Higher Education
Master of Science (M.S.)

The Master of Science in Higher Education gives students a unique opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to function effectively as an educational leader. This program is designed for individuals who are interested in a career in higher education and students are prepared for research and leadership positions in a variety of settings, including:

- Community colleges
- Doctorate-granting universities
- Master’s colleges and universities
- Baccalaureate colleges
- Special focus institutions
- Tribal colleges
- Educational policy and research consortia
- State and federal government entities

The Master of Science (M.S.) program is designed for students whose goals are to obtain positions as administrators in higher education. Students who are interested in a career in higher education administration or other education-related areas are encouraged to apply for the M.S. degree program. Upon completion of the M.S. degree, students are better prepared for entry level and mid management positions in educational institutions and agencies. Graduates of our program work in offices such as:

- Academic and career advising
- Admissions and enrollment management
- Athletics
- Financial aid
- Greek affairs
- Housing and residential life
- Orientation and first-year experience
- Student activities/student life
- Student unions

Admission Requirements

1. A bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university.
2. A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or at least 3.00 for the last two years.
3. Satisfy the School of Graduate Studies’ English Language Proficiency requirements as published in the Graduate Catalog.
4. Students who have received a bachelor’s degree or higher from the United States or English-speaking Canada are not required to submit the TOEFL.
5. All applicants are required to respond to essay questions provided in the application, submit a resume and statement of goals.

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Degree Requirements

1. Students seeking the Master of Science degree at the University of North Dakota must satisfy all general requirements set forth by the School of Graduate Studies as well as particular requirements set forth by the Educational Leadership Department.
2. Thirty-seven (37) credits, including credits required for the major.
3. A minimum of two credits of Independent Study or Scholarly Project.
4. At least one-half of the credits must be at or above the 500-level.
5. A maximum of one-fourth (usually 8-9 semester credits) of the credit hours required for the degree may be transferred from another institution.
6. Preparation of a written capstone project approved by the faculty advisor.
7. Comprehensive final examination.

Faculty and Areas of Expertise

Margaret Healy, Ph.D., Learning outcomes; assessment and evaluation; rural higher education; student affairs leadership
Daniel R. Rice, Ph.D., Academic administration; ethics and higher education; institutional improvement; community schools
Jeffrey Sun, J.D., Ph.D., Higher education law; "academetrics"; higher education management and organizations
Deborah Worley, Ph.D., Career pathways; student success beyond the college years; women in higher education

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