Program Overview

The Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education's Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies (ELPS) offers both a Master's of Education (M.Ed.) and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree. Students interested in pursuing a career in Intercollegiate Athletics Administration (IAA) as a scholar or practitioner are able to focus coursework in this specific area of emphasis. Students pursuing a Master's degree will earn a M.Ed. in Adult and Higher Education with an emphasis in Intercollegiate Athletics Administration (36 credits). Students pursuing a doctoral degree will earn a Ph.D. in Adult and Higher Education and are able to take IAA emphasis coursework (95 credits). IAA emphasis courses are taught by both EDAH faculty members and practitioners who work in the OU Athletics Department.

Curriculum Overview

This emphasis is philosophically embedded within the broader study of adult and higher education. As such, it reflects the realities of modern intercollegiate athletics programs within the context of the higher education setting. The curriculum is designed to provide a breadth of knowledge in higher education with specialized course work in intercollegiate athletics.

Admission Requirements

To be admitted to the EDAH Master's program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Bachelor's Degree
- 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA

If applicants have less than 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA then they could be admitted conditionally by satisfying either of the following requirements:

1. 2.75 cumulative GPA on last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework OR
2. For applicants with 2.75 - 2.99 cumulative GPA on undergraduate coursework: a GRE score of 1000 (old) or 300 (new). Test score must not be more than five years old.

Conditional admission requires student to complete 12 credits (4 classes) in EDAH with a cumulative 3.0 GPA to be able to continue in the program and move to unconditional admittance status.

Program Requirements

36 credits are required to complete a Master's of Education in Adult and Higher Education with Emphasis in Intercollegiate Athletics Administration Degree.

- 4 Higher education core courses (12 credits)
- 5 Intercollegiate Athletics Administration core courses (15 credits)
  - Courses are taught by both scholars and practitioners who focus on higher education and intercollegiate athletics administration
  - Some courses are taught by current practitioners in the OU Athletics Department
  - Depending on the student's work experience in intercollegiate athletics (not including experience as a student-athlete), s/he will be required to complete a 3-credit Professional Development course.
- Student may take up to 3 Elective Courses (9 credits)
  - Students may elect to take up to three elective courses from suggested list of courses or take 3 additional courses from the IAA core.

95 credits are required to complete a Doctor of Philosophy in Adult and Higher Education.

- 4 Higher education core courses (12 credits)
- Minimum of 7 Research proficiencies courses (21 credits)
- Intercollegiate Athletics Administration courses OR Adult and Higher Education courses (varies)
- Dissertation hours (varies)

Deadline for Application:

The EDAH Master's program has a rolling admission policy with 3 deadlines. The deadlines are as follows:

Fall Admission: June 1
Spring Admission: October 1
Summer Admission: April 1

The Ph.D program deadline is February 1.

Please note: The deadline for IAA emphasis students who wish to apply for an OU Athletics GA position is February 1.

Core Courses

- EDAH 5013 The Adult Learner
- EDAH 5023 Administration of Adult and Higher Education
- EDAH 5033 Critical Literature in Adult and Higher Education
- EDAH 5043 Introduction to Research in Adult and Higher Education

Intercollegiate Athletics Administration Courses

- EDAH 5273 Athletics in Higher Education
- EDAH 5613 Ethical Decision Making in Intercollegiate Athletics
- EDAH 5623 Marketing and Development in Intercollegiate Athletics
- EDAH 5633 Gender Issues in Intercollegiate Athletics
- EDAH 5643 Career Development in Intercollegiate Athletics and Higher Education
- EDAH 5653 Academic Reform and Athletics Academic Advising
- EDAH 5673 Organization and Administration of Intercollegiate Athletics
- EDAH 5683 Diversity in Sport
- EDAH 5693 Practicum/Professional Development in Intercollegiate Athletics and Higher Education
- EDAH 5940 NCAA Compliance Seminar I
- EDAH 5940 NCAA Compliance Seminar II
- EDAH 5940 Evidence Based Practices and Research Development in Intercollegiate Athletics
- EDAH 5940 Governance in Intercollegiate Athletics
- EDAH 5940 Event and Facility Management in Intercollegiate Athletics
- EDAH 5940 Best Practices in Contemporary Intercollegiate Athletics Support Services

Electives Courses

- EDAH 5103 Instructional Strategies
- EDAH 5123 Decision Making in Adult and Higher Education
- EDAH 5153 Legal Aspect of Higher Education
- EDAH 5163 Diversity Issues in Higher Education
- EDAH 5223 Student Personnel Services in Higher Education
- EDAH 5253 Adult Learning and Development
- EDAH 5263 Planning in Higher Education

For a complete list of other elective courses, please visit:
http://ed.ou.edu/edah
Graduate Assistantships

IAA Graduate Students are able to apply for paid graduate assistantships in the OU Athletic Department. Students interested in a graduate assistantship position in the IAA Athletics Department must apply to the Graduate College and EDAH program by February 1.

Assistantships are available in most functional units of a large Division I athletics department (marketing, compliance, licensing, academic support, athletics student life, development, etc.). Assistantships are typically at the .50 level, include a tuition remission, basic benefits and stipend. Student fees are not included.

To obtain the OU Athletics GA Application Form, please visit: http://www.ou.edu/content/dam/Education/documents/ELPS/EDAH/GA_Application_Form.pdf

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For admission to the Graduate College:
Graduate College Application and a copy of the Graduate College Bulletin may be obtained by contacting:
Graduate College
Robertson Hall
The University of Oklahoma
Norman, OK 73019-4075
(405) 325-3811

The Graduate College Bulletin provides information about graduate study at the University of Oklahoma including degrees, programs, admissions, tuition and fees, financial services, housing, student services, and general rules of graduate study.

Departmental Application information may be obtained by contacting:
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