

2017 Admissions Information

STUDENT AFFAIRS GRADUATE ADMISSIONS (Formerly College Student Personnel)

The focus of the Maryland program is on the experience of students in the higher education environment. We emphasize the diversity of students and how the environment can promote their learning and development. Both programs have emphases on research and social justice.



Master's Program

The master's program offers a thesis and non-thesis option; this is a 40 credit program (average completion is 2 years). Unique features include the Counseling/ Intergroup Dialogue Practicum and the Seminar Paper or Thesis Option.

Doctoral Program

The doctoral program is approximately a 66 credit program (average full time student completion is 4-5 years). Unique features include training in research, methods, and opportunities to engage in research with faculty.

Basic Admission Criteria

We seek purposeful well-balanced professionals who are serious scholars and committed practitioners. Masters students ordinarily have a 3.0 or higher GPA, strong references, and research and goals that fit the program's focus. Doctoral students have a strong masters GPA, focused research interests, successful experience in practice, and strong professional orientation. We seek students who demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inequality in higher education.

- ★ We require a Personal Statement/Statement of Purpose, transcript(s), GRE scores, resume, and three letters of recommendation.
- ★ Use your personal statement to show us more than your resume. We appreciate reflection on meaningful personal or professional/academic experiences (something that made you think or has made you who you are) and/or on social identities such as race, class, gender, or sexual orientation, etc. Masters personal statements should be 3-4 pages double spaced, Ph.D. 4-5.
- ★ Doctoral students are expected to have a master's degree in student affairs, higher education, counseling, or a closely related field.
- ★ When submitting references, masters and doctoral applicants should include at least two recommendations from professors or faculty members who can attest to their potential for graduate level education.
- ★ Masters students are expected to be full-time. We accept both full-time and part-time Ph.D. applicants.

Key Features of our Student Experience

- ★ Teach undergraduate and/or graduate courses
- ★ Engage in internship in one of the 30+ colleges in the local area or at the University of Maryland
- ★ Work in professional offices with significant responsibilities
- ★ Experience national professional association headquarters in Washington, D.C.
- ★ Network in a strong national community of graduates and friends on the campus
- ★ Conduct original research

Important Dates

November 1 2016

Last day to take
GRE to ensure timely
receipt of scores



December 1 2016

Deadline to apply for Fall 2017
admission

February 2017

Admission decisions are made by the
middle of February

Spring 2017 (Date TBA)

Preview Days for admitted students

Coming to Visit?

If you are coming to campus and would like to visit, please send an email message to our program graduate assistant at SAGrad-GA@umd.edu. He will assist you in meeting with one of our current students and a faculty member regarding their availability to visit with you.



Website

See our website at:
<http://ter.ps/CSA>

Application Process

Applying to Maryland in four easy steps!

- 1 Submit an online application at:
<http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/application> Instructions for the Graduate School application: Under the "Educational Intent" tab select "Education: HESI: Student Affairs—HISA." In general, our codes are CHSE (department), HESI (program level), and HISA (area of specialization/concentration).
- 2 In addition to the materials requested as part of the application (letters of recommendation, statement of goals/experiences, transcripts, etc.), please upload your resume. A writing sample is not required.
- 3 Send transcripts and the \$75 non-refundable application fee (if paying by check only), to:

Enrollment Services Office (ESO)—Graduate Admissions
0130 Mitchell Building
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland 20742

- 4 For questions, notify the graduate assistant at SAGrad-GA@umd.edu

*We encourage you to keep copies of all application materials in case there is any difficulty with the materials being received and scanned.

All applications are individually reviewed. A semi-finalist group of doctoral applicants are offered a phone interview. (There is no interview for the masters application.)

Checking Application Status

After you submit all of your materials to the ESO-Graduate Admissions Office, the University will give you a login ID. Once you receive this ID, you can check the status of your application online by logging in at <https://apra.umd.edu>. Please be aware that all application materials must be manually entered into the University's system. As such, you should wait for a few days after submitting your application before checking your status online.



Questions ???

Contact our Graduate Assistant at SAGrad-GA@umd.edu.

GRE Information

GRE's should be taken by November 1 to ensure that you receive your scores in time to submit them with your application.

University of Maryland Code: 5814

Assistantships / Fellowships

Admitted students are invited to the Preview Program. Employers review resumes, students review job descriptions, and both send in preference lists. Interviews are scheduled. Over 60 assistantships were posted this year—you do not need to apply for assistantships prior to notification of admission. Twelve-month assistantship remuneration ranges from \$18-20,000 plus tuition remission and health benefits. Ten-month assistantships are also available. Some doctoral students may be recommended for fellowships. If admitted, it is your decision whether to enroll full-time or part-time; we encourage you to be full-time if you can manage it. Check the webpage for more general information on assistantships.



Our Connection to the Higher Education Concentration at Maryland

The Student Affairs and Higher Education concentrations work collaboratively toward joint research opportunities and course offerings. Be sure you explore the Higher Ed concentration if that is of interest to you. Higher Ed and Student Affairs are now part of the same program (Higher Education, Student Affairs, and Internat'l Ed Policy) but each concentration requires separate applications.

Testudo, Maryland's mascot, is a diamondback terrapin. Graduate students are able to get tickets to all sports events at Maryland. **Go Terps!**



Want info on other grad programs?

Check out various Student Affairs or Higher Education programs:
ACPA: www.myacpa.org/car/car_gradprog.cfm
NASPA: www.naspa.org
ASHE: www.ashe.ws

Multicultural Mission Statement

Our shared goal and responsibility is to inspire hope that our greatest human potential will emerge through understanding and living of multiculturalism, as described through:

- ★ respecting differences among people, and acknowledging the complexities with ourselves and others;
- ★ recognizing that we each have a race, gender, sexual orientation, class, ability, ethnicity, and so forth, which contribute to our own personal identity and our mutual interconnectedness;
- ★ engaging in a process-oriented life journey that stimulates personal growth, development of voice, and self knowledge;
- ★ creating an inclusive and safe environment where multiple perspectives can be explored and expressed;
- ★ fostering a community of active and interdependent learners committed to the intentional expression of constructive dialogue and action;
- ★ understanding that this commitment requires courage to deal with conflict and dissonance;
- ★ challenging ourselves and others to think critically about multiculturalism
- ★ sustaining a commitment for action towards the elimination of oppression and the promotion of equality, justice and freedom; and
- ★ taking on the responsibility to become change agents working for social justice, thus nurturing hope for a better world through multiculturalism.

July 24, 1998



The Student Affairs concentration is committed to the professional preparation of student development educators in higher education environments. The program is modeled and directed by the core values of Student Development, Multiculturalism, Leadership, Scholarship and Research, and Ethical Practices.

Thank you for your interest.

**Fall 2017 Application Deadline:
December 1, 2016**

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College Park, MD 20742
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<http://ter.ps/CSA>

Thanks for your patience as we respond to your email!

