



**I came for a master's degree.
I discovered many new opportunities.**

Life after grad school

Often a graduate degree leads to new career opportunities, but for many students the MAL program is also a means for personal growth and accomplishment. For more than 23 years, the Augsburg MAL program has opened minds and led the way to new opportunities. Here is one example of how our program has changed students' lives.

Lieutenant Ed Frizell '05

As an officer in the Minnesota Army National Guard, Ed Frizell had a lot of leadership training. But he says the Master of Arts in Leadership program at Augsburg took that training to a whole new level. "It was an intense program, but I excelled," he says.

As an undergraduate student, Ed says he never really realized his potential. "In the MAL program, everyone came prepared, and I had to meet that challenge." And meet it he did. Ed even completed a class while he was deployed in 2004 in a combat zone.

Ed adds that the MAL accelerated his career, moving him up two ranks in the National Guard and gaining him promotion as a commander in the Minneapolis Police Academy. As a direct result of the leadership training he received at Augsburg, he was also selected to attend the FBI national academy. He credits his success in the MAL program to classmates who pushed him to perform to the best of his ability and the supportive faculty, several of whom are still mentors to him. "This program is nothing short of outstanding."