

Family Sciences

Students in the Family Sciences major earn the degree Bachelor of Science in Family Sciences. The major is offered by the Department of Family Sciences which is committed to preparing graduates to work with individuals and families in various settings. The focus is on enhancing the quality of life for families by building on family strengths. Undergraduate programming is at an applied level using an interdisciplinary approach from the perspectives of individual and family development, family resource management, and family systems.

Family Sciences prepares students to work with individuals and families in unique ways. Positions include coordinators of community education and outreach, crisis management, residential care, family financial management, research and planning, and social service workers. Students completing the program are eligible to apply to become certified family life educators through the National Council on Family Relations. Contact the Department of Family Sciences, 315 Funkhouser Building, (859) 257-7750, for more information about this optional credential.

Each student must complete the following:

- 1. Complete UK Core requirements.
- 2. Complete 120 credit hours with a minimum grade-point average of 2.0.
- 3. Complete the required curriculum in the major program.

UK Core Requirements

See the *UK Core* section of the 2022-2023 Undergraduate Bulletin for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity Choose one course from approved list
II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities Choose one course from approved list
III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology or
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology
IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences
Choose one course from approved list
V. Composition and Communication I
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X. Global Dynamics	
Choose one course from approved list	
UK Core hours	
Graduation Composition and Communication Requ (GCCR)	
FAM 357 Adolescent Development FAM 360 Introduction to Family Intervention:	
Working with Families and Individuals FAM 390 Introduction to Research Methods	
Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement hours (GCCR)	9
Premajor Requirements	Hours
COM 252 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	
PHI 120 The Art of Thinking: An Introduction to Logic PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology	
STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty:	4
An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning	3
DHN 101 Human Nutrition and Wellness	
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	
ECO 201 Principles of Economics I	
Subtotal: Premajor hours	
Major Requirements	
FAM 250 Dating and Long-Term Relationships	
FAM 251 Personal and Family Finance	
FAM 252 Introduction to Relationships, Marriage, and Families	
FAM 253 Human Sexuality FAM 254 Life Course Human Development	
FFAM 354 Contemporary Family Diversity	
FAM 357 Adolescent Development	
FAM 360 Introduction to Family Intervention:	
Working With Families and Individuals	3
FAM 390 IntroductiontoResearchMethods	3
FAM 473 Family Life Education	
FAM 497 Pre-Internship in Family Sciences	1
FAM 499 Internship in Family Sciences or	
FAM 500 Child Life Practicum	3-4
Subtotal: Major hours	

Professional Support

In addition to the major requirements, each student in consultation with his or her academic advisor will select a minimum of 18-21 credits in course work in a university-recognized minor. At least 12 of these hours must be at the 300 level or above. A minor is a structured group of courses that leads to considerable knowledge and understanding of a subject. Suggested minors include Psychology, Sociology, Gender and Women's Studies, Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, Public Policy, Appalachian Studies, Business, Communication, Health Promotion, Health Advocacy, Community and Leadership Development, etc.

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Students must contact the department responsible for the minor program for guidance and advising.

Subtotal: Professional Support hours	1
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Electives

Electives at the 300 level or above to reach 120 credits including sufficient credits to reach 45 hours at the 300 level or above. Work with an advisor to select additional FAM classes if available.

Subtotal: Electives	minimum of 11
TOTAL HOURS:	