

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Important Dates

January 5

Deadline to apply to SAA program for optimal consideration. Completed applications received after January 5th will be considered for fall admission as space permits.

January 5

Department of Residence Life deadline to apply for Assistant Hall Director Graduate Assistantships.

February 16-18, 2012

Spartan Preview Days & Graduate Research Colloquium

Program Overview:

Founded in 1949, the Michigan State University Student Affairs Administration (SAA) program is one of the oldest and most prestigious in the country. Our graduates work at colleges and universities around the world and are leaders in the field of student affairs.

The program provides a broad perspective of higher education systems from social, historical, cross-national, and normative perspectives, an understanding of central issues in student affairs administration, and a connection of theory to practice.

We expect graduates to be prepared to work in and cultivate educational environments that promote diversity and multiculturalism.

The SAA Curriculum:

The SAA program prepares students for a wide range of student affairs administrative, teaching, and leadership positions in post-secondary education. The SAA program is part of the Higher, Adult, & Lifelong Education (HALE) unit, and therefore, the curriculum of the SAA program reflects its philosophy and goals.

The Master of Arts in Student Affairs Administration program is 40 credits and requires 2 practica (internship) experiences. Full-time students usually complete the degree in two years. Toward the end of their first year, students develop their program plan in conjunction with their faculty advisor.

The Student Experience:

The Student Affairs Administration program offers students many unique and powerful learning experiences, including:

- * Practical internships at Michigan State and across the country
- * Teaching opportunities
- * Interaction with leading scholars in higher education
- * Study with a strong faculty who have a wide variety of research interests
- * Study abroad experiences and a global understanding of higher education
- * Original research
- * Participation in local, regional, & international professional organizations
- * Diverse environments for learning and working

Current students participated in a variety of practica experiences this summer and with NODA or ACUHO-I internships at institutions such as Brown University, California College of the Arts, Colorado State University, Columbia University, Keele University (England), MIT, Michigan State University, Roger Williams University, Sienna Heights University, Southern Illinois University, Stockton College, UC Riverside, University of South Florida, and Wentworth Institute of Technology



2012 Cohort

Contact Us

For more information about our program, if you are coming to campus and would like to visit, or if you would like to speak with a current student about their experience, please contact us at:

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2011 SAA Graduating Class



HALE & SAA Representatives in South Africa

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Student Affairs Administration Program

Application Information

Admissions Criteria:

The SAA program seeks students who are committed practitioners and scholars to the student affairs field.

The admissions committee considers the following criteria for admission in the SAA program:

- An undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher (students with a GPA lower than 3.0 may be admitted provisionally)
- References that showcase your academic ability and commitment to the field of student affairs
- Personal statement that addresses the following questions:
 1. What experiences led to your interest in pursuing a career in student affairs?
 2. What qualities, characteristics and skills do you possess that will make you a strong candidate for the SAA program?
 3. How will the SAA program at Michigan State help you meet your personal and professional goals?
- Professional or Paraprofessional experience
- Admission into the Graduate School

International Applicants:

International applications must provide proof of English language proficiency if English is not your native language. For information about additional materials needed for international applicants, please visit the Graduate School Application website at <http://grad.msu.edu/apply/>.

Application Process:

1. Complete the on-line MSU graduate application. (admissions.msu.edu/admission/graduate.asp)
 - a. On-line graduate study application for admission (**SAA Program Code: 2246**)
 - b. Pay \$50 application fee
 - c. Personal statement/statement of purpose (Please see guidelines on HALE/SAA website)
2. Complete the Online Supplemental Application System (OSAS) at ed4web.educ.msu.edu/EADOSAS, including:
 - a. Provide information for three recommenders
 - b. Upload a pdf file of resume
3. Send official transcripts to:
Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education (HALE) Program
c/o HALE Admissions Assistant
Department of Educational Administration
Michigan State University
423 Erickson Hall
East Lansing, MI 48824-1034

We encourage you to keep copies of all application materials for your records.

Please note that the GREs or an academic interview are not required for admission. However, you will have many opportunities to meet and talk with faculty at Spartan Preview Days.

Assistantship and Job Opportunities:

Many SAA students hold Graduate Assistantships while enrolled at Michigan State. Although not a requirement of the program, assistantships compliment students' academic experience and provide other benefits that generally include:

- * Standard graduate tuition remission for up to 9 credits (most full-time SAA students take 10 credits per semester)
- * Monthly stipend
- * Health insurance
- * Eligibility for Graduate Assistant parking permit (does not pay for permit)

Assistantships are available in a variety of offices at Michigan State, including:

- * Undergraduate Admissions Office
- * Learning Resource Center
- * Department of Residence Life
- * Career Services & Placement
- * Department of Student Life
- * LGBT Resource Center
- * Student-Athlete Support Services
- * University Activities Office

Admitted students have an opportunity to interview for assistantships at Spartan Preview Days. Additional information about the assistantship application process will be provided to admitted students. For prospective students interested in assistantships with the Department of Residence Life, you should directly apply to the Department of Residence Life. For first consideration for these positions, please apply no later than January 5th. More information about assistantships in the Department of Residence Life can be found at www.reslife.msu.edu/work.

There are other opportunities on-campus and off-campus in which SAA students may take advantage. For example, some of our students have full-time positions at surrounding colleges, such as Albion College, Alma College, and Lansing Community College, and are able to complete the SAA degree in 2-3 years.

Spartan Preview Days – February 16-18, 2012:

Spartan Preview Days (SPD) is designed for you to learn more about the SAA program and Michigan State, as you are making the decision on where to attend graduate school next fall. SPD gives newly admitted SAA students an opportunity to meet faculty, current students, alumni, and other admitted students. At SPD, students can interview with different assistantship or employers, and learn what it means to be a Spartan.

Information will be sent to admitted students about SPD by the end of January.