

Human Development and Family Science

Department Information

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- **Application Deadline:**
One month prior to the beginning of each term. Applications accepted for fall, spring, and summer.
- **Credential Offered:**
M.S., Certificate
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
TOEFL iBT 100 (subscores of at least 24 for speaking and 21 for writing); IELTS 7; Duolingo 125

Family Financial Planning

Select one of the options: Financial Planning or Financial Counseling

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Financial Planning Option | | |
| HDFS 762 | Retirement Planning, Employee Benefits and the Family | 3 |
| HDFS 763 | Personal Income Taxation | 3 |
| HDFS 765 | Insurance Planning for Families | 3 |
| HDFS 766 | Estate Planning for Families | 3 |
| HDFS 769 | Financial Planning Case Studies | 3 |
| HDFS 771 | Investing for the Family's Future | 3 |
| Total Credits | | 18 |

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| Financial Counseling Option | | |
| HDFS 677 | Financial Counseling | 3 |
| HDFS 740 | Theories & Research in Family Financial Planning I | 3 |
| HDFS 768 | Housing/Real Estate | 3 |
| HDFS 770 | Fundamentals of Financial Planning | 3 |
| Select 6 credits of the following: | | 6 |
| HDFS 741 | Theories & Research in Family Financial Planning II | |
| HDFS 762 | Retirement Planning, Employee Benefits and the Family | |
| HDFS 763 | Personal Income Taxation | |
| HDFS 765 | Insurance Planning for Families | |
| HDFS 766 | Estate Planning for Families | |
| HDFS 771 | Investing for the Family's Future | |
| HDFS 772 | Military Personal Financial Readiness | |
| HDFS 794 | Practicum/Internship | |
| Total Credits | | 18 |

Gerontology

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Required Courses | | |
| HDFS 721 | Adult Development and Aging | 3 |

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| HDFS 723 | Perspectives in Gerontology | 3 |
| Elective Courses- Select 3 | | 9 |
| ADHM 705 | Environment and Aging | |
| HNES 652 | Nutrition, Health and Aging | |
| HDFS 682 | Family Dynamics of Aging | |
| HDFS 760 | Aging Policy | |
| HDFS 790 | Graduate Seminar (*) | |
| Total Credits | | 15 |

Youth Development

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| HDFS 710 | Foundations of Youth Development | 3 |
| HDFS 711 | Youth Development | 3 |
| Select 2 courses from the following: | | 6 |
| HDFS 712 | Positive Youth Development in Community Settings | |
| HDFS 713 | Adolescents and Their Families | |
| HDFS 714 | Contemporary Youth Issues ¹ | |
| HDFS 715 | Youth Culture | |
| HDFS 719 | Youth Policy | |
| HDFS 790 | Graduate Seminar ¹ | |
| Total Credits | | 12 |

¹ With approval of topic by advisor.

Youth Program Management and Evaluation

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| HDFS 710 | Foundations of Youth Development | 3 |
| HDFS 717 | Design and Evaluation of Youth Programs | 3 |
| HDFS 718 | Youth Development Personnel and Program Management | 3 |
| Select one course from the following: | | 3 |
| HDFS 712 | Positive Youth Development in Community Settings | |
| HDFS 714 | Contemporary Youth Issues ¹ | |
| HDFS 719 | Youth Policy | |
| HDFS 790 | Graduate Seminar ¹ | |
| Total Credits | | 12 |

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