

HIGHER EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS (MA)

Master of Arts in Higher Education and Student Affairs

Unit: College of Education and Human Development (<http://louisville.edu/education/>) (GE)

Department: Educational Leadership, Evaluation, and Organizational Development (<http://louisville.edu/education/departments/elfh/>)

Program Webpage (<https://louisville.edu/education/degrees/ma-he/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): See Concentration Requirements tab.

Program Information

This program can be completed 100% online. (<https://louisville.edu/online/programs/masters/master-of-arts-in-higher-education/>)

The Master's in Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA) Degree program at the University of Louisville is designed to provide individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue a career in university and college settings. Our nationally recognized faculty apply their expertise as scholars and practitioners to connect classroom knowledge directly to real-world experiences.

Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
Practice Core		9-12
Advanced Core		9
Concentration Area		6-12
Exit Requirement		3
Minimum Total Hours		30-36

Admission Requirements

- **Graduate School Application:** Complete the online application to the Graduate School. (<https://graduate.louisville.edu/admission/apply/>)
- **Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work.** Unconditional admission requires a minimum degree grade point average (GPA) of 2.5. Applicants who have attended a college or university outside of the United States are also required to submit an evaluation of their transcript through either WES (World Education Services) (<http://wes.org/>) or ECE (Educational Credential Evaluators) (<http://ece.org/>). Please note that transcript evaluations can sometimes take several weeks.

Please have transcripts sent to:

Graduate School
University of Louisville
Louisville, KY 40292

If transcripts are sent electronically,
please have them sent to the following e-mail:
gradadm@louisville.edu

- **Two letters of recommendation**
- **Resume**
- **Professional goals statement**

Students may be recommended for conditional admission upon recommendation of the program faculty.

Meeting the GPA and requirement does not guarantee admission to the program.

Department committee reviews application materials and makes recommendation to Graduate School.

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Code	Title	Hours
Practice Core		9-12
LEAD 600	Introduction to Research Methods and Statistics or LEAD 666 Program Development & Assessment in Higher Education	
LEAD 682	The Organization and Administration of Higher Educational Institutions	
LEAD 693	College Students in the United States	
LEAD 690	Professional Project in Higher Education ¹	
Advanced Core		9
LEAD 680	Legal Issues in Postsecondary Education	
LEAD 684	Educational Resource Management in Postsecondary Education	
LEAD 694	Diversity in Higher Education	
Concentration Area (see concentration tab)		6-12
Exit Requirement (varies depending on concentration; see concentration tab)		3
Minimum Total Hours		30-36

¹ Not required for students in the Sport Administration concentration (replaced by additional concentration area course).

Degree Requirements—Fort Knox only

Academic Plan Code(s): HED_MA_FTX

Code	Title	Hours
Practice Core		
LEAD 666	Program Development & Assessment in Higher Education	3
LEAD 682	The Organization and Administration of Higher Educational Institutions	3
LEAD 690	Professional Project in Higher Education	3
Advanced Core		
LEAD 694	Diversity in Higher Education	3
Choose 2 of the following:		6
LEAD 680	Legal Issues in Postsecondary Education	
LEAD 684	Educational Resource Management in Postsecondary Education	
LEAD 693	College Students in the United States	
Specialization		
LEAD 670	Instructional Strategies	3

LEAD 683	College Teaching	3
LEAD 688	Supervised Experience in Higher Education	3
Exit Requirement ¹		
LEAD 697	Organizational Improvement in Higher Education	3
Minimum Total Hours		30

Concentration Requirements

Concentration in Administration

Academic Plan Code(s): HED_MA_ADM, HED_MA_ADO

Code	Title	Hours
Electives (approved by advisor)		6
<i>Exit Requirement</i>		
LEAD 697	Organizational Improvement in Higher Education	3
Minimum Total Hours		9

Concentration in Sport Administration

Academic Plan Code(s): HED_MA_SAD, HED_MA_SAO

Code	Title	Hours
SPAD 680	Athletics and Higher Education	3
SPAD 625	Sport Management and Leadership	3
Elective (approved by advisor)		3
<i>Exit Requirement</i>		
SPAD 692	Internship in Sport Administration	3
Minimum Total Hours		12

Concentration in Student Affairs

Academic Plan Code(s): HED_MA_STA

Code	Title	Hours
LEAD 645	Introduction to Student Affairs Work	3
LEAD 646	Helping Skills for Student Affairs Professionals	3
LEAD 647	Theories of College Student Development	3
Elective (approved by advisor)		3
<i>Exit Requirement</i>		
LEAD 648	Internship in College Student Affairs	3
Minimum Total Hours		15