

Educational Policy and Leadership Studies, MA

Higher Education and Student Affairs

The Master of Arts program in educational policy and leadership studies with a higher education and student affairs subprogram requires a minimum of 30 s.h. of graduate credit. Students must earn a UI cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.75 to be eligible for degree conferral.

The program prepares individuals for careers in higher education, including academic administration, policy analysis, first-year programs, student activities and leadership, enrollment management, program evaluation, academic and career advising, residence life, and international student services.

The higher education and student affairs program curriculum consists of coursework in postsecondary administration, college students and their environments, college student development, and current and emerging issues in higher education, as well as assessment. The curriculum integrates theory and practice and is designed to be completed in two years of full-time study or equivalent part-time study.

The curriculum includes the higher education and student affairs core, supervised practice, and integrative experiences. Elective coursework is subject to advisor approval. An internship or employment at an approved site is required for full admission to the program.

The MA in educational policy and leadership studies with a higher education and student affairs subprogram requires the following work.

Requirements

Core

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
EPLS:5250	Introduction to Higher Education and Student Affairs	3
EPLS:5251	College Environments	3
EPLS:5252	Administration of Higher Education and Student Affairs	3
EPLS:5253	Assessment in Higher Education and Student Affairs	3
EPLS:5278	Leading People and Groups	3
EPLS:6301	Professional Seminar I	1
EPLS:6305	Higher Education and Student Affairs Capstone	3
EPLS:6332	College Student Development	3
EPLS:6333	Practicum in Higher Education and Student Affairs	3

EPLS:6395	Professional Seminar II	1
EPLS:6396	Professional Seminar III	1

Students with concurrent and relevant professional experience may, with faculty approval, waive some or all of the EPLS:6333 requirements and instead take an elective.

Electives

Students choose an elective course in consultation with their advisor. Courses from other departments may be taken with advisor approval.

Course #	Title	Hours
At least 3 s.h. from these:		
EPLS:6218	The Law and Higher Education	3
EPLS:6220	History of Higher Education	3
EPLS:6225	Higher Education Policy	3
EPLS:6275	Higher Education and Society	3
EPLS:6333	Practicum in Higher Education and Student Affairs	arr.
EPLS:6336	Impact of College on Students	3
EPLS:7380	Practicum in College Teaching	arr.

Admission

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College.