Total credits in the above program must equal at least 30 credits. In accordance with Chapter IV, Section 4.02 of the code of the Department of Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis, all students must meet the graduate school residence credit requirement, which requires a minimum of 16 credits of the total program be UW-Madison graduate level credits. The department determines acceptance of graduate credits from other universities and colleges.

During the first year of study, student and advisor will prepare, submit, and obtain Department Chair approval for a master’s degree program plan with a specialization in higher education.

The Guide (course descriptions and more)

**Foundations**
3 credits

**Core Areas**
18 credits

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**A. Administration, Organization & Governance (3-6 credits)**
If pursuing a concentration in **Intercollegiate Athletic Administration**, CHOOSE 710 Introduction to Athletic Administration AND 1 other course.
Otherwise – CHOOSE 1
710 Introduction to Athletic Administration
715 Governance & Administration of Colleges & Universities
736 Administration of Student Services in Higher Education
831 Financing Postsecondary Education
878 The American Community College

**B. Teaching and Learning (3-6 credits)**
If pursuing a concentration in **Student Affairs Administration**, CHOOSE 883 Perspectives on College Student Identity and Development AND 1 other course.
Otherwise – CHOOSE 1
880 Academic Programs in Colleges and Universities
881 Ideas of the University
883 Perspective on College Student Identity and Development
887 Assessment in Higher Education
C. Policy and Research (3-6 credits)  
If pursuing a concentration in **Two Year Colleges**, CHOOSE 878 The American Community College AND 1 other courses.  
Otherwise – CHOOSE 1  
725 Research Methods and Procedures in Educational Administration  
824 Field Research Design & Methodologies  
831 Financing Postsecondary Education  
841 Legal Aspects of Higher Education  
870 Politics of Education  
888 Assessment in Higher Education  
878 The American Community College  
940 Critical Issues in Contemporary Sport I  
940 Coaching Athletics II: Master Practice  
940 Coaching Athletics: A Critical Analysis of Leadership Practice for the Young Professional

D. Equity and Diversity (6 credits)  
CHOOSE 2  
Administration of Student Services in Higher Education  
Minority-Serving Institutions of Higher Education  
Perspectives on College Student Identify and Development  
Diversity and Inequality in Higher Education  
The American Community College  
Critical Issues in Contemporary Sport  
Coaching Athletics II: Master Practice  
Coaching Athletics: A Critical Analysis of Leadership Practice for the Young Professional

Additional Course Work (3-6 credits)  
Option of completing course work outside of Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis OR completing additional ELPA course work. Consult with advisor prior to selecting courses. If completing a field experience, only 3 credits of additional course work is required.

| Field Experience | 700 Field Experience  
| Optional | 999 Independent Reading |

| Capstone Learning Project | 777 Higher and Postsecondary Education Capstone Seminar  
| Required | 999 Independent Reading |

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