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The Student Affairs & Higher Education Master's Program at Mississippi State University prepares students for administrative positions in colleges and universities focused on student services, student engagement, and student success. The program includes a comprehensive curriculum, experiential learning opportunities, and a scholarly community of faculty and administrators invested in helping graduate students achieve individualized goals in the classroom, in the field, and in their professional careers.

APPLICATION PROCESS

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Learn more about the program at
sainsightdays.msstate.edu
educationalleadership.msstate.edu

2

Submit Application/Fee and required supplementary materials to the MSU Graduate School by February 1 for priority consideration with GA or March 1 for regular consideration,
grad.msstate.edu/admissions

3

Apply to the Division of Student Affairs for a Graduate Assistantship (by February 1 for priority consideration)
saffairs.msstate.edu/assistantship

4

Visit campus in mid-February for Student Affairs GA Insight Days to interview for Graduate Assistantships and complete the required admissions interview.
sainsightdays.msstate.edu

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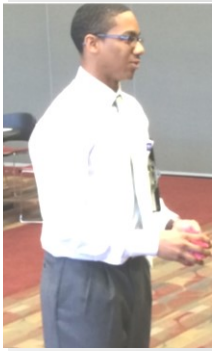


Master of Science

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Student Affairs & Higher Education

DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP



Career
 We prepare students for employment and scholarly inquiry across their careers. MSU alumni work for colleges and universities across the country in offices such as Residential Life, Multicultural Affairs, Campus Activities, Admissions, Student

Leadership, Study Abroad, Academic Advising, and more. Graduates also work in education-related positions for the non-profit sector. MSU alumni with scholarly aspirations pursue doctoral degrees to achieve faculty, research, policy, or executive level university leadership positions in Higher Education.

Community

To optimize learning and provide strong professional networks, students complete the program in small classes alongside a cohort of colleagues who represent a wide array of majors, work experiences, and personal backgrounds. Students are also introduced to a broader scholarly community comprised of program faculty, campus administrators, colleagues beyond MSU, and professional associations,

Competency

We believe that exceptional student affairs administrators take a student-centered approach to their work., understand how to navigate organizational and managerial complexities, and challenge the status quo. Our dynamic curriculum hones the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary for achieving these goals.



PROGRAM OF STUDY

STUDENT AFFAIRS & HIGHER EDUCATION

Face-to-Face Delivery FT/PT
New Cohorts Admitted Each Fall
42 Credit Hours with Comprehensive Exam

TOPICS ADDRESSED IN SAHE COURSEWORK:

- History, Values, and Philosophy of SAHE Work
- College Student Diversity Development
- Counseling & Advising College Students
- SAHE Management., Administration, & Leadership
- Assessment & Analytical Inquiry in SAHE
- Career Development & SAHE Field Experience

ADMISSIONS

REQUIREMENTS & BENCHMARKS

Priority Deadline with GA: February 1
Regular Deadline: March 1

- ❑ **GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION/FEE**
- ❑ **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE** to demonstrate writing skills, share path into SAHE, perspectives on the college experience, & career goals
- ❑ **3 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** assessing potential academic & career success in SAHE
- ❑ **OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS** demonstrating average GPA of 3.0 in final 2 years
- ❑ **RESUME** reflecting work history, SAHE leadership, experiences., participation, & achievements
- ❑ **INTERVIEW** to delve deeper into SAHE interests/goals and evaluate applicant-program fit

Experience

We believe that students learn best when connecting theory and practice in real world contexts. Therefore, hands-on learning is infused into every facet of the curriculum.



GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS



Graduate Assistantships (GAs) are strongly encouraged while enrolled in the SAHE program unless otherwise employed FT in Higher Education. Benefits of a GA include:



- * PT work in Student Affairs , Student Services, or Academic Support Services



- * Deeper Classroom Discussion/Reflection
- * Stronger Professional Resume
- * Enhanced Professional Networks
- * Competitive Edge in Job Market
- * Subsidize graduate school costs

A list of available GA vacancies and the GA application are available on MSU's Division of Student Affairs Assistantship website. Interviews take place during GA Insight Days.

STUDENT AFFAIRS GA INSIGHT DAYS

Priority Deadline: February 1

Student Affairs GA Insight Days takes place Thursday-Friday the second week of February where prospective students interview for vacant GAs and may complete the required admissions interview. Additional information is available on the SAHE graduate program website.

