College Student Affairs Administration

The College Student Affairs Administration (CSAA) program is designed for those students interested in a professional career in the various college and university student affairs and student services areas. Program participants will prepare for careers involving organizational management, student development, leadership training, and administration. Guided by the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS), the curriculum includes selected foundational studies; student development theory; student characteristics and effects of college on students; individual, group, and organizational interventions; organization and administration; and assessment, evaluation, and research. The program also includes substantial supervised internship opportunities.

The master’s degree in College Student Affairs Administration is a 42 hour program designed to be completed in two years. The program includes a professional core plus opportunities to choose appropriate advisor approved electives. At least six hours of internship experience is included in the professional core. Internships are available in a wide variety of student affairs and student service areas. Students are encouraged to seek at least one internship experience away from the UWF campus.

A quality academic program is enhanced by the opportunity for pre-professional work experience. A number of students in the program will have the opportunity for significant and meaningful work responsibilities that will translate directly into powerful résumés. Various student service areas of The University of West Florida offer several compensated assistantships including: the Office of the Dean of Students, residence life facilities and programs, student union operations and management, student activities and campus programming, Greek affairs, recreation facilities and programs, service, citizenship and career services.

Admission Requirements

In addition to the University graduate admission requirements described in the Admissions section (http://catalog.uwf.edu/graduate/admissions) of the catalog, the department bases decisions for regular admission on a holistic review of credentials in which the following criteria are used to assess the potential success of each applicant:

- Submission of one of the following graduate admission tests:
  - Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Verbal and Quantitative scores
  - Miller Analogies Test (MAT)
- Undergraduate cumulative GPA
- Submission of letter of intent describing reasons for applying to the program and associated career goals
- Submission of three letters of recommendation including one professional reference and one academic reference
- Submission of résumé
- Fit with program

Full-time students are generally admitted only for the fall semester.

Degree Requirements

To be eligible for a M.Ed. degree in College Student Affairs Administration (CSAA), a student must do the following:

- Be admitted to the program
- Submit an approved degree plan which includes at least 42 semester hours
- Successfully complete all required coursework with a grade of “C” or higher
- Complete degree requirements compliant with the time-to-degree policy
- Be recommended for graduation by the Department of Research and Advanced Studies
- Successfully complete a comprehensive exam. Information about the scheduling of the exam may be obtained from the faculty advisor.

CSAA Course Requirements

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Choose two of the following: 6

- COM 6207 Advanced Communication Leadership
- COM 6129 Assessing Organizational Dynamics
- EDF 6404 Educational Statistics I
- INP 6385 Group Dynamics in Organizations
- MAN 5116 Management of Diversity
- MAN 6156 Management and Organizational Behavior
- SDS 6345 Educational and Vocational Guidance

Other appropriate graduate level coursework approved by advisor

Total Hours 42