

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

Code	Title	Credits
HDFS 677	Financial Counseling	3
HDFS 740	Theories & Research in Family Financial Planning I	3
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 770	Fundamentals of Financial Planning	3
HDFS 771	Investing for the Family's Future	3
Electives		9
HDFS 741	Theories & Research in Family Financial Planning II	
HDFS 767	Professional Practices in Family Financial Planning	
HDFS 768	Housing/Real Estate	
HDFS 772	Military Personal Financial Readiness	
HDFS 794	Practicum/Internship	
HDFS 797	Master's Paper	
HDFS 798	Master's Thesis	
Other elective approved by advisor		
Total Credits		36

Gerontology

Code	Title	Credits
ADHM 705	Environment and Aging	3
HNES 652	Nutrition, Health and Aging	3
HDFS 682	Family Dynamics of Aging	3
HDFS 721	Adult Development and Aging	3
HDFS 722	Methods and Theories in Gerontology	3
HDFS 723	Perspectives in Gerontology	3
HDFS 729	Professional Seminar in Gerontology	3
HDFS 760	Aging Policy	3
HDFS 794	Practicum/Internship	6

6 additional credits to be approved by the adviser and committee	6
Total Credits	36

Youth Development

Code	Title	Credits
HDFS 710	Foundations of Youth Development	3
HDFS 711	Youth Development	3
HDFS 712	Positive Youth Development in Community Settings	3
HDFS 713	Adolescents and Their Families	3
HDFS 716	Youth Professionals as Consumers of Research	3
HDFS 717	Design and Evaluation of Youth Programs	3
HDFS 718	Youth Development Personnel and Program Management	3
HDFS 719	Youth Policy	3
HDFS 730	Youth-Adult Relationships	3
HDFS 794	Practicum/Internship	3
Electives (select 2 courses)		6
HDFS 714	Contemporary Youth Issues (*)	
HDFS 715	Youth Culture	
HDFS 790	Graduate Seminar (*)	
HDFS 794 Practicum/Internship (Additional hours)		
Total Credits		36

*Upon approval of topic by adviser. Can be taken more than once with different topics.