
Program Revision Request:**M.S. in College Student Affairs****Eastern Illinois University****Reason for the Request:**

The Department of Counseling and Student Development is seeking to better align the College Student Affairs curriculum with newly released American College Student Affairs (ACPA) and National Association of Student Personnel Association (NASPA) competencies. After a thorough review of the competencies, the department seeks to maintain a strong 48 hour Master of Science degree with a required thesis. In addition, the department is seeking the following changes:

- 1) replace CSD 5500 Research Methods as a requirement with CSD 5505 Research Methods in College Student Affairs;
- 2) drop CSD 5740 (Consultation Skills and Organizational Development) from the catalog and add CSD 5741 (Campus Environments) as a requirement;
- 3) reduce the required number of hours for CSD 5880 (Supervised Experience) from 6 to 3 hours;
- 4) add CSD 5725 (Student Development Theory II: Contemporary Theories) as a requirement;
- 5) drop CSD 5770 (Community College) from the catalog;
- 6) replace CSD 5400 (Special Issues) as an elective with CSD 5775 (Fundraising and Development in Higher Education).
- 7) students will have the option of 6 hours of electives, one of which can be a summer ACHUO sponsored supervised experience (CSD 5880) or a summer supervised experience (CSD 5880) outside of the their primary Graduate Assistant position.

Departmental Program Proposal Approval Date: 1/23/13

Program Effective Date: Fall, 2013

APPROVALS:

DATE APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT: January 23, 2013

DATE APPROVED BY CEPS CURRICULUM COMMITTEE:

DATE APPROVED BY CGS:

2011-2013 Graduate Catalog Eastern Illinois University

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 applicant’s academic or work performance. (The department prefers academic reference if possible.);
- 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 student affairs professional.

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

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Curriculum for College Student Affairs

Total. Credits: 48

Electives. Credits: 6

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CSD 5500 - Research Methods. Credits: 4

CSD 5710 – Leadership and Administration in Higher Education. Credits: 3

CSD 5715 – Individual and Group Intervention in Student Affairs. Credits: 3

CSD 5720 – Student Development Theory. Credits: 3

CSD 5730 – History and Philosophy of Higher Education. Credits: 3

CSD 5735 – Multicultural Competence in Higher Education. Credits: 3

CSD 5740 – Consultation Skills and Organizational Development. Credits: 3

CSD 5750 – Governance and Finance in Higher Education. Credits: 3

CSD 5760 - Legal Issues in Student Affairs. Credits: 3

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CSD 5710 – Leadership and Administration in Higher Education. Credits: 3

CSD 5715 – Individual and Group Intervention in Student Affairs. Credits: 3

CSD 5720 – Student Development Theory I. Credits: 3

CSD 5725 – Student Development Theory II: Contemporary Theories. Credits: 3

EDF 5730 – History and Philosophy of Higher Education. Credits: 3

CSD 5735 – Multicultural Competence and Social Justice in College Student Affairs. Credits: 3

~~CSD 5740 – Consultation Skills and Organizational Development. Credits: 3~~

CSD 5741 – Campus Environment. Credits: 3

CSD 5750 – Governance and Finance in Higher Education. Credits: 3

CSD 5760 - Legal and Ethical Issues in Student Affairs. Credits: 3

~~CSD 5770 – Community College~~

CSD 5775 – Fundraising and Development in Higher Education (Elective). Credits: 3

CSD 5880 – Supervised Experience in College Student Affairs. Credits: 3

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