

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

A nationally recognized program that promotes
“education of the whole person” as the cornerstone
of the student affairs profession



The Master's Degree in Student Development Administration is designed for those who want to work with college students outside of the formal classroom. Creative educators are needed in all post-secondary institutions throughout the United States and increasingly in other countries. Nationally recognized for its “education of the whole person,” this program fosters understanding student diversity, ethics and values, and the ability to adapt to specific educational environments.



**SEATTLE
UNIVERSITY**

EDUCATING LEADERS FOR A JUST AND HUMANE WORLD

MASTER'S DEGREE IN STUDENT DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

The Master's Program in Student Development Administration prepares students to meet the needs of changing student populations, develop techniques for fostering diversity in the college setting, and evaluate, develop and affirm individual leadership skills and values. It prepares students to serve as vice presidents or deans for student affairs and services, and as administrators for a wide range of departments: from admissions, career development, student housing, and academic advising, to financial aid, activities, sports, and advising international students and students of color. The program meets the criteria for graduate preparation programs in student affairs established by the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education.



PROGRAM THEMES

- Understanding Students
- Fostering Diversity
- Ethics and Values
- Environment and Culture

EVENING CLASSES

The program accommodates full-time and part-time students. Most classes are offered in the evenings at Seattle University's downtown campus from 6:00-8:40 p.m. Full-time students usually complete the program in two years; part-time students take slightly longer.

INTERNSHIPS

All students have the opportunity to participate in 300 hours of internship in the profession at Seattle University or at a community college or university in the Puget Sound region as well as during the summer in another part of the United States, with a national professional organization, or at an international university.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Over 35 graduate assistantships are available to Student Development Administration graduate students at Seattle University in a wide variety of Student Development and Academic Affairs departments. The application deadline is January 15 for the upcoming academic year. *Please note that the GA application process is separate from the graduate admissions application.* For further information contact the SDA program office at 206.296.6170 or www.seattleu.edu/coe/sda

PROGRAM OF STUDY

I. BASIC COLLEGE OF EDUCATION REQUIRED COURSES

EDUC 500 Introduction to Educational Research
3 credits

EDUC 501 Social Justice
3 credits

EDUC 513 Adult Learning
3 credits

II. STUDENT DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

39 credits, including:

Counseling course
3 credits

EDAD 570 Leadership in Education I
3 credits

EDAD 571 Leadership in Education II
3 credits

EDUC 515 Multicultural Perspectives
3 credits

SDAD 559 The American Community College
3 credits

SDAD 564 Internship in Student Development Administration I
1 credit

SDAD 565 Internship in Student Development Administration II
1 credit

SDAD 566 Internship in Student Development Administration III
1 credit

SDAD 575 Best Practices in Student Services
3 credits

SDAD 576 Leadership and Governance in Post-Secondary Education
3 credits

SDAD 577 Foundations of the Student Affairs Profession
3 credits

SDAD 578 Student Development Theory, Research, and Practice
3 credits

SDAD 579 Student Development Capstone Seminar
3 credits

SDAD 580 Higher Education Law
3 credits

SDAD 595 Student Development Graduate Project
3 credits

III. ELECTIVES

Choose from the following courses:

3 credits

AEDT 510 Course Design for Adult Learners

AEDT 516 Technology and Design: UDL

AEDT 563 Instructional Methods for Adult Learners

AEDT 577 Program Evaluation

COUN 510 Fundamental Counseling Skills

COUN 512 Lifespan Career Development

COUN 513 Counseling Diverse Populations

COUN 515 Loss and Grief

COUN 517 Group Counseling-Theories and Practice

EDUC 530 Philosophy of Education

MBA 510 Leadership Skills and Team Development (4 credits)

MGMT 571 Adventure-Based Leadership Seminar

PUBM 577 Comparative Public Administration

SDAD 584 Comparative Educational and Social Policy (Study Abroad Course)

SDAD 585 Higher Education Finance

SDAD 591 Special Topics

Other electives may be substituted with adviser's approval.

MINIMUM CREDITS REQUIRED FOR DEGREE 51



“The Student Development Administration journey encourages reflection, community and empowerment. The SDA faculty and student affairs professionals support and mentor our development as students and emerging professionals.”

— PAIGE GARDNER, Master of Arts,
Student Development Administration, '11

SEATTLE AND THE NORTHWEST

Seattle is among America's most livable cities, with over two dozen post-secondary institutions, and an outstanding setting for studying American diversity. The city also provides rich employment, recreational, and cultural opportunities. Seattle University is minutes from downtown Seattle, the business and cultural center of the Pacific Northwest.



ADMISSION AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Obtain an application packet from Graduate Admissions Office
- **Prospective students should apply by January 15 if they are applying for fall quarter AND the graduate assistantships. Most spaces for incoming students are filled by students who apply by this deadline.** Only if space is available, the following deadlines apply for receipt of application materials: fall – Jan 15, winter – Oct 15, spring – Feb 1, summer – Jan 15
- A bachelor's degree in any field from an accredited college or university
- A 3.0 GPA earned in the last 90 quarter credits (60 semester credits) of the baccalaureate degree and any post-baccalaureate coursework (Applicants with less than a 3.0 must submit scores from the GRE exam, taken within five years, directly from the scoring agency.)
- Official transcripts from every college or university attended sent to applicant or directly to Seattle University in sealed envelopes
- Résumé
- Two recommendations from individuals familiar with applicant's ability to complete graduate-level study and perform as a professional must be submitted on the provided form and in the provided envelope.
- Two-three page autobiography showing evolution of career interests
- College of Education Self-Assessment form



“We prepare students to become culturally proficient professionals who advocate for equity and diversity in local, national, and global contexts.”

— ERICA YAMAMURA, PhD, Assistant Professor,
Student Development Administration

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Jeremy Stringer, PhD, program director, recently served as National Chair of the Faculty Fellows of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA).
- Erica Yamamura, PhD, Assistant Professor, publishes extensively in her research areas of P-20 diversity and equity. In 2009, she was selected as a Critical Policy and Analysis Institute Faculty Fellow by the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE).
- The program received the Innovative Program Award, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (Region V).
- SDA students have ranked First Place in the ACPA National Case Study Competition, NASPA National Case Study Competition, and National Orientation Directors' Case Study Competition.

PORTFOLIO OR COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

Students must satisfactorily complete either a portfolio or a four-hour written comprehensive examination at the conclusion of the program.

CAS STANDARDS

The Student Development Administration Program meets the standards of the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education for master's level graduate programs for student affairs professionals.

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1891, Seattle University is the largest and among the most diverse independent universities in the Northwest. The 48-acre campus houses eight schools and colleges: College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education, School of Law, Matteo Ricci College, College of Nursing, College of Science and Engineering, School of Theology and Ministry, and the Albers School of Business and Economics. There are 62 undergraduate degree programs, 30 graduate programs within which a variety of specializations are offered, and 20 certificate programs.

Seattle University draws upon the Jesuit educational philosophy to develop critical thinkers and compassionate leaders. Seattle University focuses on students' intellectual and personal development through high-caliber faculty, small class sizes, challenging curriculum and emphasis on education of the whole person. Accordingly, Seattle University alumni are high-achieving, highly-engaged leaders in their communities and their professions. The University is consistently ranked among the 10 best universities in the West by *U.S News & World Report*.

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The College of Education prepares ethical and reflective professionals for quality service in diverse communities. Seattle University's College of Education provides graduate education that develops educators who contribute to the values, principles, and practices for the schools in which they work, the communities where they live, and the professions they embrace.

BENEFITS OF ENROLLING IN THE STUDENT DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

- Award-winning, nationally-recognized program.
- Program blends academic coursework with practical experience in the field.
- Classes are small, normally no more than 25 students.
- Faculty are highly accessible.
- All students are assigned an adviser to work with throughout their programs.
- Internships are available in a wide variety of institutions; supervised and evaluated both by Seattle University faculty and a professional in the field. These internships often open doors to a professional network.
- Our graduates are sought after and well prepared for the student affairs field.
- Courses are taught by faculty with varying specializations and enriched by a collaborative multidisciplinary approach to learning.
- Students learn to incorporate the latest technology into a variety of work environments.
- Students work with diverse populations as part of our commitment to social justice.
- We offer course and internship opportunities for engagement in local, national, and global contexts.
- Our program engages students in the latest research, assessment, and evaluation practices including a student-led, peer reviewed journal to showcase graduate student research and best practice.

Jeremy Stringer, PhD,
Program Director, Student Development Administration, with students



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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 Outside Washington 1.800.426.7123

FINANCIAL AID
 Financial assistance is available through Student Financial Services: 206.296.2000 or financial-aid@seattleu.edu

www.seattleu.edu/coe/sda

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Consistent with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and its implementing regulations, Seattle University has designated three individuals responsible for coordinating the university's Title IX compliance. Students or employees with concerns or complaints about discrimination on the basis of sex in employment or an education program or activity may contact the following Title IX coordinators: Ruth Donohue, Human Resources Manager and Equal Opportunity Officer, University Services Building 107, (206) 296-5865, donohue@seattleu.edu; Jacob Diaz, Dean of Students, Student Center 140C, (206) 296-6066, diazj@seattleu.edu; Jacquelyn Miller, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, Admin 105, (206) 296-5446, jcmiller@seattleu.edu; individuals may also contact the Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education.