

Higher Education Student Affairs | M.A.

The NYU Steinhardt Master's Program in Student Personnel Administration prepares students for careers in higher education. The curriculum encompasses broad themes in the history and development of higher education both in the U.S. and abroad, and includes the study of colleges as organizations; student learning and development; the profession of student affairs; research and assessment methods; access to higher education; diversity; and the theory and practice of leadership.

Reasons to Study Higher Education at NYU

You can combine theory and practice with hands-on experience through higher education internships or full-time positions with conceptual and theoretical coursework.

Take advantage of the unique January intersession or summer study abroad opportunities in such locations as South Africa, Israel, and India to enhance your understanding of higher education throughout the world.

Get involved in the NYU community through the Association of Student Affairs Professionals (ASAP), Journal of Student Affairs (JoSA), and other NYU student organizations to extend your leadership skills and deepen your learning.

Explore Greenwich Village, NYU's home in the heart of New York City, which provides easy access to internships at dozens of postsecondary institutions throughout the metropolitan area.

Study and learn with scholars and practitioners who have a wide range of expertise in such areas as higher education leadership, globalization, diversity, student learning and assessment, residential education, politics, access and equity, policy, and systemic change.

Internships

Program faculty work closely with internship supervisors to provide a unique and rich academic and professional program. The list below is a representative sampling of current internships:

- NYU College of Arts and Science Advising Center
- SUNY Maritime Student Activities
- NYU Office of Financial Aid
- School of American Ballet Residence Life
- NYU Athletics, Academic Affairs
- Fordham Alcohol and Other Drug Office
- NYU Center for Multicultural Education and Programs
- Pratt Institute Residential Life
- Marymount Manhattan College Career Services Office

Career Directions

M.A. graduates hold positions throughout the country in small and large private and public colleges and universities such as DePaul University, Duke University, Baruch College - The City University of New York, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Kingsborough Community College, University of Southern California, Southern Methodist University, and Columbia University. They serve as deans, directors, and professional staff in offices such as residence life, orientation services, academic advising, admissions, enrollment services, institutional research, and development.

Core Courses

- Foundations of Higher Education
- Internship Seminar/Practicum
- Diversity in Higher Education
- Leadership in Higher Education
- Research Approaches and Techniques in Postsecondary Education
- College Student Learning & Development

Electives

- Politics of Higher Education
- How Colleges Work
- Higher Education & the Law
- Campus Community & Student Subcultures
- Institutional Assessment of Higher Education
- The College Environment
- The Community College
- Fieldwork Experience (self-designed)
- Workplace Learning

Degree Requirements

36-credit program

- Core course work (18 credits) and elective course work (18 credits)
- Internship for full-time program
- Capstone Experience

Capstone Experience

All students complete a Capstone Project to enhance their professional development and prepare for career placement. The Capstone has three components:

- Professional philosophy statement
- Portfolio of accomplishments
- Participation points in higher education activities

How to Apply

Admission Requirements

- Baccalaureate degree with outstanding academic achievement
- Evidence of significant undergraduate leadership experience
- Professional experience is preferred, but not required
- Academic and Professional references (total of 3 required, 2 of which must be academic)

Although these are general criteria, the Admissions Committee considers each candidate's entire application, with particular attention given to the candidate's purpose statement and academic and professional references. The GRE is not required for application to the M.A. program.

Full Time Study

A one-year internship is required for all full-time students; however it is recommended that students work at their sites for two years.

There are internship sites on the NYU campus as well as on other college campuses throughout the metropolitan area.

For full-time students, the application deadline is January 6 for fall admission.

Part Time Study

Part-time applicants must hold a full-time time job related to higher education while taking classes part-time.

For part-time students, the application deadline is February 1 for fall admission and November 1 for spring admission.

Visit www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/application to access the application or contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at 212 998 5030.

The application deadline is December 15 for fall admission.

Further Information

Visit www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/alt/highered, or send an email to steinhardt.highered@nyu.edu.



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