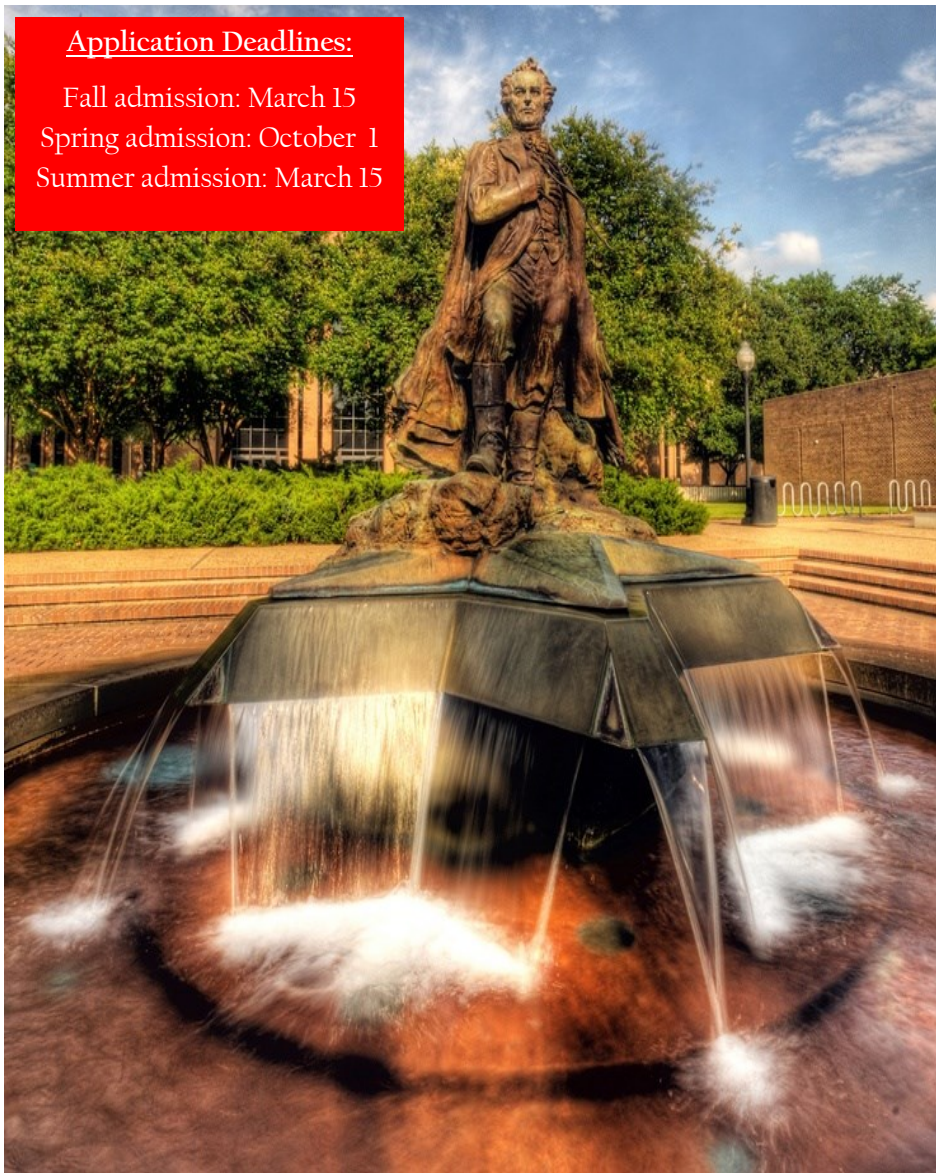


Application Deadlines:

Fall admission: March 15
Spring admission: October 1
Summer admission: March 15



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Graduate Program in Student Affairs and Higher Education
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The Master of Arts degree program in Student Affairs and Higher Education provides a strong foundation in the profession and practice of student affairs. It offers opportunities to develop expertise in the various areas of Student Affairs. Students gain knowledge regarding programming, student activities, finance, and legal and ethical standards. Students learn about the developmental stages of college students and ways to enhance the college experience. The fieldwork component of the program offers students the opportunity to apply what they have learned.

“The student affairs master’s program at SFA has been a great experience for me. I love that what I am learning in my courses can be directly applied to work I am doing as a graduate assistant.”

Brandi Van Zanden
Second-Year Graduate Student

Candidates in the master’s program in Student Affairs and Higher Education complete a 42-hour curriculum which includes coursework specific to student affairs such as leadership, administration and finance in student affairs, college student development and a 6-hour practicum.

Masters of Arts in Student Affairs and Higher Education

Careers in Student Affairs

The graduate program in Student Affairs and Higher Education provides a foundation for establishing and advancing careers working on a college campus to improve the experience of students.

Through a rigorous and challenging curriculum, students gain the critical thinking and reasoning skills to develop effective programs and determine the effectiveness of the program.

With a master's degree in student affairs, a student is prepared for a career in the following fields:

- Academic advising
- Admissions
- Campus activities
- Campus recreation programs
- Community service
- Disability services
- Financial aid
- Judicial affairs
- Learning assistance programs
- Multicultural affairs
- Residence life/housing
- Service learning
- Student center/student union
- Student leadership programs



Program Faculty

Classes are taught by full-time faculty and by scholar-practitioners working in the field of student affairs. This includes vice presidents, deans, assistant deans, and directors. This approach provides students with a mixture of practical and theoretical training for work in student affairs. Faculty are active in state and national organizations and publish and present regularly in their fields.

Financial Assistance

SFA provides graduate students traditional financial assistance through scholarships, state grants, work study programs, graduate assistantships and student loans. Some assistant is based on merit and some on financial need.

For more information, contact:

Financial Aid Office

Location: Austin Building, 1st floor
 PO Box 13052, SFA Station
 Nacogdoches, Texas 75962-3052
 Phone: 936.468.2408
 email: finaid@sfasu.edu



Admission Requirements

Students with an undergraduate degree in any field are prepared to be successful in the graduate program.

The admission requirement for the SFASU Graduate School includes an overall undergraduate grade point average 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and a 2.8 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate work, exclusive of freshman-level courses.

Application Information

Before your admission to the Student Affairs program can be considered, we require the following:

To the Graduate School:

- Application to the Graduate School with all transcripts. (Apply online at: www.applytexas.org)
- A \$25 application fee.

Graduate School Application Fee and Transcripts are to be sent to the Graduate School, Stephen F. Austin State University, PO Box 13024, SFA Station, Nacogdoches, Texas 75962.

To the Student Affairs Admissions Committee:

(Mail to Dr. Suzanne Maniss, PO Box 13019, SFA Station, Nacogdoches, Texas 75962)

- Personal Statement of Career Goals
- Three letters of recommendation along with the Student Affairs Recommendation Form*
- Personal Data Form *

* available at www.sfasu.edu/humanservices

Contact Information

Further questions should be directed to Dr. Suzanne Maniss at maniss@sfasu.edu or 936.468.1164 or counselingprogram@sfasu.edu

Academic Curriculum

Course #	Course Title
COU 519	Introduction to Student Affairs
COU 536	Diversity Issues in Student Affairs
COU 537	Organization and Group Dynamics
COU 543	Theories of College Student Development
COU 544	Research and Program Evaluation in Student Affairs
COU 545	Leadership and Administration in Student Affairs
COU 546	Ethical and Legal Issues in Student Affairs
COU 551	Finance in Student Affairs
COU 556	Student Affairs Professional Development Seminar
COU 581	Interviewing Skills
COU 585	Lifespan Development
COU 596	Practicum in Student Affairs (6 hours)
	Elective (3 hours)
Total	42 Hours