HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION, MA

The Master of Arts degree in higher education is offered on the Tuscaloosa campus and online. The Master of Arts is a 36-hour degree program designed for students seeking to enter into a range of professional careers in postsecondary education. The program follows standards and guidelines taken from the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education, and provides courses in foundational studies, professional studies, supervised practice, research methodology and elective study.

The campus program partners with staff in Student Life and Academic Affairs to provide professional development opportunities inside and outside of the classroom experience. An internship is required for students in the campus program. The online program offers courses in grant writing, technology, and higher education assessment.

Admission Requirements
See the Admission Criteria section of this catalog for more information.

Admission Requirements for Higher Education Administration, MA (Main Campus)
Application deadline: January 15

In addition to the minimum Graduate School admission requirements, to be considered for regular admission an application must include:

- three letters of recommendation
- a one-page statement of purpose for pursuing the degree
- updated vita or résumé
- a five-page writing sample describing a problem that faces higher education today (nationally), analyzing salient points of the issue, and evaluating potential solutions. The sample should demonstrate formal writing and should include appropriate citations. Applicants may submit an academic paper in lieu of the five-page essay, preferably on a recent topic related to higher education.

Admission Requirements for Higher Education Administration, MA (Distance Learning - Online)
Application Deadlines:
  - July 15 - fall admission
  - April 15 - summer admission
  - November 1 - spring admission

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Curriculum Requirements

Higher Education Administration, MA (Main Campus)

One plan is offered for the master’s degree. Candidates for the master’s degree must earn a minimum of 36 total semester hours of credit.

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The Capstone Seminar in Higher Education (AHE 593 Student Affairs Capstone Sem) is the required culminating experience for the program. The 36-hour degree program is designed for students seeking to enter a range of professional careers in postsecondary education. The program includes courses in foundational studies, professional studies, supervised practice, and research methods. As a rule, all master’s students are required to complete an internship and a capstone seminar.

Unless substitutions are approved by the student’s faculty advisor, all of the following courses are required for the award of the MA in Higher Education Administration.

All candidates will be required to participate successfully in a seminar or problem course that will give them an acquaintance with the methods of research and an appreciation of the place and function of original investigation in the field.

Department of Higher Education
College of Education and Professional Studies
University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35487

For information about the Master of Arts degree in higher education, please contact the Department of Higher Education, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35487, 205.348.2400; Fax 205.348.3924.

For academic advising, contact the College of Education and Professional Studies Academic Advising Office, 212A Tennessee Union, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35487, 205.348.4355; Fax 205.348.2062; email: advising@ua.edu.

The Academic Advising Office is located on the first floor of Tennessee Union, entrance 10.

For information about distance learning opportunities, contact the Department of Higher Education, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35487, 205.348.2400; Fax 205.348.3924; email: hede@ua.edu.

For information about online degree programs, contact the Department of Higher Education, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35487, 205.348.2400; Fax 205.348.3924; email: hede@ua.edu.

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Transfer Credit
Graduate School information on Transfer Credit.

Comprehensive Exam
Students take AHE 593 Student Affairs Capstone Sem as the culminating experience/course for the degree.
Graduate School information on Comprehensive Exams.

Time Limits for Degree Completion
Graduate School information on Time Limits.

Academic Misconduct
Graduate School information on Academic Misconduct.

Withdrawals and Leave of Absence
Graduate School information on Withdrawals and Leave of Absence.

Academic Grievances
Graduate School information on Academic Grievances.

Grades and Academic Standing
Graduate School information on Grades and Academic Standing.

Graduate School Deadlines
Information on Graduate School Deadlines.

Application for Graduation
Information on the Application for Graduation.
While a GRE score is not required for admission, preference for a limited number of college-funded assistantships is given to applicants for full-time study who take the GRE and achieve a composite score of 300 or better. Other competitive assistantship, fellowship, and scholarship opportunities may be available for applicants without GRE scores.

Students are encouraged to apply for College of Education scholarships (https://education.ua.edu/students/scholarships/) and scholarships offered through UA Online (https://online.ua.edu/tuition-financial-aid-scholarships/scholarships/).

Graduate School information on Financial Assistance.