

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 40 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, multicultural affairs, 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 in research and 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 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

Common Core

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
EPLS:5100	Issues and Policies in Higher Education	3
EPLS:5247	Multiculturalism in Higher Education	3
EPLS:5250	Introduction to Higher Education and Student Affairs	3
EPLS:5251	College Students and Their Environments	3
EPLS:5252	Administration of Higher Education and Student Affairs	3
EPLS:5253	Research, Assessment, and Evaluation in Higher Education	3
EPLS:6332	Conceptual Foundations of College Student Development	3

EPLS:6334	Theoretical Foundations of College Student Development	3
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Integrative Experiences

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
EPLS:6301	Professional Seminar I	1
EPLS:6305	Higher Education and Student Affairs Capstone	3
EPLS:6333	Practicum in Higher Education and Student Affairs (required once; students may enroll a maximum of three times.)	3

Electives

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

Course #	Title	Hours
At least 9 s.h. from these:		
EPLS:5278	Helping Skills in Student Affairs Work	3
EPLS:6206	Research Process and Design	3
EPLS:6216	Finance in Higher Education	3
EPLS:6218	The Law and Higher Education	3
EPLS:6220	History of Higher Education	3
EPLS:6224	Organizational Theory and Administrative Behavior	3
EPLS:6225	Higher Education Policy	3
EPLS:6275	Higher Education and Society	3
EPLS:6293	Individualized Instruction (may be taken once up to 3 s.h.)	3
EPLS:6336	Impact of College on Students	3
EPLS:7380	Practicum in College Teaching (may be taken once up to 3 s.h.)	3
EPLS:7385	Teaching and Learning in Higher Education	3
EPLS:7432	Strategies for Inclusive Leadership	3

Admission

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College.