MS in Human Development and Family Studies with Emphasis in Lifespan Development

The Master's-level Lifespan Development program is designed for students who have an interest in human development over the life course. Course work focuses on the principles of development, with special emphasis on the importance of context.

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. Human development (3 hours)
   - H_D_FS 8210 Theories of Human Development

3. Core content (15 hours)
   a. Lifespan development (12 hours)
      - H_D_FS 7257 Aging and the Family
      - H_D_FS 8440 Social and Emotional Development
      - H_D_FS 8420 Cognitive Development
      - H_D_FS 8460 Life Course Perspective
      - H_D_FS 8450 Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood
   b. Family interaction and functioning (3 hours)
      - H_D_FS 8640 Family Interaction
      - H_D_FS 8012 Family Dynamics and Intervention
      - H_D_FS 8220 Family Theories
      - H_D_FS 7610 Stress and Resilience in Families
      - H_D_FS 7640 Interpersonal Relationships

4. Electives* (6-9 hours)
   - H_D_FS 7720 Child and Family Advocacy
   - H_D_FS 8300 Advanced Seminar on Multicultural Families
   - H_D_FS 8470 Identity Development
   - 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 8710 Children, Families and Public Policy
   - H_D_FS 8770 Poverty
   *Or any advisor approved graduate level course

5. 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 the 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.