOs
- Nonprofit Marketing
- Legislative and Political Processes
- Collaboration and Strategic Partnerships
- Nonprofit Economics

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 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 and Leadership
- Supervision
- Nonprofit Finance OR Program Evaluation
- Nonprofit Program Design OR Planning and Implementing Social Change
- One 3-hour elective

DUAL MASTERS OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIAL WORK (MNO/MSSA)
Achieve your aspirations for creating social change or providing human services by pursuing a dual degree in nonprofit management and social work in a minimum of 81 hours of academic coursework that can be completed in 2.5 years. Students entering with advanced standing in social work can graduate in just two years with the dual MNO/MSSA degree.

"I decided to pursue a dual degree – an MNO and a master’s degree in social work in the Community Practice for Social Change concentration. The Mandel School made it easy to pursue both."
FACULTY FOCUSED ON YOU
Mandel School faculty believe that our students can be change agents in the settings where they choose to serve. 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 and scholars, whose breakthroughs and insights inform policy and practice. MNO classes also draw on leaders of Cleveland’s pre-eminent nonprofit organizations to train students in real-world skills and leading practices. Our faculty’s doors are open, their classrooms are engaged, and their true passion is for their talented students to impact 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 Nonprofit Academic Centers Council (NACC) and is active in 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 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 demonstrating successful completion of a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university
- 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 want to be a change agent for making the world a better place?

Do you seek a skills-based degree program that emphasizes leadership, strategic planning, management, and ethics?

Now more than ever, managing nonprofit organizations requires a commitment to doing good, plus the skills to carry out an agenda of change. Our Master of Nonprofit Organizations provides those skills to effectively lead staff and volunteers, respond to demands for accountability, design “boots on the ground” programs, and develop innovative ideas for social betterment.
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 learn more or schedule a visit:

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- Call: 216.368.1655
- Visit: msass.case.edu/admissions