College Student Personnel Administration

The College Student Personnel Administration program provides a variety of opportunities to help you achieve or enhance your role in student affairs in higher education. Whether you’re coming from just completing your undergraduate degree or looking for additional qualifications or seeking courses for professional development, we can help you meet your career goals and objectives.

Made to Order

The Master of Science degree prepares outstanding generalists for a broad range of entry-level and mid-level positions in student life, student development, student services, and other professional staff areas in institutions of higher education. The curriculum integrates theory and practice in classroom and field-based settings to graduate professionals with the necessary knowledge, skills, commitment to ethics, respect for diversity, and caring to enrich the lives of students.

- College Student Personnel Administration, MS

Graduate Degree

The CSPA program offers three separate graduate certificates designed to enhance the knowledge and effectiveness of those employed in student affairs positions in higher education who may not have a higher education credential or degree.

- Academic Advising In Higher Education
- Community College Leadership
- Diversity Issues In Higher Education

Graduate Certificates

Professional Development

Practitioners in student life, housing, student activities, the campus union, and a variety of other settings mentor and teach students in the following topics to enhance student affairs practice:

- The Community College
- Enrollment Management Theory and Practice
- Diversity and Inclusion in Higher Education
- Foundations of Academic Advising
- Preparation for the Professoriate
- College Curriculum & Assessment
- Teaching Methods in Post-Secondary Education

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Standards & Practices

Our CSPA Program follows the standards and practices of the following organizations:

- Missouri College Personnel Association (mo.myacpa.org)
- American College Personnel Association (www.myacpa.org)
- National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (www.naspa.org)
- ACUHO-I Internship Program (www.acuho-.org/Resources/HousingInternshipProgram/tabid/620/Default.aspx)
- Student Affairs.Com (www.studentaffairs.com).

Course Rotation Schedule

- Not all CSPA courses are offered each semester. The rotation of classes is arranged to allow a full-time student entering in fall to graduate with the Master of Science degree within two calendar years (although this is not required).
- Early enrollment is highly recommended. Delayed enrollment may result in a class being canceled for insufficient enrollment.
- Set up a meeting to speak with Dr. Conrad to discuss the course rotation that would best meet your needs.

Scholarships & Tuition

- Scholarships that are specifically for CSPA students are:
  - Dr. David Sundberg CSPA Scholarship
  - Sarah W. Schwartz Scholarship in Educational Leadership and Human Development (preference given to a female student)
- Information about tuition and costs can be found on the Student Financial Services (ucmo.edu/sfs) website.

Admission Requirements

- Information regarding specific admissions requirements for the CSPA degree and certificate programs are available online at ucmo.edu/cspa.
- All prospective UCM graduate students must submit a transcript showing an earned bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution. The transcript is submitted with the online application to the graduate school. A copy of the transcript (or transcripts) will be sent to the CSPA Program Coordinator with the application. GPA requirements vary by program.

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