

SAGA DAYS

MARCH 1 - MARCH 3, 2017

STUDENT AFFAIRS GRADUATE ASSOCIATION DAYS

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Dear SAGA Days Participants,



On behalf of the Faculty in Higher Education and the Division of Student Affairs, we are pleased you have decided to pursue the opportunity of a graduate degree at Florida International University. Our Master of Science in Higher Education Administration prepares graduates to serve in a variety of roles at colleges and universities and related institutions. The academic program operates as a partnership with FIU's Division of Student Affairs, and integrates class work with assistantship and practicums for a total learning experience. FIU is a diverse institution and a prototype for the universities of the 21st century.

We have 50 assistantships located in Student Affairs and other student service offices around the University. Our faculty and professionals are highly invested in the professional preparation and success of our graduate students. We believe FIU is a very special place, and so we look forward to having you visit us during SAGA Days.

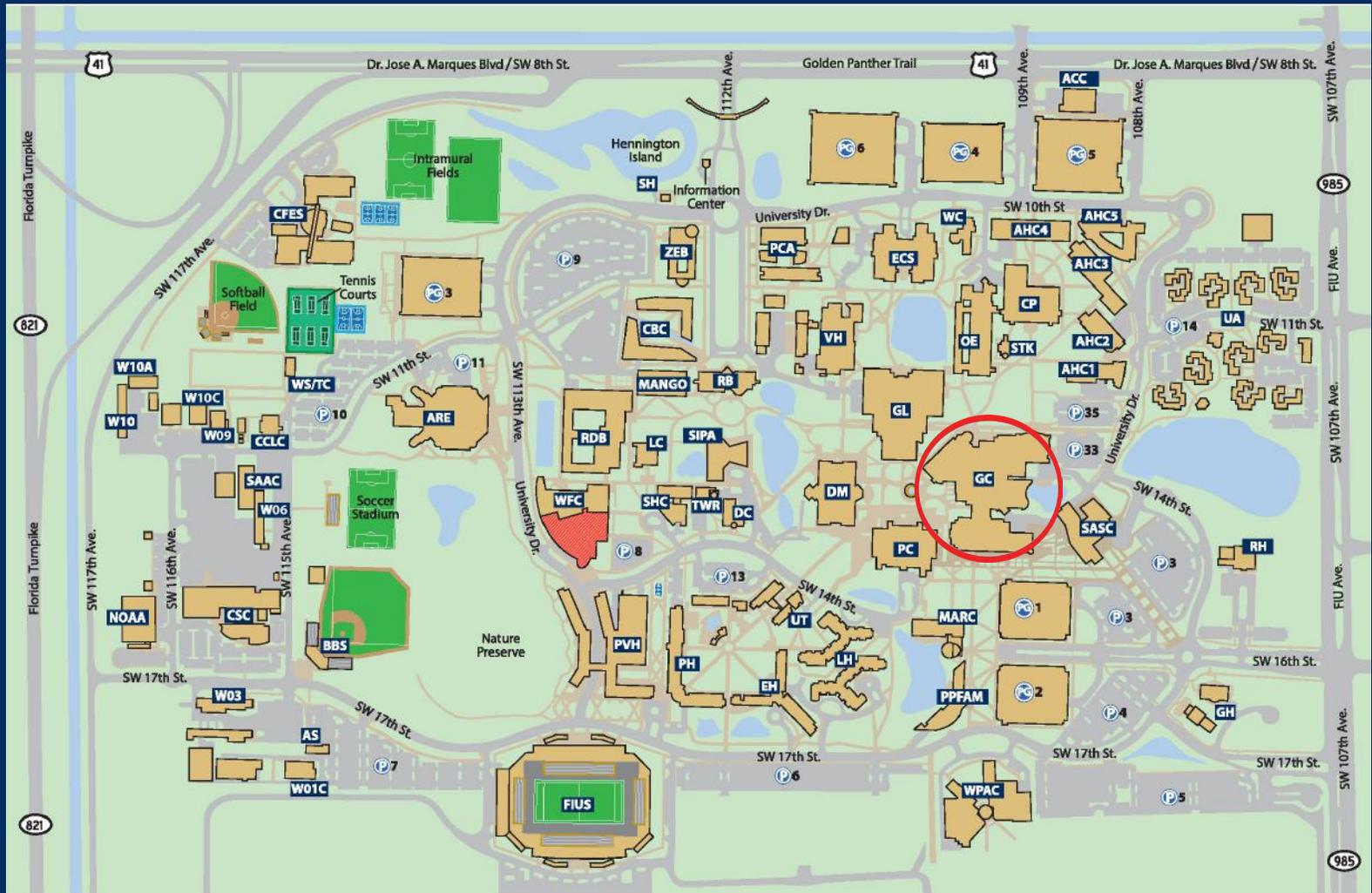
Cathy Akens, Ed.D.
Associate Vice President
and Dean of Students

The Student Affairs Graduate Association (SAGA) and the 2017 SAGA Days Committee are excited to welcome you into the FIU community! Applicants to Florida International University's Master of Science in Higher Education Administration program are encouraged to participate in SAGA Days from **March 1 – 3, 2017**.

These visitation days will provide applicants with an opportunity to interview for graduate assistantships in Student Affairs and related areas, visit and tour our campus, meet current students, faculty, and staff, and learn more about the educational program. As this year's SAGA Days Committee, we are responsible for planning the interview days and ensuring you have a wonderful FIU experience! We look forward to meeting you!

Brianna, Bethany, Stephanie, & Brantanique
2017 SAGA Days Committee

MODESTO A. MAIDIQUE CAMPUS



KEY	Buildings	Sidewalks	Roadways	Grassy Areas	Athletic Fields	Water	Parking Lots	Parking Garages	Under Construction
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Key by Buildings

ACC	Ambulatory Care Center	DM	Deuxieme Maison	PC	Charles E. Perry Bldg. (Primera Casa)	SAAC	Student Athletic Academic Center	W10A	ROTC - Reserve Officer Training Corps
AHC1	Academic Health Center 1	ECS	Engineering & Computer Science	PCA	Paul L. Cejas School of Architecture	SASC	Student Academic Success Center	W10C	Trailer
AHC2	Academic Health Center 2	EH	Everglades Hall	PG1	Gold Parking Garage	SH	Solar House	WC	Wertheim Conservatory
AHC3	Academic Health Center 3	FIUS	FIU Community Stadium	PG2	Blue Parking Garage	SHC	Student Health Center	WPAC	Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center
AHC4	Academic Health Center 4	GC	Ernest R. Graham Center	PG3	Panther Parking Garage	SIPA	Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs	WS/TC	Women's Softball/Tennis Center
AHC5	Academic Health Center 5	GH	Greek Housing	PG4	Red Parking Garage	TWR	Tower/Veteran and Military Affairs	ZEB	Sanford L. Ziff Family Education Building
ARE	FIU Arena	GL	Steven and Dorothea Green Library	PG5	PG5 Market Station	UA	University Apartments		
AS	Art Studio	LC	Labor Center	PG6	Parking Garage 6	UT	University Towers		
ASTRO	Stocker Astroscience Center	LVN/LVS	Lakeview Halls	PH	Panther Hall	VH	Viertes Haus		
BBS	Baseball Stadium	MANGO	Management and New Growth Opportunities Building	PVH	Parkview Hall	WFC	Wellness & Fitness Center		
CBC	College of Business Complex			PPFAM	Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum	W01C	Ceramics		
CCLC	Children's Creative Learning Center	MARC	Management and Advanced Research Center	RB	Ryder Business Building	W03	Key Control		
CFES	Carlos Finlay Elementary School	NOAA	National Hurricane Center	RDB	Rafael Diaz-Balart Hall	W06	Training Lab		
CP	Chemistry & Physics	OE	Owa Ehan	RH	Ronald W. Reagan Presidential House	W09	West 9		
CSC	Campus Support Complex					W10	Graduate Studios - Visual Arts		
DC	Duplicating Center								

The majority of SAGA Days is held on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus (MMC) in the Graham Center.

BISCAYNE BAY CAMPUS



KEY Buildings Sidewalks Roadways Grassy Areas Water Parking

Key by Buildings

AC1	Academic One	MSB	Marine Science Building
AC2	Academic Two	RCCL	Royal Caribbean Cruise Line Training Center
AQRC	Aquatic Recreation Center	RCCLH	Royal Caribbean Cruise Line Housing
BH	Bayview Housing	S01	Central Receiving
EL	Ecotoxicology and Risk Assessment Lab	S02	University Police
HL	Glenn Hubert Library	SHS	Student Health Services
HM	Chaplin School of Hospitality & Tourism Management	TRAC	Team Ropes Adventure Challenge
KCC	Roz & Cal Kovens Conference Center	WUC	Wolfe University Center

Part of SAGA Days is held on our Biscayne Bay Campus (BBC) in the Wolfe University Center.

SCHEDULE



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MARCH 1ST
MMC

MARCH 2ND
BBC

MARCH 3RD
MMC

- Check-In
- Welcome
- Meet Your SAGA Buddy
- Important Updates
- Welcome Reception

- Breakfast
- Higher Education Program Talk
- Campus Tours
- Lunch
- Interviews & FIUTalks
- Dinner & Off-Campus Social

- Breakfast
- Interviews
- Campus Tours
- Lunch
- Graduate Roundtable
- Closing Session

A more detailed schedule will be emailed to those who've registered for SAGA Days.



H O T E L

The Comfort Inn Suites Miami located at 3901 SW 117th Ave, Miami, FL 33175 is the recommended hotel for all SAGA Days participants. It is the responsibility of the participant to make and pay for all lodging accommodations. If you want to save on rooming cost, please reach out to other attendees on the FIU SAGA Days 2017 Facebook Group.

T R A N S P O R T A T I O N

SAGA will provide transportation to and from the MIA and FLL airports to participants flying in on Wednesday, March 1st and departing on Friday, March 3rd. Flights coming into Ft Lauderdale International Airport must arrive no later than 12:30pm. Pick up will be at 1:00pm. Flights coming into Miami International Airport must arrive no later than 1:30pm. Pick up will be at 2:00pm. Flights leaving on Friday, March 3rd, should leave no earlier than 4:30pm. Once your travel itinerary is confirmed, please share the details with the SAGA Days Committee at SAGAdays@gmail.com.

YOU'LL NEED THESE!

Please plan to bring two business attire outfits and one business casual outfit. Please keep in mind that Miami weather is unpredictable, so please plan accordingly. Also, while it is very warm outside, it can be cold inside, so a sweater or jacket may be beneficial. Please remember to pack comfortable shoes, especially if you plan to take advantage of our campus tours! Additionally, there will be an off-campus social, so please pack a casual outfit.

**Other items
to pack:**

- Thank You Cards
- Mints/Gum
- Umbrella
- Business Cards
- Notebook/Padfolio
- Cough Drops

SAGA BUDDY

The purpose of the SAGA Buddy program is to allow each candidate an opportunity to have one-on-one interaction with a current student in the Higher Education Administration program. Before SAGA Days, your SAGA Buddy will contact you and you are encouraged to ask them questions about Miami, the program, SAGA Days, departments you may be interviewing with, or anything else you are curious about!



During SAGA Days, your SAGA Buddy can help you network and introduce you to professional staff or other graduate students that you might be interviewing with! If you've registered to attend the interview days, your SAGA Buddy will be contacting you about a week before you arrive in Miami for SAGA Days!



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

AT FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

The Master of Science in Higher Education Administration prepares graduates to serve in a variety of roles at colleges and universities and related institutions. The academic program operates as a partnership with FIU's Division of Student Affairs, and integrates classwork with assistantships and practicums for a total learning experience. As a majority-minority institution, FIU is the prototype for universities of the 21st century. Students in the program will have the opportunity to work and study in one of the most diverse higher education environments in the United States.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (36 CREDIT HOURS)

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES:

9 CREDIT HOURS

- EDF 5481 - Analysis & Application of Educational Research
- EDH 6045 - College Student Development Theory
- Choice of EDF 6608 - Social, Philosophical and Historical Foundations of Education or EDF 6636 - Intercultural Studies: A Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis

REQUIRED COURSES

15 CREDIT HOURS

The required courses reflect the range of basic knowledge common to all higher education professionals. Whatever the job function, it is imperative that university professionals know the law, be aware of all current issues, be sensitive to the diversity of student cultures, and understand the core functions of administration.

- EDH 6633 - Introduction to Higher Education Administration
- EDH 6634 - Organization & Administration of Student Affairs
- EDH 6943 - Practicum in Higher Education
- EDH 6404 - Legal Issues in Higher Education Administration
- Choice of EDH 6047 - College Student Life and Culture or EDH 6055 Access and Choice in US Higher Education

ELECTIVES

12 CREDIT HOURS

Students will select a set of electives to meet their educational and professional interests. Selection of electives can include a concentration in a particular area of higher education as well as provide a breadth of knowledge about the field. Electives are designed to allow students to choose a path of study that reflects their immediate career goals, while maintaining program coherence. There are opportunities for electives at the student's discretion, as long as they are graduate level courses (5000 level or above)

PRACTICUM EXPERIENCES

A professional degree in university administration should allow for some guided practical experience. The practicum sections allow students the opportunity to earn credit while gaining valuable hands-on experience in a variety of administrative areas. Practicum sections will include an academic component designed by the Higher Education faculty and the section supervisor.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

The Division of Student Affairs manages a number of graduate assistantships available each year that may be of interest to higher education administration masters students. These assistantships are promoted and placements are coordinated through the Student Affairs Graduate Association (SAGA); therefore prospective students should visit their website for further information. Most assistantships for the following academic year are filled in March through interviews during SAGA Days. Graduate assistantships provide a tuition waiver and stipend.

STUDENT AFFAIRS GRADUATE ASSOCIATION

The Student Affairs Graduate Association (SAGA) is an organization for students in the Higher Education Administration program. SAGA's mission is to foster graduate student education by providing unique learning opportunities that help students grow academically, professionally, and socially.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the program is done only in the Fall and Spring semesters. The admissions deadline for the Fall semester is February 1st and for Spring it is October 1st. There is no Summer semester admission to the program.

Applicants must have:

1. A baccalaureate degree and an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 credit hours of upper-division undergraduate study
2. Work experience in higher education such as four-year institution, community college, or student affairs areas is preferred but not required
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. Personal Statement
5. Resume

The application is available online. Letters and any other supporting documents may be uploaded directly to the FIU Graduate School's website (gradschool.fiu.edu) or may be sent to FIU Graduate Admissions Office, 11200 SW 8th Street, PC 230, Miami, FL 33199

Note: The GRE is not a requirement for admission into the M.S. in Higher Education Administration program

ABOUT FIU

Florida International University is a vibrant, student-centered public research university, ideally located in Miami, that is worlds ahead in its commitment to learning, research, entrepreneurship, innovation, and creativity so that our graduates are prepared to succeed in a global market.

CONTACT US

Please visit education.fiu.edu to learn more about the School of Education and Master of Science Degree in Higher Education Administration.

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WHY FIU?

"Coming from a predominantly White institution, I was looking for more student diversity. FIU is filled with a wide variety of students, and a lot of culture. I knew it was the place to be."

"I am a first generation college student, and I was looking for an institution who knew how to support me, and students like me. I found a great fit here at FIU."

"I picked the Higher Education Program at FIU because I knew that attending this program would introduce me to the culture of Miami, but it was also a gateway to many opportunities after graduating."

"Higher education is becoming increasingly diverse; FIU's program gives me the opportunity to interact with a diverse student population, while enhancing my professional capabilities."

"I selected FIU because the faculty and staff encourages professional development. I wanted to attend a program where creating versatile professionals is important."

"Upon attending SAGA Days, I noticed that the cohort at FIU felt like a real family; the way they interacted with each other seemed so genuine—even the faculty was friendly and approachable. It was refreshing to see a group of individuals so invested in the personal and professional growth of each other and I knew it was something that I wanted to be a part of."

We look forward to seeing you!



If you have any questions, contact us at:

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