MS in Human Development and Family Studies with Emphasis in Early Childhood Development

The Early Childhood Development program is planned for students who wish to focus their professional preparation on children as they develop, influence, and are influenced by a variety of environments.

1. Statistics and research methods (6 hours)
   - H_D_FS 8200 Research Methods in Human Development and Family Science
   - Any advisor-approved statistics course 7000 level or above

2. Core content (24 hours)
   a. Family functioning and human development (12 hours)
      - H_D_FS 8640 Family Interaction
      - or H_D_FS 8012 Family Dynamics and Intervention
      - H_D_FS 8210 Theories of Human Development
      - H_D_FS 8420 Cognitive Development
      - H_D_FS 8440 Social and Emotional Development
   b. Electives* (12 hours)
      - H_D_FS 7257 Aging and the Family
      - H_D_FS 7300 Black Families
      - H_D_FS 7610 Stress and Resilience in Families
      - H_D_FS 7630 The Process of Divorce
      - H_D_FS 7640 Interpersonal Relationships
      - H_D_FS 7720 Child and Family Advocacy
      - H_D_FS 8220 Family Theories
      - H_D_FS 8235 Administration and Program Management
      - H_D_FS 8300 Advanced Seminar on Multicultural Families
      - H_D_FS 8460 Life Course Perspective
      - H_D_FS 8610 Remarriage & Stepfamilies: Development, Dynamics, & Intervention
      - H_D_FS 8620 Work and Family
      - H_D_FS 8630 Gendered Relations in Families
      - H_D_FS 8770 Poverty
      - H_D_FS 8710 Children, Families and Public Policy
      - LTC 8600 Home-School Partnerships: Working with Families
      - LTC 8610 Issues in Early Childhood Education and Curriculum Practices
      - LTC 8612 Advanced Early Childhood Curriculum and Introduction and Methods of Early Childhood Special Education (must be taken concurrently)
      - LTC 8900 Seminar in Curriculum and Instruction
      - Electives* (12 hours)

3. Thesis (3-6 hours)
   - H_D_FS 9090 Research in Human Development and Family Science

For admission requirements, refer to the Office of Graduate Studies website for the minimum qualifications for the degree program (http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/academics/programs/human-development--family-studies) and Graduate Studies (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 Office of Graduate Studies and the degree program to which you’ve applied.