

MS in Human Development and Family Science

Programs are structured to provide students with an integration of theoretical perspectives, empirical research training, and practical experiences.

Degree Requirements

Courses are selected from the following:

Statistics and Research Methods		6
H_D_FS 8200	Research Methods in Human Development and Family Science	3
Any advisor-approved statistics course 7000 level or above		
Theory		6
H_D_FS 8210	Theories of Human Development	3
H_D_FS 8220	Family Theories	3
Diversity (additional courses may be taken to fulfill electives requirement)		6
H_D_FS 7200	Latino Families and Youth	3
H_D_FS 7300	Black Families	3
H_D_FS 7610	Stress and Resilience in Families	3
H_D_FS 8087	Seminar in Human Development and Family Science (Poverty)	1-99
H_D_FS 8300	Advanced Seminar on Multicultural Families	3
Electives		12-15
H_D_FS 7257	Aging and the Family	3
H_D_FS 7640	Interpersonal Relationships	3
H_D_FS 8012	Family Dynamics and Intervention	3
H_D_FS 8420	Cognitive Development	3
H_D_FS 8440	Social and Emotional Development	3
H_D_FS 8450	Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood	3
H_D_FS 8640	Family Interaction	3
Or any advisor-approved graduate level course		
Thesis		3-6
H_D_FS 9090	Research in Human Development and Family Science	3-6

Thesis

Master's of Science students must complete a thesis (H_D_FS 9090). Students who wish to pursue the thesis must petition the department's graduate faculty for approval. The thesis requires testing a hypothesis or exploring a research question. Student will submit and orally defend the thesis to their committee. For more detailed information, please refer to the HDFS Graduate Handbook found on the HDFS website (<http://hdfs.missouri.edu/>).

Satisfactory Progress

Satisfactory progress is based on the student maintaining a sufficient GPA according to the student's program or funding guidelines and completing all degree forms and milestones according to departmental timelines. For a detailed description of the department's description of a satisfactory rate of academic progress, please refer to the HDFS Graduate Handbook found on the HDFS website (<http://hdfs.missouri.edu/>).

Time Limits for Masters' Degree Completion

Students working toward the master's degree have 5 years from the semester the first course is taken in which to complete all degree requirements. Extensions for one additional year to complete the degree may be granted with submission of a detailed plan for completion, including a timetable. Students must be making progress toward completion when they apply for the extension. A maximum of two extensions may be granted.

Admission Criteria for Campus Programs

Fall deadline: January 1

Minimum TOEFL scores:

Internet-based test (iBT)	Paper-based test (PBT)
61 Effective July 1, 2015 must have score of 80	500 Effective July 1, 2015 must have score of 550

- Minimum GPA: 3.0 for last 60 hours
- Application form
- 3 letters of recommendation
- TOEFL score for international applicants
- Personal statement
- Résumé or curriculum vitae
- Unofficial transcripts

Admission Contact Information

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