

STUDENT AFFAIRS IN HIGHER EDUCATION, MASTER OF ARTS (MA)

The Master of Arts in Student Affairs in Higher Education at Slippery Rock University is designed to provide students the knowledge, skills, and dispositions required for exemplary professional practice in colleges, universities, and other related settings. For over 50 years, the Student Affairs in Higher Education (SAHE) program has been preparing future higher education leaders to effectively design and implement programs and services that promote student success. Our graduates serve as administrative leaders throughout the country in a variety of campus roles and services.

The SAHE program offers coursework in a blended learning format that includes a mixture of face-to-face, hybrid, and online classes. The program provides students with the opportunity to engage with classmates and faculty in person while managing the convenient class schedule that busy graduate students prefer. The SAHE program includes an off-campus fieldwork placement where students can obtain the necessary practical experience to be successful on the job market.

The curriculum focuses on assisting students in linking theory to professional practice, as well as the development of professional skills.

Students engage actively with course material through case studies, professional guest presenters, simulations, and campus visits. The program aligns with the standards established by the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS) and the ACPA/NASPA Professional Competency Areas for Student Affairs Educators. All faculty hold degrees in student affairs/higher education, have worked extensively in the field, and are highly committed to teaching.

Related Links

Student Affairs in Higher Education, MA Program Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/graduate-programs/student-affairs-in-higher-education-master-of-arts/>)

Student Affairs in Higher Education Fact Sheet

Professional Licensure/Certification Page (<https://www.sru.edu/students/student-consumer-information/professional-licensures/>)

Curriculum Guide

- Overall/Major GPA: 3.00 or higher

Code	Title	Hours
Core I - Basic Knowledge		
CDEV 602	Introduction to Student Affairs and College Counseling	3
CDEV 614	Helping Relationships	3
CDEV 621	Social and Cultural Diversity	3
CDEV 699	Introduction to Research	3
Core II - Professional Knowledge		
CDEV 608	Ethical and Legal Issues in Student Affairs	3
CDEV 623	Higher Education Environments, Cultures, and Students	3
CDEV 625	Assessment in Student Affairs	3

CDEV 631	College Student Learning and Development 1	3
CDEV 632	College Student Learning and Development 2	3
CDEV 639	Students in American Higher Education	3
CDEV 643	Organizational Behavior & Leadership in Higher Education	3
Elective Credit		3
Core III - Field Experience		
CDEV 705	Student Affairs Practicum	3
CDEV 646	Student Affairs Capstone	3
Total Hours		42

Important Curriculum Guide Notes

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. *The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.*

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Recommended Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
CDEV 602	Introduction to Student Affairs and College Counseling	3
CDEV 614	Helping Relationships	3
CDEV 623	Higher Education Environments, Cultures, and Students	3
CDEV 699	Introduction to Research	3
Hours		12
Spring		
CDEV 621	Social and Cultural Diversity	3
CDEV 625	Assessment in Student Affairs	3
CDEV 631	College Student Learning and Development 1	3
CDEV 639	Students in American Higher Education	3
Hours		12
Second Year		
Fall		
CDEV 632	College Student Learning and Development 2	3
CDEV 643	Organizational Behavior & Leadership in Higher Education	3
CDEV 705	Student Affairs Practicum	3
Hours		9

Spring

CDEV 608	Ethical and Legal Issues in Student Affairs	3
CDEV 646	Student Affairs Capstone	3
Elective		3
Hours		9
Total Hours**		42

*** This document is meant to serve as a guide. Please consult with your academic adviser and refer to your curriculum guide prior to registering for courses. This plan should be reviewed, and verified, by you and your academic adviser at least once each academic year.*

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