The online M.A. in Organizational Leadership program with a Civic Engagement concentration at CLU produces graduates who are prepared to transform communities, neighborhoods, and regions by facilitating collective, innovative solutions. Graduates demonstrate skillful public sector leadership, advance democratic participation strategies, enable public dialogue and deliberation, and empower communities.

This online master's degree emphasizes public administration and public policy under its civic engagement concentration and is much more than furthering special interests and individual desires or acting only when threatened; this is why we define civic leadership as the means to create mutual understanding of the responsibilities of diverse constituencies in democratic self-governance who act in unison to pursue a common, public good.

This program prepares current and future leaders in communities and community-based organizations/institutions, in local government, in public administration, and in elected or appointed positions to craft more purposeful, innovative, and engaged civic communities and to cultivate communities’ capacity to address the complex challenges that they face.
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Build the capacity for focused awareness and compassion. Move from personal vision to shared vision through critical and strategic thinking.

MLC 5312 - Dialogue
Craft creative solutions by drawing out and integrating other's ideas. Listen to understand and advocate without alienation.

MLC 5313 - Collaboration
Build sustainable change through teams. Create diverse teams who can deal with complex problems and resolve conflict.

MLC 5314 - Change
Combine flexibility with insight to stay ahead of the rapidly changing environment. Replace resistance to change with an ability to "skate where the puck is going."

MLC 5315 - Community Engagement
In this course, students will understand that, across local and global issues, individuals must be mobilized to create the power to promote change within a community.

MLC 5316 - Capstone Action Project
This self-directed project draws on your entire educational experience where you research, analyze, and determine appropriate methods and contemporary strategies for designing and implementing initiatives that generate positive social impact.

MLC 5312 - Leading in the Public Sphere
This course serves as a field course on community engagement and civic involvement. Students will learn the organizing language, content, and theory around communities and how they operate in society.

MLC 5313 - Trends in Governance
This course focuses on themes and trends that interplay in governance, including social issues, social inequality, and social justice issues. This course is key for civic leaders and authentic engagement because these issues are the very problems civic leadership seeks to solve.

MLC 5314 - Creating Public Policy
This course provides key theories, practices, and challenges in formulating and implementing policy changes. The course examines the current implementation landscape, conventional perspectives on political processes, governance and management, and policy and program management, and introduces strategic action fields while exploring fields, organizations, and case studies.

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