



Master of Education
Student Affairs in
Higher Education

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What is Student Affairs?

- Enhance student learning
- Guide academic and career decisions
- Mentor students
- Help students develop skills
- Counsel students through crises



- Academic Advising
- Academic Coaching & Success
- Admissions
- Alumni Programs
- Campus Recreation & Outdoor Programs
- Career Services
- Disability Support Services
- Diversity & Inclusion Programs
- Financial Aid
- First Year & Transition Programs
- Fraternity and Sorority Life
- Gender and Sexuality Programs and Services
- International Student Services
- Judicial Affairs / Student Conduct
- Leadership Development

- New Student Orientation
- Parent and Family Programs
- Residence Life
- Service Learning & Community Service
- Student Activities
- Student Emergency Services
- Student Government Advising
- Student Learning Assistance
- Student Organization Advising
- Student Support Services
- Student Unions
- Study Abroad / International Education
- Transfer Student Services
- Veterans Programs
- Wellness Programs

Functional Areas of Student Affairs



A Career in Student Affairs is....



- ✓Is rewarding and meaningful
- ✓Allows for variety in job responsibilities and roles
- ✓Encompasses a vibrant work environment
- ✓Provides you opportunities for lifelong learning & continual personal and professional growth and development



SAN MARCOS, TEXAS

Small city in between Austin (30 min)
& San Antonio (45 min)

Texas Hill Country Recreation, Ample
Professional Opportunities, & Urban
Amenities



TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Approximately 40,000 students

Hispanic-Serving Institution & Majority Minority Institution

Vibrant Campus Community

"Feels Like a Family"



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Student Affairs in Higher Education Program

- 42-hour comprehensive master's program
- Cohort-based
- Theory to practice
 - Student development
 - Organization & administration



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Program Distinctiveness

- **Student-centered** environment committed to student success
- Cohorts represent **diversity** in identity, backgrounds, and experiences
- At least 3 **significant professional applied experiences**
- Courses taught by full-time **faculty** and current **administrators**
- Excellent job placement for **alumni**

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Degree Plan (2 Years)

Fall I

- Student Affairs Functions and Professional Orientation
- Research Methods
- Basic Helping Skills

Spring I

- Internship I
- Inclusion and Belonging in Student Affairs
- Student Development Theory

Summer

- Elective #1
- Elective #2 OR Internship II

Fall II

- Internship II OR Elective
- Assessment, Strategic Planning, and Evaluation in Student Affairs
- Topics in Student Affairs Administration

Spring II

- Student Affairs Capstone
- Leadership in Student Affairs
- Legal Issues and Governance in Higher Education

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Pursuing Your Degree Part-Time

Three-year degree plan (typically)

Importance of supportive supervisor

One internship (instead of two) when working full time in the field

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Cohort-Based Program

- Approximately 12-16 students per cohort
- Take courses together in the same sequence
- Develop strong relationships with each other & with faculty
- Bridge and integrate learning across courses
- Research demonstrates student success and retention in cohort-based models

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PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES

Graduate Assistantships (part time work in the field on campus)

- On-campus and off-campus

Working full time while attending school

Internship opportunities

- On and off-campus

Bridging theory and practice



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SAHE ALUMNI

Excellent job placement in student affairs/higher education and in higher education adjacent fields

Pursuing & attaining doctoral degrees



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Applying for SAHE @ TXST

Priority Application Deadline: January 15

Holistic application review:

- Transcripts
- Resume
- Statement of Purpose
- Letters of Recommendation

Interviews for Admission via Zoom in January

Interviews for GA positions on campus in February



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Financing Your Degree

Graduate Assistantships provide a stipend and allow for out-of-state students to pay in-state rates

Some cover full tuition & fees

Merit-based scholarships and fellowships

Other scholarship opportunities on campus

Funding for professional travel

Financial aid



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 Bobcat!*




Questions?

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