

# 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

Code	Title	Credits
HDFS 677	Financial Counseling	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		6
HDFS 740	Theories & Research in Family Financial Planning I	
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	
Other elective approved by advisor		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>

## Gerontology

Code	Title	Credits
HDFS 723	Foundations in Integrative Aging Studies	3
HDFS 721	Contemporary Perspectives on Adult Development and Aging	3
<b>3 credits from Block 2:</b>		<b>3</b>
HNES 652	Physical Health, Wellness, Nutrition and Active Aging	
HDFS 725	Socioemotional and Cognitive Well-being throughout Adulthood	
HDFS 790	Graduate Seminar (Focused on the Aging Individual)	
<b>3 credits from Block 3:</b>		<b>3</b>
HDFS 726	Family Relationships and Aging	
ADHM 705	Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Environments for Aging	
HDFS 790	Graduate Seminar (Focused on Aging in Context)	
<b>3 credits from Block 4:</b>		<b>3</b>

HDFS 760	Aging Policy and Advocacy	
HDFS 761	Implementation of Community Programs for Older Adults	
HDFS 722	Applied Research Methods and Evaluation of Aging Programs	
HDFS 790	Graduate Seminar (Focused on Translational Practice)	
HDFS 794	Practicum/Internship	3
12 credits of electives selected from any of the above courses		12
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>

## 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)		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>36</b>

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