CSP 501 Introduction to College Student Personnel Administration  
3 Credits  
An Introduction to the development of student affairs as a profession, specific job responsibilities within student affairs, and professional ethics. Introduction to higher education research and other professional sources.  
Offered: every fall.

CSP 510 History and Organization of Higher Education in the United States  
3 Credits  
Students will examine the development and organization of colleges and universities, including the faculty role and the rise of student affairs, institutional culture, and current issues within their historical context.  
Offered: every fall.

CSP 530 Methods of Research and Assessment  
3 Credits  
The nature of social science inquiry with specific implications for both research and assessment in higher education. Review of both quantitative and qualitative methods of research and assessment.  
Offered: every spring.

CSP 540 Diversity in Higher Education  
3 Credits  
This class is designed to increase students’ knowledge of diverse populations and diversity-related issues and their impact on college communities. Students will explore how they can work to build inclusive communities within institutions of higher education and develop the competencies needed when addressing a diverse population.  
Offered: every fall.

CSP 560 Theories of Leadership  
3 Credits  
Introduction to the topic of leadership in the student affairs context. Introduction to leadership theories, styles, practices and applications. Development of an individual philosophy of leadership and reflection on how the course content may be incorporated into professional practice.  
Offered: every spring.

CSP 570 Foundations of Counseling in Student Affairs  
3 Credits  
Provides a working knowledge of counseling issues and techniques to address the needs of the student within the realm of higher education. Introduction to mental health disorders and exposure to preventative and communication strategies to assist college-aged students.  
Offered: every spring.

CSP 599 Independent Study  
3 Credits  
Independent studies require an application and approval by the associate dean.  
Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair, & associate dean.

CSP 660 The American College Student  
3 Credits  
Provides an introduction to student development theory and a profile of the contemporary college student. Theories of identity development, involvement and learning will be considered. In addition, the relationship of theory to practice in student affairs will be explored along with issues related to diversity.  
Offered: every fall.

CSP 665 Legal Issues in Higher Education  
3 Credits  
An examination of the many ways federal, state, and local laws impact higher education administration. Issues include differences between public and private higher education, first amendment issues, affirmative action, the requirements of laws such as FERPA, Clery, and Title IX, and other relevant case law.  
Offered: every fall.

CSP 677 Capstone Seminar  
3 Credits  
Designed to provide graduating CSPA students with the opportunity to discuss current issues in student affairs practice with a goal toward making the transition from being graduate students to becoming full time student affairs professionals.  
Offered: every spring.

CSP 680 Internship I  
3 Credits  
The first of two required internship experiences intended to broaden the student’s understanding of the profession. Each internship requires 225 hours of supervised experience. Permission of the program director is required.  
Prerequisite: successful completion of first year coursework.  
Restriction: permission of program director.  
Offered: every fall.

CSP 681 Internship II  
3 Credits  
The second of two required internship experiences intended to broaden the student’s understanding of the profession. Each internship requires 225 hours of supervised experience. Permission of the program director is required.  
Prerequisite: CSP 680.  
Restriction: permission of program director.  
Offered: every spring.

CSP 699 Independent Research  
3 Credits  
A thesis, research paper, or major project which provides the opportunity to investigate a topic or act of student personnel administration of particular interest to the student. Note: Students may also choose to fulfill the CSP 699 requirement through a comprehensive examination (written and oral) and by successfully completing a three-credit graduate elective course at Canisius College, chosen by the student and approved by the CSP director.  
Prerequisite: successful completion of first year coursework.  
Restriction: permission of program director based on successful presentation of proposal.  
Offered: every spring.