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 the work I am doing as a graduate assistant.

Brandi Van Zanden
Second-Year Graduate Student

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, program evaluation and assessment along with administration, 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.

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.
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 experiences 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 these programs.

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 assistance 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: 936.468.2403
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 of 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.
- Verbal and Quantitative Scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The GRE requirement is waived if your undergraduate GPA is 3.0 or higher.

Graduate School Application, Application Fee, Transcript and GRE Scores are to be sent to the Graduate School, Stephen F. Austin State University, P.O. Box 13024, SFA Station, Nacogdoches, TX 75962.

To the Student Affairs Admissions Committee:
- 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

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