

MA in Human Development and Family Science with Emphasis in Family and Community Services

The mission of the Human Development and Family Science Master's degree emphasis in Family and Community Sciences may be summed up in three words – **Understand, Deliver, Manage.** The goal of the Family and Community Services online MA option in Human Development and Family Science is to create alumni capable of **understanding family**, interpersonal, and community dynamics in order to help individuals and their families through education, resource management, and effective service **delivery**. In addition, graduates of this degree option will acquire knowledge and skills in program and agency **management**.

Degree Requirements

The Family and Community Services MA emphasis consists of 36 credit hours, including the 10 core courses shown below. For the remaining 6 credits students may choose from: (a) 6 credits of electives and a capstone examination, (b) 3 credits of electives and a 3 credit internship, or (c) 6 credits of an internship. Elective courses will be offered annually. Exams and internships will include an independently produced paper and an oral examination by the student's MA committee.

Required Courses

H,	_D_FS 7600	Resilience in Families	3
H,	_D_FS 7640	Interpersonal Relationships	3
H,	_D_FS 7650	Family Crisis Intervention	3
H,	_D_FS 7690	Family Resource Management	3
H,	_D_FS 8012	Family Dynamics and Intervention	3
H.	_D_FS 8100	Foundations and Principles of Family and Community Services	3
H,	_D_FS 8510	Parenting Education	3
H,	_D_FS 8520	Lifespan Development	3
H.	_D_FS 8235	Administration and Program Management	3
H.	_D_FS 8238	Program Design, Implementation and Evaluation	3
Independent Effort			
H	_D_FS 8972	Internship in Human Development and Family Science	1-99
	or Graduate Examination	*	
Suggested Electives			
H.	_D_FS 7233	Basic Grant Development and Management	3
H.	_D_FS 8087	Seminar in Human Development and Family Science (Families in Poverty)	1-99
H.	_D_FS 8234	Adolescents and their Families	3

^{*} No credit offered for the exam.

Admissions

For admission requirements, refer to the Graduate School website for the minimum qualifications for the degree program (https://

gradschool.missouri.edu/degreecategory/human-development-family-science/) and Graduate School (https://gradschool.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/). Because requirements vary, you *must* refer to a degree program's graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility, and application process. Before official admissions to the University of Missouri, your application materials will be reviewed by both Graduate School and the degree program to which you've applied.