



UNIVERSITY OF
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College Student Affairs Administration & Higher Education Administration Programs at UGA

The University of Georgia offers several academic programs for those individuals who are interested in working in higher education. The following information describes the master's and doctoral programs offered in the College of Education and in the Institute of Higher Education. The admissions deadlines and processes are different for each program; please read the relevant information carefully.

College of Education Student Affairs Programs

College Student Affairs Administration Master of Education (M.Ed.)

<https://coe.uga.edu/academics/degrees/med/college-student-affairs-administration>

Graduate School Code: 169

The College Student Affairs Administration M.Ed. program (CSAA-M) is designed to prepare students to work in student affairs and other student-oriented areas in higher education. The **curriculum** is grounded in student development and learning and in the connection of theory to practice. **Coursework** includes foundations of student affairs; student development theories; helping skills; group processes; research methods, campus environments; equity, diversity, & inclusion; legal issues in student affairs; administrative practices; and assessment and evaluation. All students complete both a practicum and 9 credit hours of internship, totaling nearly 500 hours of **supervised practice** (in addition to assistantships). The program is **full-time, two years in length, and cohort-based** (average cohort size is approximately 18). Typically all students hold **graduate assistantships**, which provide financial support (including a tuition waiver) and valuable experience. The CSAA faculty includes 7 full-time faculty members, all of whom are experienced student affairs administrators, in addition to student affairs professionals who serve as adjunct faculty. The CSAA -M program is designed to meet the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS) standards for Master's Level Student Affairs Professional Preparation Programs.

College Student Affairs Administration Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

<https://coe.uga.edu/academics/degrees/phd/counseling-student-personnel-service>

Graduate School Code: PHD_CSPS

The Ph.D. in Counseling and Student Personnel Services with a focus in College Student Affairs Administration (CSAA-D), offered on the **UGA Athens campus**, prepares students for **advanced positions in college student affairs administration and for faculty positions** in graduate preparation programs. The curriculum is based on a **theory-to-practice-to-theory philosophy**, designed to produce **scholar-practitioners prepared to engage in evidence-based practice and conduct research to contribute to the literature** of the field. Students receive training in both quantitative and qualitative methods and are involved as partners with CSAA-D faculty in research teams throughout their doctoral study. Each student also completes both an **initial independent research project and a dissertation involving original research**. In addition to classes in research design and methods, core coursework includes foundations of student affairs, advanced student development theories, organizational development, consultation, college student characteristics and trends, environmental and facilities management, administrative practices,

assessment and evaluation, and a capstone seminar. Courses offered in the doctoral curriculum are restricted to doctoral students. All CSAA-D students complete at least one teaching internship, and those with less than 5 years of full-time professional experience also complete an administrative internship. The program admits **both full-time and part-time students** (TAP eligible); graduate assistantships are available for full-time students and carry both a tuition waiver and stipend. Full-time students generally complete the program in 3-4 years.

Student Affairs Leadership Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)

<https://coe.uga.edu/academics/degrees/edd/student-affairs-leadership>

Graduate School Code: EDD_SAFI_GRF

The Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) program in Student Affairs Leadership is a **part-time** (TAP eligible beginning 2018);, **primarily on-line program** designed to provide a doctoral-level educational opportunity for student affairs professionals who are employed full-time and need a part-time doctoral program, particularly those in more rural areas throughout Georgia. The program is designed to educate scholar-practitioners who will lead their institutions in creating enhanced and effective environments conducive to student learning and development. The **three-year, cohort-based program** (with an optional fourth year, if needed, for dissertation completion) is situated on the **Griffin Campus** with an **annual week-long summer residency on the Athens campus**. Most of the coursework is delivered in a **blended format using on-line delivery with monthly face-to-face meetings in Griffin**. Students complete two courses each term (fall, spring, and summer). Courses include foundations of student affairs, advanced student development theories, staffing practices, college student characteristics and trends, legal issues, environmental and facilities management, budgeting and fiscal management, organizational development and leadership, research design and methods, statistics, and assessment and evaluation. Students will also complete supervised internships designed to enhance and expand their professional skills.

Institute of Higher Education Programs

Institute of Higher Education Master of Education (M.Ed.)

<http://ihe.uga.edu/graduate-programs/med/>

Graduate School Code: MED_EDHI_HI

The Master's of Education in Higher Education Administration program is **residential** and prepares students for entry- and mid-level administrative and research positions in post-secondary education institutions, policy and research organizations, and governmental and nonprofit entities across the state, region, and country.

The **curriculum** involves 34 credit hours (16 hours of required courses, 15 hours of specialization courses, and one 3 hour capstone course). Specialization **coursework** allows students to deepen their understanding of a particular area within higher education. This allows for the development of specialized research and decision-making skills for professional and academic opportunities after graduation.

A valuable component of each student's master's program is the opportunity to participate in the Institute's **in-service development activities** such as internships and Institute-hosted workshops, seminars, conferences, and lectures. The program supports both **part-time and full-time** study.

Institute of Higher Education Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

<http://ihe.uga.edu/graduate-programs/phd/>

Graduate School Code: PHD_EDHI_HI

The Ph.D. program is **residential** and is designed to prepare those who want to focus on specialized positions in research and policy analysis in higher education. PhD graduates typically work in faculty or administrative positions on campuses or in analyst or leadership roles in higher education systems or research agencies. Over the course of the program, students develop competencies needed to contribute substantively to the academic discipline of higher education, as well as to the development of higher education as a force in economic and technological development, intellectual and cultural advancement, and international cooperation.

The program requires that students engage in a coherent set of coursework from a given discipline such as economics, sociology, public administration, or law. **Coursework** includes 18 hours of required content, a 15 hour research core, and 18 hours of cognate courses, in addition to the dissertation. The curriculum is complemented by a variety of **Institute-hosted professional development activities**. These workshops, seminars, conferences, and lectures, in which students are expected to participate, aim to prepare students for professional opportunities following graduation.

While primarily designed for **full-time study**, the program also supports **part-time students**; graduate assistantships are available for full-time students and carry both a tuition waiver and stipend.

Institute of Higher Education Executive Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)

<http://ihe.uga.edu/graduate-programs/executive-edd/>

Graduate School Code: EDD_EDHI_HI

The Institute of Higher Education offers an Executive Ed.D. in higher education management, **taught in Atlanta** at UGA's Terry College of Business in Buckhead, **for middle/senior administrators**. As students begin the program with substantial knowledge of higher education management, coursework occurs at an advanced level, and includes international perspectives and centers on the increasingly entrepreneurial nature of universities and colleges. The **curriculum** focuses on the most challenging issues across higher education, emphasizing policy, strategy, and management. Further, each participant completes a dissertation, supervised by a core faculty member at the Institute, addressing a specific practical higher education management challenge.

Students attend classes over a **long weekend every six weeks for two calendar years**. During each of the two summer terms, students **travel abroad to the Netherlands and China** gain a deeper understanding of issues related to international and comparative higher education.

Dissertation work and coursework are completed concurrently to allow for completion of the program at the end of six semesters.