

MA in Human Development and Family Science with Emphasis in Youth Development

This online-only Master of Arts degree in Youth Development prepares graduates to focus on developing the strengths of youth in an estimated 17,000 organizations (e.g., 4-H, Boys and Girls Clubs, Boys Scouts and Girls Scouts) nation wide.

Degree Requirements

The 36 credit master's degree program (MA) consists of 9 required core courses (25 credits), 5-11 credits of electives, and either a comprehensive exam or an internship experience totaling 2-6 credits. Core courses offered within the program include eight 3-credit courses and a 1-credit professional development seminar.

Required:

H_D_FS 7231	Foundations of Youth Development	1
H_D_FS 8234	Adolescents and their Families	3
H_D_FS 8235	Administration and Program Management	3
H_D_FS 8236	Federal and State Policies that Impact Youth Development	3
H_D_FS 8237	Youth Cultures and the Cultures of Youth	3
H_D_FS 8238	Program Design, Implementation and Evaluation	3

Comprehensive Exam

OR

H_D_FS 8972	Internship in Human Development and Family Science	2-6
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Suggested Electives*:

H_D_FS 7001	Topics in Human Development and Family Science (Substance Use)	3
H_D_FS 7001	Topics in Human Development and Family Science (Global Perspectives)	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 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.