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M.A. in Higher Educ/Student Personnel Description

The M.A. in higher education/student personnel is designed to prepare qualified students for entry-level positions in higher education and/or student personnel. The 36-hour residential MA emphasis in student affairs is primarily intended to serve students enrolled full-time. The 30-hour online emphasis in higher education is designed to be completed part-time by individuals who already hold full-time employment positions. Graduates have found employment as higher education professionals in a variety of areas, including housing, career counseling, international student affairs, financial aid, student activities, Greek life, and development, just to name a few.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 30

Course Requirements

The requirements for the M.A. in higher education/student personnel include:

- Edfd 609 - The Cultural Context of Education
- Edrs 605 - Educational Research I
- Edld 660 - History of Higher Education
- Edld 664 - Law in Higher Education
- Edld 665 - Cont. Issues of Higher Education
- Edld 671 - College and the Student

Additional requirements for the emphasis (residential) in Student Affairs include:

- Edhe 656 – Student Services in Higher Education
- Edhe 659 - Finance of Higher Education
- Edhe 667 - Practicum in Student Personnel
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- Six or Nine hours of elective courses dependent upon whether the student enrolls in Edhe 668 (Practicum)

Additional requirements for the emphasis (online) in Higher Education include:

- Edhe 655 - Power, Persuasion, and Politics
- Edhe 658 - Organization and Governance
- Edhe 669 - Human Resources in Higher Ed
- Edhe 702 - Program Planning & Assessment

Other Academic Requirements

Students must complete a final portfolio as a part of their comprehensive examination.

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In addition to the courses required for the master's degree in higher education, students use elective opportunities to explore intercollegiate athletics administration by taking these courses from the School of Applied Sciences:

- SAS 600: NCAA Governance
- SAS 601: Internal Operations in Intercollegiate Athletics
- SAS 602: External Components of Intercollegiate Athletics
- SAS 603: Leadership in Intercollegiate Athletics

