

MA in Human Development and Family Science with Emphasis in Gerontology

This online-only Master's program (MA only) is designed to prepare professionals who are either working directly with older people or are involved in education and research related to the elderly. Professionals offering direct services often are involved in health promotion programs; directing intergenerational activities; managing senior centers or retirement communities; counseling older people and their families; and helping people plan for retirement.

Degree Requirements

Required Courses

H_D_FS 7252	Adult Development	3
H_D_FS 7255	Aging Policy	3
H_D_FS 7256	Environments and Aging	3
H_D_FS 7257	Aging and the Family	3
H_D_FS 8251	Perspectives in Gerontology	3
H_D_FS 8253	Physical Health in Aging	3
H_D_FS 8254	Gerontology Research Methods and Program Evaluation	3
H_D_FS 8258	Professional Seminar in Gerontology	3
Comprehensive Exam or		
H_D_FS 8972	Internship in Human Development and Family Science	1-99

Suggested Electives

H_D_FS 7259	Mental Health and Aging	3
H_D_FS 7260	Women and Aging	3
H_D_FS 7261	Biological Principles of Aging	3
or any advisor approved course		

NOTE: Up to 6 credits can be transferred from other graduate programs if the courses are deemed relevant by your advisor.

Admissions

For admission requirements, refer to the Graduate School website for the minimum qualifications for the degree program (<https://gradstudies.missouri.edu/degreecategory/human-development-family-studies>) and the Graduate School (<http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/minimum-requirements.php>). 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 the Graduate School and the degree program to which you've applied.