

Certificate in Pre-Family Law, Advocacy, and Policy

The Certificate in Pre-Family Law, Advocacy, and Policy provides undergraduate students with a focused academic pathway to understand how family dynamics intersect with legal systems, public policy, and advocacy. The program is based in the field of HDFFS, with all courses provided by the department, reflecting its particular focus relative to other legal or advocacy programs. This certificate prepares students for impactful careers in law, social work, health services, and family-focused policy and advocacy, while providing a recognized credential for those pursuing law school, graduate study, or entry-level positions in legal, healthcare, public policy, and community-based advocacy fields.

Requirements

Students seeking to earn the Certificate in Pre-Family Law, Advocacy, and Policy will complete 15 total credit hours, consisting of 9 hours of required courses and 6 hours of electives.

To complete the certificate, students must earn a grade of "C-" or better in each course and a minimum 2.00 GPA overall for the courses taken towards the certificate.

Required Courses		9
H_D_FS 1600	Foundations of Family Science	3
H_D_FS 4720	Child and Family Advocacy	3
H_D_FS 4725	Law and Families in Society	3
Elective Courses - Choose 2		6
H_D_FS 3600	Partnering with Parents and Families	3
H_D_FS 4610	Stress and Resilience in Families	3
H_D_FS 4620	Family Interaction	3
H_D_FS 4660	Helping Skills in Human Services	3
H_D_FS 4680	Family Communication	3
H_D_FS 4700	Children and Families in Poverty	3

Some courses may have prerequisites. Consult with a certificate advisor to plan your schedule of certificate courses.