Courses

Introduction to a structured career decision-making process, including self-awareness, career and educational information, computerized and Internet assistance and resources, and related activities/projects. (Fall and Spring)

Provides development and use of effective learning and study strategies/skills necessary for independent learning and academic success. University policies, procedures, and services will be addressed. (Fall and Spring)

POSTSEC 3000. Exploring the Student Affairs Profession — 3 hrs.
The purpose of this course is to provide an overview of student affairs practice in higher education. This course will introduce undergraduate students to the field of student affairs in the context of higher education. The complex and diverse roles and functions served by student affairs professionals in American higher education are included in this course. Student affairs professionals are educators concerned with the intellectual, social, psychological, spiritual, aesthetic and physical development of the wide range of types of students in postsecondary education. They work collaboratively with students, faculty, staff and administration to foster student learning and development. The course will include introductions to: the history of the field, professional associations, institutional differences, professional and ethical standards, functional areas in higher education, student learning and developmental theory, overview of graduate preparation and current topics. The course is informed by identified values of the student affairs profession, as identified by Reason and Brodoo: altruism, equality, justice, human dignity, aesthetics, freedom, truth and community. (Fall and Spring)

POSTSEC 3161. Undergraduate Internship in Student Affairs — 3 hrs.
Supervised experience in a postsecondary setting. Course is intended to be as a follow up to the Exploring the Student Affairs Profession course. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. Prerequisite(s) or corequisite(s): POSTSEC 3000. (Spring)

POSTSEC 6220. Leading, Helping, Advising — 3 hrs.
Provides an overview and skill development in the areas of Leadership, Helping Skills and Advising Strategies. (Fall)

POSTSEC 6231 (170:231). Assessment in Postsecondary Education — 3 hrs.
Examination of topics related to assessment in postsecondary education including benchmarking, program evaluation, student learning and developmental outcomes, student needs, student satisfaction, and campus culture. (Spring)

Examination of issues and problems in college teaching including roles of the college teacher, factors affecting teaching and learning environment, learning theory, course planning, and teaching strategies. (Fall and Spring)

POSTSEC 6256 (170:256). The Two-Year College — 3 hrs.
Provides an understanding of the mission, governance, operation, and student and faculty issues unique to the two-year college in the United States, with particular attention to Iowa. (Spring and Summer)

Overview of the historical development, issues, philosophies, and cultural backgrounds of higher education in America. (Fall)

POSTSEC 6264 (170:264). Values, Philosophies and History of Student Affairs — 3 hrs.
Introduction to the field of college/university student services with applications of theory to practice, and including elements of history. (Fall)

POSTSEC 6265. Organizational and Personal Foundations for Student Affairs — 3 hrs.
This course will serve as a follow up to the Values, Philosophies and History of Student Affairs course. Topics covered include the administration of student affairs, history of student affairs and central concepts to the student affairs profession. (Spring)

POSTSEC 6268. Social Justice and Inclusion — 3 hrs.
The student affairs profession maintains a deep commitment to diversity and inclusion. This course will engage learners (both the student and instructor) in the critical reflection and analysis of multicultural theory and social justice advocacy in higher education, with the intent to further integrate them into our research and practice. Moreover, this course aims to equip learners with the skills to bring about positive social change on their campuses, while attending to the needs of the learning community with complex social identities. (Spring)

POSTSEC 6270 (170:270). College Student Development — 3 hrs.
Addresses student development theories (moral, ethical, intellectual, and psychosocial), and their application in student affairs settings. (Spring)

POSTSEC 6271. Portfolio Development — 1 hr.
Independent study preparation of the learning portfolio that constitutes the culmination of the master’s program. May be repeated. (Variable)

POSTSEC 6272. College Effects on Students — 3 hrs.
Reviews the research on the effects of higher education on students. Prerequisite(s): admission to Postsecondary Education: Student Affairs program. (Variable)

POSTSEC 6273. Research in Student Affairs — 3 hrs.
Introduction to the basic research literacy necessary for student affairs profession. Prerequisite(s): admission to Postsecondary Education: Student Affairs program. (Fall and Spring)

Discusses Federal, State and local law and its impact on higher education. (Fall)

POSTSEC 6285 (170:285). Readings in Postsecondary Education. (Variable)
POSTSEC 6289 (170:289). Seminar in Postsecondary Education
— 3 hrs.
Offered on special topics as determined and scheduled by the department. May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): departmental approval required. (Variable)

POSTSEC 6291 (170:291). Internship in Postsecondary Education
— 1-6 hrs.
Supervised substantive experience in a postsecondary setting. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 hours. (Variable)

POSTSEC 6299 (170:299). Research.
Prerequisite(s): consent of department. (Variable)

Examination of knowledge base for both change and leadership. Emphasis on understanding how change factors and leadership styles interact to influence receptiveness to and acceptance of change. Prerequisite(s): doctoral status or consent of college. (Same as EDLEAD 7311 (270:311)) (Variable)

POSTSEC 7389 (170:389). Seminar in Postsecondary Education. Special topics as indicated in the schedule of classes. Prerequisite(s): consent of instructor. (Variable)

POSTSEC 7397 (170:397). Practicum: Postsecondary Education — 1-3 hrs.
Advanced orientation and experience for Student Affairs majors in a professional setting. Offered on credit/no credit basis only. May be repeated for maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite(s): consent of instructor. (Variable)