



# Levin.

The Maxine Goodman Levin  
College of Urban Affairs

## Who Are We?

- The Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs is dedicated to excellence in teaching, research, and service through engagement in the civic, cultural, and economic life in Greater Cleveland and the state of Ohio.
- Since our founding in 1977, we have gained a reputation for training present and future generations of urban planners, nonprofit and for-profit leaders, public administrators, and scholars. For over two decades, Levin has been consistently recognized as one of the best public affairs colleges in the nation. According to US News & World Report, we are ranked 3rd in the specialty of Urban Planning and Policy, 13th in Local Government Management, and 20th in Nonprofit Management.
- Over 5,000 Levin graduates are public servants and leaders nationwide, with 46% of our graduates working in the public or governmental sector, and 36% working in the nonprofit sector.
- Our distinguished Levin faculty combine practical experience with interdisciplinary research and theory, delivering excellence in teaching to prepare the next generation of leaders. They are committed to the advancement of cities through sustainable and equitable economic and social development.
- Our research centers are a preeminent source for applied research and policy recommendations on urban issues. Through our centers, we help public, private, and nonprofit sector leaders make informed decisions driven by data, while playing a direct role in shaping regional and national policy.
- Our internship and mentoring programs foster significant learning opportunities outside the classroom. Every undergraduate student is required to complete an internship for graduation, and opportunities are available to all interested and eligible graduate students. We provide over 100 internship placements annually for academic credit, with additional non-credit placements.

## We are a Beacon Institution:

### A Focus on Nontraditional, First Generation, and Minority Students

- We are home to six undergraduate majors and five master's programs for students interested in public service and leadership. The urban focus of our courses and programs appeals to students interested in revitalizing and preserving their communities. All programs allow traditional and returning students to pursue flexible major and degree completion options (including online study). An interdisciplinary doctoral program provides academic training as well as a solid foundation in applied research for leaders who see a PhD as important to their continued relevance in their profession.
- Historically, the Levin College has supported a range of nontraditional and minority students. The average age of Urban Affairs students is the highest of all CSU colleges at 31.5 years of age, and is nearly five years older than the average CSU student age of 25.8. At 24%, the Levin College has the largest proportion of Black/African-American students of the CSU colleges (2019 CSU Book of Trends).
- We offer courses primarily in the evening, facilitating study by part-time, working students. Over 80% of incoming Levin students transfer from other institutions. The Assessment and Accreditation of Prior Learning Experience (AAPLE) program is the only program of its kind at CSU, providing an opportunity for returning students to accelerate degree completion and earn academic credit by portfolio assessment for applicable professional experience.

**We are an Anchor Institution:  
Civic Outreach and Engagement**

- We collaborate with community leaders through programs such as the Levin College Forum to address key challenges that face Northeast Ohio. We facilitate this through the exchange of ideas and fostering a thriving academic environment that values thoughtful public debate. We hold approximately sixty public events and forums annually.
- CSU's Office of Civic Engagement (OCE), housed in the Levin College, supports student learning while contributing to the social and economic well-being of Northeast Ohio. OCE manages Viking Corps and CPL America Reads, programs that offer paid work opportunities for CSU students, employing nearly 100 CSU student workers who collectively earn over \$80,000 in wages annually. Our students contribute over 6,000 service hours at over 20 community-based organizations each year. These programs have been made possible by over \$2.2 million dollars in community grants and the strategic use of Federal Work Study dollars.
- Each year we work in collaboration with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) and the Cleveland chapter of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators to host the Levin Policy Institute. This innovative program brings forty CMSD juniors and seniors to the College to foster their understanding of American government, public policy, and civil society.
- Our well-regarded Columbus Seminar is an immersive class that brings twenty students to the Ohio state capital each spring to learn first-hand from government officials about state government and policy making.

**We are known for Applied Research and Leadership Training**

- In 2019, the Levin College was awarded a total of \$2,013,399 in sponsored research grant funding, spanning over twenty-five projects. Our research centers have received \$10,923,676 in external funding over the past five years.
- **The Center for Public and Nonprofit Management (CPNM)** coordinates professional development programs, providing training platforms for public sector and nonprofit leaders that build management skills and promote positive organizational change.
  - CPNM is the sole provider of the Certified Public Manager® (CPM) program, a nationally certified development program for state and local government leaders, in the state of Ohio.
  - CPNM houses the Center for Emergency Preparedness, a recognized leader in Ohio's emergency preparedness for over thirty years.
  - CPNM also houses the Women's Leadership Series in partnership with Senator Grace L. Drake's Ohio Center for the Advancement of Women in Public Service.
- **The Center for Economic Development (CED)** has served as a designated Economic Development Administration (EDA) University Center since 1985, providing research and technical assistance to government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private industry. Over the past five years, the CED has been awarded forty-eight grants and contracts totaling over \$4.1 million in externally funded research dollars, generating over \$600,000 in overhead for CSU.
- **The Energy Policy Center (EPC)** provides a source of unbiased analysis of the factors that influence energy policy and how that policy affects our society now and in the future. The EPC has been awarded a total of \$1,329,000 in past five years. Recent research has focused on energy storage in Northeast Ohio, shale investment in the state of Ohio, electricity customer choice in Ohio, and fuel strategy for public transit.