
Program Revision Request

CGS Agenda Item: 18-81
Effective Spring 2019

M.S. In College Student Affairs Online Option: “Higher Education and Community College” Eastern Illinois University

Requested Change: The Department of Counseling and Student Development is seeking to modify the required courses for MS in College Student Affairs. This modification will result in 1) a reduction from 48 to 43 hours, 2) the addition of a new course – CSD 5506 Research Methods II, 3) the elimination of 3 hours of Thesis and six hours of electives, and the addition of 2 hours of special topics. The department is also seeking to create a new online option: Higher Education and Community College. This concentration will require new courses as follows: CSD 5885 Community College, CSD 5886 Enrollment Management, and CSD 5887 Academic Advising.

Rationale for the change: These changes will make us more competitive with other College Student Affairs programs currently at 43 hours, and make us more flexible in attracting working professionals at Universities and Community Colleges who currently do not hold a master’s degree. The requested curricular changes meet the current professional student affairs competencies as set by the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) and NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education).

Current Graduate Catalog

Program Mission: The mission of the M.S. in College Student Affairs is to provide a dynamic curriculum for students interested in leadership careers in the field of student affairs in higher education. The program provides a strong foundation for knowledge and skills development needed for effective administration, efficient use of technology, and humanistic support of undergraduate and graduate education. Upon completion of the program, students will be prepared for entry and mid-level student affairs positions in post-secondary public and private education as well as state and federal agencies. Some students also decide to pursue additional studies in Ph.D. programs and other terminal degrees.

Admission Requirements: To be eligible for degree candidacy, applicants must meet all of the requirements for admission to the Graduate School (see “[Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Programs](#)”). In addition, students must:

- Complete and submit the departmental admission application;
- Submit two departmental recommendation forms from individuals familiar with the applicant’s academic or work performance;
- Attend a pre-admission (CSA Days) or Housing Sponsored Admission event.
- Obtain a graduate assistantship appointment.*
- Additionally, the successful applicant must demonstrate strong study skills, experience working with groups, evidence of leadership abilities, and commitment and desire to have a career as a College Student Affairs professional.

*All students admitted to the CSA degree program are required to have either a graduate assistantship or submit evidence of fulltime employment in an institution of higher education or loosely related educational organization.

Degree Audit: The graduate plan of study is the EIU Degree Audit, which is generated automatically in the Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS) at the time of degree or certificate candidacy. Modifications of the standard EIU Degree Audit are submitted by the graduate coordinator to the certification officer in the Graduate School at the time modifications are approved. The Degree Audit serves as an unofficial summary of requirements for the program. Degree and certificate candidates are advised to review the comprehensive summary of the Degree Audit process specified on the "Requirements for All Degree and Certificate Candidates" section of the Graduate Catalog. Individual programs may require candidates to submit plans of study in addition to the Degree Audit, candidates should consult with the program coordinator.

Program Course Restriction: Courses 5540 and above are open only to students who have been admitted to the Department of Counseling and Student Development or who have permission of the Department Chair.

Degree Requirements

Degree requirements include those outlined for the master of science degree by the Graduate School (see "[Requirements for the Master of Science Degree](#)"). The courses for the Master of Science in College Student Affairs must total a minimum of 48 semester hours. The plan, therefore, requires that the student complete the following courses identified below:

Curriculum for the Master of Science in College Student Affairs

All students are required to write a thesis prior to completion of the graduate degree.

Total. Credits: 48

- students will have the option of 6 hours of electives, one of which may be a summer professional association sponsored supervised experience (i.e. Association of College and University Housing Officers – International, American College Personnel Association, NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, or the National Orientation Directors Association) or summer supervised experience outside of the student's current Graduate Assistant position.
- [CSD 5490 - Special Topics](#) Credits: 1
- 5490 is repeated Credits / Units: 1
- [CSD 5505 - Research Methods in College Student Affairs](#) Credits: 4
- [CSD 5710 - Leadership and Administration in Higher Education](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5715 - Individual and Group Intervention](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5720 - Student Development Theory I](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5725 - Student Development Theory II: Contemporary Theories](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5730 - History and Philosophy of Higher Education](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5735 - Multicultural Competencies and Social Justice in College Student Affairs](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5741 - Collegiate Environments](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5750 - Governance and Finance in Higher Education](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5760 - Legal and Ethical Issues in College Student Affairs](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5880 - Supervised Experience in College Student Affairs](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5950 - Thesis and Research](#) Credits: 3 to 6

Electives

Credits: 6

Electives could include the courses below:

- [CSD 5880 - Supervised Experience in College Student Affairs](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5775 - Fundraising and Development in Higher Education](#) Credits: 3

Graduate Assistantship

Information on graduate assistantships may be obtained by contacting the Department of Counseling and Student Development by phone 217-581-2400, email jegarren@eiu.edu, or in person in Room 2102, Buzzard Hall, EIU.

Proposed Graduate Catalog Eastern Illinois University

Program Mission: The Master of Science (MS) in College Student Affairs at Eastern Illinois University pursues the highest standards of scholarly excellence as evidenced through sustained achievement of criteria developed and adopted by the Graduate School. The program utilizes a cohort model with a low faculty-to-student ratio. The department offers an M.S. in College Student Affairs (CSA) with an online option in Higher Education and Community College (HECC). The programs incorporate the standards developed by the American College Student Affairs (ACPA) and National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) as its benchmark for assessment. The purpose of our training, which includes supervised practical experience in a variety of settings, is to equip students to become qualified, ethical and culturally competent leaders in Higher Education.

Admission Requirements: To be eligible for degree candidacy, applicants must meet all of the requirements for admission to the Graduate School (see "[Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Programs](#)"). In addition, students must:

- Complete and submit the departmental admission application in MyEIU; * The online departmental application will require you to provide email addresses for two recommendations from individuals familiar with the your academic or work performance;
- The application will also require an upload of a letter of intent focusing on your interest in the department and program, and a resume.
- Attend a CSA Days, Departmental or Housing Sponsored Admission event.
- Obtain a graduate assistantship appointment.*
- Additionally, the successful applicant must demonstrate strong study skills, experience working with groups, evidence of leadership abilities, and commitment and desire to have a career as a College Student Affairs professional.

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loosely related educational organization.

Degree Audit: The graduate plan of study is the EIU Degree Audit, which is generated automatically in the Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS) at the time of degree or certificate candidacy. Modifications of the standard EIU Degree Audit are submitted by the graduate coordinator to the certification officer in the Graduate School at the time modifications are approved. The Degree Audit serves as an unofficial summary of requirements for the program. Degree and certificate candidates are advised to review the comprehensive summary of the Degree Audit process specified on the "Requirements for All Degree and Certificate Candidates" section of the Graduate Catalog. Individual programs may require candidates to submit plans of study in addition to the Degree Audit, candidates should consult with the program coordinator.

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Degree Requirements

Degree requirements include those outlined for the master of science degree by the Graduate School (see "[Requirements for the Master of Science Degree](#)"). The courses for the Master of Science in Higher Education Administration must total a minimum of 43 semester hours. The plan, therefore, requires that the student complete the following courses identified below:

Curriculum for College Student Affairs

All students are required to write a thesis prior to completion of the graduate degree.

Total. Credits: 43

- ~~CSD 5490 - Special Topics~~ Repeated 1 credits
- [CSD 5490 - Special Topics](#) Repeated for a total of 4 credits
- [CSD 5505 - Research Methods in College Student Affairs I](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5506 - Research Methods in College Student Affairs II](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5710 - Leadership and Administration in Higher Education](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5715 - Individual and Group Intervention](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5720 - Student Development Theory I](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5725 - Student Development Theory II: Contemporary Theories](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5730 - History and Philosophy of Higher Education](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5735 - Multicultural Competencies and Social Justice in College Student Affairs](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5741 - Collegiate Environments](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5750 - Governance and Finance in Higher Education](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5760 - Legal and Ethical Issues in College Student Affairs](#) Credits: 3
- [CSD 5880 - Supervised Experience in College Student Affairs](#) Credits: 3
- ~~CSD 5950 - Thesis and Research~~ Credits: 3-6
- [CSD 5950 - Thesis and Research](#) Credits: 3

Electives

Credits: ~~6~~

Electives could include the courses below:

- ~~CSD 5880 – Supervised Experience in College Student Affairs Credits: 3~~
- ~~CSD 5775 – Fundraising and Development in Higher Education Credits: 3~~

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Curriculum for online option in Higher Education and Community College

Total. Credits: 43

- CSD 5490 - Special Topics repeated for a total of 4 credits
- CSD 5505 - Research Methods in College Student Affairs I Credits: 3
- CSD 5710 - Leadership and Administration in Higher Education Credits: 3
- CSD 5720 - Student Development Theory I Credits: 3
- CSD 5730 - History and Philosophy of Higher Education Credits: 3
- CSD 5735 - Multicultural Competencies and Social Justice in College Student Affairs Credits: 3
- CSD 5741 - Collegiate Environments Credits: 3
- CSD 5750 - Governance and Finance in Higher Education. Credits: 3
- CSD 5760 - Legal and Ethical Issues in College Student Affairs. Credits: 3
- CSD 5880 - Supervised Experience in College Student Affairs Credits: 3
- CSD 5885 – Community College Credits: 3
- CSD 5886 – Enrollment Management Credits: 3
- CSD 5887 – Academic Advising Credits: 3
- Elective - Credits: 3

Requested Effective Date: Spring 2019

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