The need for skilled fundraisers

The UF College of Journalism and Communications is well prepared to train fundraisers because of the strength of its programs and faculty and the success of its students and alumni. Combining conceptual instruction with skills training has contributed to the college’s top national rankings.

The nine-credit Graduate Certificate in Fundraising Management, co-sponsored by the college and UF Development and Alumni Affairs, provides degree-seeking graduate students and post-baccalaureate practitioners with knowledge and skills in fundraising—a high-demand, low-supply occupation in the nonprofit sector.

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– Stephen Figueroa, student

“The course teaches the core principles of fundraising and provides a view into the future of this growing profession.”
– Brian K. Danforth, student

“Fundraising is a dynamic field that is both engaging and challenging. Every day I have the privilege of meeting with people who share inspiring stories.”
– Elizabeth Zipper, student

“The PUR class has made me even more proud of what I do and has taught me things about the practice that I never considered or knew to be true.”
– Lindsey Stevens, student

CURRICULUM
The Graduate Certificate in Fundraising Management is a nine-credit program. Students must take two required three-credit courses and three hours of elective coursework.

REQUIRED COURSES
- PUR 6416 Public Relations and Fund Raising 3
- MMC 6936 Fundraising Comm. Fundamentals 3

ELECTIVES
- MMC 6949 Professional Internship 1-3
- EDH 6066 American Higher Education 3
- EDH 6931 Special Topics in Higher Education 1-3
- EDH 7635 Higher Education Administration 3
- ENT 6008 Entrepreneurial Opportunity 2
- ENT 6616 Creativity in Entrepreneurship 2
- MAN 6447 Art and Science of Negotiation 2
- MAN 6627 Cross Cultural Negotiation 2
- MAN 7146 Seminar in Leadership 1-3
- FYC 5106 Retirement & Estate Planning 3
- SOP 6099 Survey of Social Psychology 2-3

Note: The three elective credits can be substituted with graduate-level coursework in a relevant topic but must be approved before registration by the program coordinator and faculty adviser, Kathleen Kelly.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR
Kathleen S. Kelly, Ph.D., a leading scholar in fundraising, is the coordinator and faculty adviser for the certificate program. She is a tenured full professor and graduate faculty member in the Department of Public Relations in the College of Journalism and Communications. Kelly is an internationally recognized authority on public relations and fundraising and previously worked as a fundraiser, university administrator and public relations practitioner for 17 years. An award-winning author for her fundraising textbook Effective Fund-Raising Management, Kelly’s research has been featured in U.S. News & World Report, The Chronicle of Philanthropy, The Nonprofit Times, CASE Currents, Public Relations Tactics, Public Relations Strategist, PRWeek, and Advancing Philanthropy.

HOW TO APPLY
Applicants must have earned a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or equivalent and have an undergraduate GPA of at least a B (3.0).
Following the instructions at www.jou.ufl.edu/fundraising-management, applicants will complete a contact information form, upload their résumé, take a program entrance writing exam, and complete the university’s admissions application for certificate. Only complete application packets will be reviewed for admission to the certificate program.

DEADLINES FOR ADMISSIONS REVIEW
Fall Semester – July 15
Spring Semester – November 15

TUITION AND FEES
The Florida resident rate is $528.41 per credit. For detailed information on costs, visit the “Financials” page at www.jou.ufl.edu/fundraising-management.

ACADEMIC POLICY
The Graduate Certificate in Fundraising Management follows the general academic policies of the College of Journalism and Communications’ Division of Graduate Studies and Research.

CONTACT US
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