Higher Education Administration

Saint Louis University is a Catholic, Jesuit institution that values academic excellence, life-changing research, compassionate health care, and a strong commitment to faith and service.

Founded in 1818, the University fosters the intellectual and character development of nearly 14,000 students on two campuses in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain. Building on a legacy of nearly 200 years, Saint Louis University continues to move forward with an unwavering commitment to a higher purpose, a greater good.

OVERVIEW

The programs in higher education administration prepare professionals to excel in their careers and give back to the greater community. Each program is individually tailored to complement unique interests and professional aspirations. These programs combine theory with practical insights provided by faculty who are both seasoned professors and administrators.

Higher Education Administration:
These master's and doctoral degree offerings are intended for those students interested in pursuing careers in higher education and/or administration, including student personnel.

- Master of Arts in student personnel administration: This is a nonthesis program that prepares individuals for professional, entry level and middle management positions in academic, administrative, institutional, public policy and student affairs offices of two- and four-year colleges and universities, multicampus systems, foundations and government agencies. The degree requires the completion of 32 credit hours of coursework and a comprehensive written examination. Students may choose one of three tracks for the Master of Arts in student personnel administration: general, disability education, Catholic higher education.

- Online Specialty Program in student personnel administration: This 18-credit-hour online nondegree graduate specialty professional development program in student personnel administration is designed for professionals aspiring to student services positions within higher education and those who seek to learn more about the field of student development and student services in the college setting. The program provides knowledge and professional development in the areas of student personnel administration, college student demographics and trends, the college environment, disability education, legal and ethical issues, and college student development. Courses may be applied to the Saint Louis University Master's in student personnel administration.

- Doctor of Philosophy in higher education administration: This program emphasizes the interplay of theory and practice in higher education. The curriculum is based on the combination of core courses in higher education and the independent needs of the students. The degree requires the completion of 30 credit hours of coursework, 12 credit hours of dissertation research, a comprehensive written examination, an oral examination/proposal defense, and a public presentation and defense of the dissertation.

DOUGHS AND PROGRAMS OFFERED

- Master of Arts (M.A.)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
- Specialty Program

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Application form and fee
- Transcript(s)
- Three letters of recommendation
- GRE scores required for Ph.D. (GMAT or LSAT scores may be substituted)
- Résumé
- Professional goal statement

CONTACT INFORMATION

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APPLICATION DEADLINES

Domestic Applicants International Applicants
FALL | July 1 May 1
SPRING | Nov. 1 Oct. 1
SUMMER | April 1 Feb. 1

Deadlines for assistantships are listed online.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

M.A. and Specialty Program: Graduate students wishing to enter these programs must have completed a bachelor's degree in a related field.

Ph.D.: Graduate students wishing to enter the program must have a master's degree in education or a related field and completed six credit hours of graduate research coursework as a prerequisite for the doctoral program. If the student does not have some or all of these credit hours, he or she may take these hours during the doctoral program in addition to the program coursework.
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FACULTY ///
Dannielle J. Davis, Ph.D.: Higher education professional writing, spirituality and research
Beth Winfrey Freeburg, Ph.D.: Adult education, female leaders in higher education, research methods
Karen A. Myers, Ph.D.: Disability education in postsecondary institutions, universal design and universal instructional design in educational settings
J. Mark Pousson, Ph.D.: College student development, intervention skills and disability education in postsecondary institutions
Douglas K. Rush, J.D., Ph.D.: Higher education outcomes and assessment

In the spirit of the Jesuit tradition of education, the higher education administration program is committed to providing students with:
• Individualized academic experiences to satisfy the intellectual interests of students.
• Exposure to practical application of theory to practice such as the award winning Allies for Inclusion: The Ability Exhibit.
• Application of the social and moral values needed in higher education management and research.

Students may apply for graduate assistantships. Assistantship information and application forms are available on the School of Education webpage, in the financial aid section. Please contact student financial services for more information on financial aid.

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