Family Science

Students in the Family Science major earn the degree Bachelor of Science in Family Science. The major is offered by the Department of Family Studies 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 Science 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 Studies, 315 Funkhouser Building, (859) 257-7750, for more information about this optional credential.

Each student must complete the following:
1. Complete University Studies requirements.
2. Complete the School requirements listed below.
3. Complete 120 credit hours with a minimum grade-point average of 2.0.
4. Complete the required curriculum in the major program.

School Requirements
HES 100 An Introduction to Professions in Human Environmental Sciences ................................................................. 1
HES 400 Concepts in Human Environmental Sciences: Integration and Application ...................................................... 2
NFS 101 Human Nutrition and Wellness ................................................................................................................... 3

Subtotal: School Required Hours ........................................................................................................................... 6

University Studies Requirements
See “University Studies Program” on pages 80-84 of the 2008-2009 UK Bulletin for the complete University Studies requirements.

The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill University Studies areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the University Studies Program requirements.

Inference-Logic
STA 200 Statistics: A Force in Human Judgment ............................................................... 3
PHI 120 Introductory Logic ................................................................................. 3
Oral Communication
COM 252 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication ........................................ 3

Written Communication
ENG 104 Writing: An Accelerated Foundational Course ........................................... 4

Natural Sciences
Two courses in PHY, BIO, or CHE ........................................................................... 6

Graduation Writing Requirement
Choose one of the following:
ENG 203 Business Writing .............................................................................. 3
ENG 230 Introduction to Literature ...................................................................... 3
ENG 233 Literature and Identities ........................................................................ 3
ENG 234 Introduction to Women’s Literature .................................................... 3

Graduation Writing Requirement Hours ................................................................ 3

Premajor Requirements
COM 252 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication ........................................ 3
*PHI 120 Introductory Logic
Or
PHI 332 Professional Ethics ............................................................................... 3
*PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology .................................................................... 4
*STA 200 Statistics: A Force in Human Judgment ............................................... 3
*Two courses in BIO, CHE, or PHY ................................................................. 6
*SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology .................................................................. 3
ECO 201 Principles of Economics ....................................................................... 3

*These courses may also be used to fulfill University Studies requirements.

Subtotal: Premajors Hours .................................................................................. 25

Major Requirements
FAM 251 Personal and Family Finance ................................................................. 3
*FAM 252 Introduction to Family Science .......................................................... 3
*FAM 253 Human Sexuality: Development, Behavior and Attitudes ................ 3
FAM 255 Child Development
Or
PSY 223 Developmental Psychology .................................................................... 3

FAM 360 Introduction to Family Intervention:
Working With Families and Individuals ............................................................. 3
FAM 390 Introduction to Research in Family Studies ........................................... 3
FAM 402 Issues in Family Resource Management ............................................. 3
FAM 499 Internship in Family Science ................................................................. 3
FAM 544 Cultural Diversity in American Children and Families
Or
FAM 354 The Family in Cross-Cultural Perspective ............................................ 3

*These courses may also be used to fulfill University Studies requirements.

Subtotal: Major Hours ...................................................................................... 27

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, Appalachian Studies, Business, Communication, Health Promotion, Human Nutrition, Community and Leadership Development, etc.

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

Subtotal: Professional Support Hours ............................................................... 18-21

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 ............................................................................................ 17-20

TOTAL HOURS: ................................................................................................ 120