

Prepare For Success

A master's degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA) provides a challenging classroom study and practical experience.



Application Deadlines

The **Early Deadline** for HESA applications is **October 1** for Spring and **December 1** for Fall.

If you plan to seek a Graduate Assistantship, we recommend you get your application in by the Early Deadline.

What will I study?

You will study professional research, theory, and best practices in higher education, with an emphasis on administration and student affairs.

What jobs can I get?

Our graduates are employed in a range of institutional positions including:

- career and academic advising
- Title IX enforcement
- student conduct
- student activities
- Greek life
- parent programs
- international student services
- student leadership and service
- marketing and communications
- residence life

What is the course work?

The typical course work includes 18 hours of core courses in history, theory, legal, organizational, and research foundations. You will also choose a concentration in either higher education administration or student affairs administration.

Higher Education Administration Concentration

The higher education administration concentration is focused on advanced study of leadership and ethics in postsecondary

education. This includes an exploration of financial and organizational aspects of higher education and an advanced study of the community college sector.

Student Affairs Administration Concentration

The student affairs administration concentration will prepare you to articulate theories and models that describe how college students develop and the conditions and practices that facilitate holistic development. You will also explore advising and supporting strategies that take into account self-knowledge and the needs of others.

Practical Opportunities

- graduate assistantships
- practicum experiences
- summer internships
- university 101 co-teaching

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Admissions Process and Requirements

The faculty of the Higher Education and Student Affairs program make recommendations for admission to the Graduate School based upon five criteria: academic record, GRE or MAT scores, related work and leadership experience, letters of recommendation, and the personal statement.

In addition to the requirements of the Graduate School, you will need to submit the following to apply for the M.Ed. in Higher Education and Student Affairs:

- Scores from either the GRE or the MAT. If English is your second language, you must also submit TOEFL scores for consideration. All test scores must be from within the past 5 years.
- Official transcripts from all previous institutions attended.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation.
- Current resume which highlights educational and employment history, higher education or student affairs experience, and includes contact information.
- Personal statement (2-3 pages, double spaced) which addresses the following areas:
 - What experiences have led to your interest in pursuing a career in higher education and student affairs?
 - What qualities, characteristics, and skills do you possess that make you a strong candidate for the HESA program?
 - What do you hope to learn from the HESA program and how does this relate to your personal and career goals?
- Non-refundable application fee.

Graduate Assistant Recruiting Program (GARP)

The Graduate Assistant Recruitment Program (GARP) is a collaborative effort among the University's Division of Student Affairs, the Higher Education and Student Affairs program, and the Student Personnel Association. GARP is designed to complement the Higher Education and Student Affairs program with graduate assistantships available from across the Division of Student Affairs, other areas of the University of South Carolina, as well as other local colleges. The majority of students who begin the HESA program with a graduate assistantship were GARP participants.

Benefits of the graduate assistantship include a stipend, tuition reduction, and professional experience and development. The Graduate Assistant Recruitment Program is generally held each year in late February to early March.

