

Higher Education Leadership Masters Degree



A Challenging Career

Each year, millions of people attend higher education institutions. Some students are fresh out of high school, while others may be returning after a long absence. Higher education institutions impact the lives of millions of students each year, and careers in higher education are therefore extremely rewarding to individuals who want to make a difference in their communities.

To ensure that students are successful, it takes hundreds of staff members at all levels (i.e., entry, mid-level, and upper-level), working together to make students' experiences a positive one and to assist students in accomplishing their educational goals. Higher Education Leadership is a graduate program, and most entry-level positions will require a master's degree or higher.

College and university administrators can participate in a number of professional specialties. Today's colleges and universities are a complex, highly layered management organization with potentially thousands of clients and far reaching influence in the community. Higher education offers some of the most challenging leadership roles in all of education.

This program offers:

- Flexible scheduling for full or part time study
- Opportunities to explore areas of interest within program guidelines
- Core courses investigating current, crucial issues of education
- Specialization areas
- Access to world-class, full-time faculty experts



What can you do with a Masters in Higher Education Leadership?

Postsecondary education administrators oversee student services, academics, and research at colleges and universities. Their job duties vary depending on the area of the college they manage, such as admissions, student life, or the office of the registrar. M.Ed. graduates would be eligible for any higher education institutional entry-level position in such areas as admissions, residential life, financial aid, and registrar's office, and could serve as an academic advisor, career placement advisor, etc. Mid-level positions include coordinators and directors in any area of academic or student affairs.

Challenging coursework and relevant internships

Our full-time faculty members are nationally recognized experts. They have national as well as community connections, know the latest research in their discipline and most have written articles and books in their field.

Our M.Ed in Higher Education program prepares students to develop as leaders and we regard educator development with the belief that becoming a professional in higher education administration is a life-long process.

As a graduate student in Higher Education Administration, your program may include internships or practicums that provide you the real skills needed to excel, and opportunities to study with research scholars and fellows in one of our many academic centers.

Innovative Education... Engaged Educators

The College of Education at UMSL offers authentic, in-depth learning experiences to prepare current and future education professionals for transformative roles in their communities and careers.

Our graduate students have access to 14 endowed professors in various aspects of education and educational leadership, and benefit from working with some of the most well-respected scholars in the country. Our faculty members are nationally known for their scholarship and expertise. Many have written textbooks used at universities around the country.

UMSL at a glance

The University of Missouri—St. Louis is a public, research university located in Missouri's most populous and economically important region. Founded in 1963, UMSL attracts more students than any other university in the St. Louis region.

We offer you 54 undergraduate degree choices from our five colleges. And we partner with more than 400 companies and organizations for our internship program. You'll get out of the classroom, gain practical experience, make connections and jump-start your career.



St. Louis: Something for everyone

UMSL is a vital part of St. Louis, and the city and surrounding areas make up the most culturally vibrant region in Missouri. That means we offer you more than a top-ranked learning environment.

There's a night out with friends on Washington Avenue. An exhibit opening at the Saint Louis Art Museum. A Saturday afternoon at the Saint Louis Zoo. A home-run celebration at Busch Stadium.

St. Louis is a place where you can be you.



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