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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
- Edhe 668 - Practicum in Student Personnel (required of students having no higher education work experience and no current assistantship in higher education)
- 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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The Department of Higher Education within the School of Education and the School of Law are pleased to offer a concurrent degree option for those students who desire training in Law and Higher Education / Student Personnel. By allowing students to meet requirements for two degrees simultaneously, students are able to earn the M.A. in Higher Education / Student Personnel with an Emphasis in Higher Education Law AND the J.D. degrees in a shorter length of time than would be the case if each degree were pursued separately. In general, certain courses are used in partial satisfaction of the requirements for both degrees. The program is designed for students who contemplate careers in law or public service and wish to acquire a common body of knowledge in Higher Education and/or Student Affairs (with an Emphasis in Higher Education Law).

Fees:

Students enrolled in the concurrent degree program will pay UM Law School fees.

Curriculum:

Prospective students should consult with the School of Law and the Department of Higher Education within the School of Education for current details regarding the required curriculum for each program.

Applicaton:

Applicants to the concurrent program need to complete an LSAC law school application; a separate application must be submitted for the M.A. program. M.A. application requirements can be found on the [UM Department of Higher Education M.A. Website](#) Applications to the concurrent degree program must meet the admission requirements of each school, including standard admissions tests and prerequisites. A separate application to each school must be made within the noted deadlines and applicants must be accepted by each school to participate in the concurrent degree program. An applicant who is accepted by one school but not the other has the option of entering the school that offered admission. Students already enrolled in one of the schools may enroll in the concurrent program by obtaining admission to the other.

Course Requirements

The requirements for the M.A. in higher education/student personnel with an emphasis in Law include:



- EDFD 609 Cultural Context (3cr)
- EDHE 602 Program Planning & Assessment OR EDHE 670 Special Topics (3cr)
- EDHE 656 Student Services (3cr)
- EDHE 658 Org. & Gov. (3cr)
- EDHE 659 Finance in Higher Education (3 cr)
- EDHE 660 History of Higher Education (3 cr)
- EDHE 664 Law in Higher Education*** (3cr) (cross-listed LAW 684 (3cr))
- EDHE 669 Human Resources (3cr)
- EDHE 671 College & the Student (3cr)
- EDRS 605 Educational Research I (3cr)

***Cross listed course

Students must also complete a Capstone Project as part of their final deliverable for the degree program in the Spring semester of Year 4.

