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HSA 5003. History of American Higher Education. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
A knowledge of history makes possible the awareness and understanding of present-day issues in higher education, such as the interdependence and role of higher education in society. This course covers the development of western higher education from the 11th century to the present with an emphasis on the development of U.S. higher education since the colonial colleges. Course sections may use chronological, critical, thematic, or other strategies for covering content.

HSA 5023. Foundation and Function of College Student Personnel. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Provides initial insight into the student affairs profession, including expectations and ethical standards of the profession. This survey course introduces students to the numerous differentiated student affairs functional areas in postsecondary education by using theory-based and application-oriented approaches.

HSA 5103. College Student Development. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
This course offers those who work or plan to work in post-secondary educational institutions the opportunity to build an understanding of classic and contemporary college student development theories and their application in practice.

HSA 5203. Multicultural Issues in Higher Education. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on diversity and multiculturalism regarding institution types, student populations, and research. Special attention is given to the impact of HBCUs, HSIs, PWIs; race, ethnicity, and gender among students; and income and first generation status on student achievement. Students are introduced to scholarship on multiculturalism and institutional transformation, and apply their knowledge in a culminating project. (Credit cannot be earned for more than one of the following: HSA 5203, AHE 5633, ALT 5633, and COU 5633.).

HSA 6003. Higher Education Law. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
This course examines the legal status of higher education in the United States, the rights and responsibilities of educators and students including fair employment, due process, tort liability and contracts, student rights, landmark court decisions, and federal and state legislation having an impact on education.

HSA 6103. Assessing Higher Education Environments. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
This course explores the application of environmental theory to the assessment of human environments. A focus on the study of select campus environments and their influence on students.

HSA 6123. Program Planning and Evaluation in Higher Education and Student Affairs. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
An overview of program evaluation theories, models and perspectives currently being applied in higher education. Emphasis will be on how to plan programs and perform evaluations of functional areas and/or organizational units in higher education that are focused on student support, activities and success.

HSA 6143. Administration of Student Services in Higher Education. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Examines the organization and administration of student services in institutions of higher education. Theories, research, and methods are used to encourage the application of theory to practical experience. Topics will include the administrative environment of student affairs, organizational and management issues of student affairs, essential skills and competencies for student affairs managers, professional standards and principles of good practice, and challenges for the future.

HSA 6203. Contemporary Thought in Higher Education. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
A study of current thought as it relates to the management of institutions of higher education.

HSA 6303. Seminar in Governance in Higher Education. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Analysis of current practices and issues in the governance of higher education that affect students, faculty, and administration. Study of the scope and role of colleges and universities.

HSA 6403. Financing Higher Education. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Examination of representative methods of state funding of public colleges and universities; elements of funding formulas; rationales for funding patterns; and policy implications of various funding methods for colleges and universities.

HSA 6503. The Community College. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Examines the history, purpose and societal role of the American community college. Provides an overview of the different functions of the community college and the major issues impacting community college governance and administration. The role of community colleges in P–20 efforts is also discussed.

HSA 6943. Internship in Higher Education. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Individually supervised field experiences in student personnel services, college administration, college teaching, institutional research, development, or other areas of college and university work. May be repeated for a total of 6 semester credit hours.

HSA 6961. Comprehensive Examination. (0-0) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisite: Approval of the appropriate Graduate Program Committee to take the Comprehensive Examination. Independent study course for the purpose of taking the Comprehensive Examination. May be repeated as many times as approved by the Graduate Program Committee. Enrollment is required each term in which the Comprehensive Examination is taken if no other courses are being taken that term. The grade report for the course is either “CR” (satisfactory performance on the Comprehensive Examination) or “NC” (unsatisfactory performance on the Comprehensive Examination).