

Spring Semester**HESA 695 Capstone in Higher Education Student Affairs 3 Credits**

Catalog Course Description: This seminar is the capstone course for the program, integrating theory with practice. It includes in-depth discussion of current trends and issues through case studies.

Syllabus Course Description: This seminar is the capstone course for the HESA graduate program. It will provide students with a culminating opportunity to reflect on their coursework and related professional experiences. Students will prepare an e-portfolio highlighting various aspects of their experiences organized according to the ACPA/NASPA Competency Areas. The course will also include discussions of current issues facing new professionals entering the higher education job market or pursuing doctoral work. Discussions on professional preparation (ie: CVs, interview skills, networking, professional etiquette), emotional preparation/transitions, and practical life skills will also be incorporated into the course.

Learning Outcomes:

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

1. Reflect (verbally and in writing) on their holistic graduate experience (in and out of the classroom)
2. Design and develop an electronic portfolio demonstrating their lived professional experiences and competencies.
3. Identify and articulate their exemplar professional competencies according to the national standards in the field.
4. Compose documents (CV, cover letter, philosophy statement, writing sample, and e-portfolio) and hone skills (interview preparation, networking, and general life skills) that equip them for entry into the job market.
5. Justify and articulate their understanding of major content areas within the field by responding to key comprehensive questions.

Professional Competencies:

- Personal and Ethical Foundations
- Technology
- Leadership