EMU’s Master of Arts in Educational Leadership for Student Affairs professionals prepares students for the unique challenges of leadership in student affairs and higher education. The program is designed for individuals who are seeking a practical learning experience rather than a formal concentration in theory and research.

Courses are offered in both Online and Hybrid formats.

Learn in a supportive environment
- Learn from expert faculty who are engaged in teaching, research and service.
- Take classes at convenient times during the day, evenings or weekends.

Advance in your career
- Go further in student affairs professions, such as student activities, residence life, career services, advising, admissions, Greek affairs, multicultural center/advising and judicial affairs.
- Be sure to ask about our GAID Days, Student Affairs Student Organization (HESA), the BEST Program and HESA Alumni Group.

Admission Requirements
For admission an applicant must:
1. Complete the Graduate School Application online at emich.edu/graduate/apply/.
2. ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.
3. Have earned a valid undergraduate degree from an accredited four-year institution of higher education. Official transcripts must be submitted. Official electronic transcripts can be sent to transcripts_admissions@emich.edu.
4. International students must meet the language requirements of the Graduate School.
5. Applicants must have a 2.70 undergraduate GPA or a 3.0 GPA in the second half of the undergraduate program. A 3.3 GPA or better on a previous graduate degree.
6. Submit recommendations from two professional supervisors and/or supervising professors that can address the quality of the applicant’s professional work.
7. Submit a resume detailing their professional and educational goals.
8. Complete a personal statement describing the reasons to pursue a graduate degree program in student affairs including career and educational goals. The essay must be a minimum of 250 words and will be reviewed as an indicator of writing ability.

Admission Process
The rolling admission process for this program is as follows:
1. The Office of Admissions will receive and gather ALL required documents online. Contact the Office of Admissions via:
   Email: documents_admissions@emich.edu
   Phone: 734.487.3400

2. Completed applications that contain the required GPAs, recommendation forms, and the resume will be forwarded to the coordinator of advising for the educational leadership program.

3. Completed applications will be reviewed by the faculty review committee. Those applicants who have submitted acceptable GPAs, the resume, personal statement and recommendation forms will be admitted and assigned an advisor. The master’s degree program must be completed within a six-year period.

   An application may be deemed “questionable” due to a combination of low GPA, fair or poor recommendations, poor writing ability and/or statements that are inconsistent with the student’s goals as an administrator. These “questionable” applications will be reviewed by the faculty who will assess verbal skills, writing skills, educational background and GPAs.

4. All applicants will be notified.

5. All decisions by the faculty regarding admissions are final.

Proposed Program of Study
The Student Affairs Master’s Degree consists of required courses (27-28 credit hours), and elective courses (10-11 credit hours) for a total of 38 credit hours.

Required Courses (27-28 hours)
EDLD 550 Intro to Student Affairs (3)
EDLD 551 Contemporary College Students (3)
EDLD 613 Intro to Higher Education (3)
EDLD 622 Org & Admin of Higher Education (3)
EDLD 631 Human Relations Skills for Ed. Leaders (3)
EDLD 638 Assessment & Program Evaluation in Higher Education (3)
EDLD 655 College Student Development Theory (3)
EDLD 687 Student Affairs Internship I (2)
EDLD 687 Student Affairs Internship II (2)

Students will choose one of the following:
EDLD 614 Law for Higher Education (3)
EDLD 636 Legal, Ethical & Policy Issues in Student Affairs (2)

Elective Courses (10-11 hours)
Students will select courses in consultation with their graduate advisor. A list of possible courses is available in the Graduate Catalog. catalog.emich.edu

Internship / Portfolio
Culminating activities include two internships, an exit interview and portfolio requirement that must be fulfilled before graduation. See the L&C website for details.

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Additional Department Information
Information regarding the following can be found on the department website:

- Course Substitutions / Program Changes
- Courses Outside the Program
- Internships

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