

# Human Development and Family Science

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## 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
<b>Financial Planning Option</b>		
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
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>18</b>

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Financial Counseling Option</b>		
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	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>18</b>

## Gerontology

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
HDFS 721	Contemporary Perspectives on Adult Development and Aging	3

HDFS 723	Foundations in Integrative Aging Studies	3
Elective Courses- Select 2		6
HNES 652	Physical Health, Wellness, Nutrition and Active Aging	
ADHM 705	Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Environments for Aging	
HDFS 722	Applied Research Methods and Evaluation of Aging Programs	
HDFS 725	Socioemotional and Cognitive Well-being throughout Adulthood	
HDFS 726	Family Relationships and Aging	
HDFS 760	Aging Policy and Advocacy	
HDFS 761	Implementation of Community Programs for Older Adults	
HDFS 790	Graduate Seminar (*)	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

## Youth Development

Code	Title	Credits
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 <sup>1</sup>	
HDFS 715	Youth Culture	
HDFS 719	Youth Policy	
HDFS 730	Youth-Adult Relationships	
HDFS 790	Graduate Seminar <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

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## Youth Program Management and Evaluation

Code	Title	Credits
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 <sup>1</sup>	
HDFS 719	Youth Policy	
HDFS 790	Graduate Seminar <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

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