

Department of
Family Social Science



B.S. in Family Social Science

Family social science is a multidisciplinary major for those who are interested in helping people, counseling, and understanding human relationships. This major prepares graduates for careers in working with individuals, families, or systems in human services. Students incorporate into the major a family-oriented area of learning that focuses on a special population, issue, or complementary discipline. The major is enhanced by a required internship related to the student's specific program and career goals. Qualified graduates may continue their education through graduate study in family social science, child and human development, social work, or allied health disciplines.

Admission Requirements—The program admits freshmen and transfer students.

- Degree Requirements

Students must complete at least 120 credits, including the University's liberal education requirements, and maintain an overall GPA of at least 2.00. All required courses must be taken A-F and completed with a grade of at least C-.

- Required Courses

Preparatory Requirements

One economics course (3-4 cr)

One statistics course (3-4 cr)

Choose one course from one of the following areas (3-4 cr):

child psychology

human development

psychology

sociology

political science

social work

anthropology

FSoS 1101

FSoS 1201

College Communication Requirements

Rhet 1101—Writing to Inform, Convince, and Persuade (4 cr)

Rhet 1223—Oral Presentations in Professional Settings (3 cr)

Rhet 3562W—Technical and Professional Writing (4 cr)

Major Core Studies Requirements

Skill and Foundation Courses

FSoS 2101—Preparation for Working with Families (2 cr)

FSoS 2103—Family Policy (3 cr)

FSoS 2105—Family Research (3 cr)

FSoS 3101—Personal and Family Finances (3 cr)

FSoS 3102—Family Systems and Diversity (3 cr)

FSoS 3104—Global and Diverse Families (3 cr)

Professional Core

Select 18 credits from the following list:

FSoS 3426 - Alcohol & Drugs: Families & Culture (3 cr)

FSoS 3429 - Counseling Practicum I (3 cr)

FSoS 4101 - Sexuality & Gender in Families & Close Relationships (3 cr)

FSoS 4104W - Family Psychology (3 cr)

FSoS 4106 - Family Resource Management (3 cr)

FSoS 4150 - Special Topics in FSoS (1 - 4 cr)

FSoS 4152 - Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People in Families (3 cr)

FSoS 4153 - Family Financial Counseling (3 cr)

FSoS 4154W - Families & Aging (3 cr)

FSoS 4155 - Parent-Child Relationships (3 cr)

FSoS 4156 - Legal-Economic Controversies in Families (3 cr)

FSoS 5150 - Special Topics in FSoS (1 – 4 credits)

Advanced/Applied Skill Courses

Select one course from the following:

FSoS 4296—Field Study: Working with Families (4 cr)

FSoS 4296—Research Internship

Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE)

The National Council on Family Relations has approved the Family Social Science Undergraduate Program as meeting the standards and criteria required for the provisional Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) Designation. Visit <http://fsos.che.umn.edu/undergraduate/programinfo/cfle.html> to learn more about this distinction, or call Kevin Green, M.S., C.F.L.E. at (612) 624-1245.

Family Social Science Minor

- Required Courses

FSoS 1101—Intimate Relationships (3 cr)

FSoS 3102—Family Systems and Diversity (3 cr)

- Elective Courses—Select three courses from the following:

FSoS 2103—Family Policy (3 cr)

FSoS 3101—Personal and Family Finance (3 cr)

FSoS 3104—Global and Diverse Families (3 cr)

FSoS 3426—Alcohol and Drugs: Families and Culture (3 cr)

FSoS 4101—Sexuality and Gender (3 cr)

FSoS 4104W—Family Psychology (3 cr)

FSoS 4106—Family Resource Management (3 cr)

FSoS 4152—Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Persons in Families (3 cr)

FSoS 4154—Families and Aging (3 cr)

FSoS 4155—Parent-Child Relationships (3 cr)

Sample Program (this sample program applies to the FSoS major)

Freshman Year, Fall Semester

FSoS 1101—Intimate Relationships (3-4 cr)*

or

FSoS 1201—Human Development in Families: Lifespan

or

one course from one of the following areas: child psychology, human development, psychology, sociology, political science, social work, or anthropology

Rhet 1101—Writing to Inform, Convince, and Persuade (4 cr)

Liberal education electives (7 cr)

Freshman Year, Spring Semester

Rhet 1223—Oral Presentations in Professional Settings (3 cr)

Approved statistics course (3-4 cr)

Liberal education electives (9-10 cr)

Sophomore year, Fall Semester

Econ 1101—Principles of
Microeconomics (4 cr)*

or

ApEc 1101—Principles of
Microeconomics (3 cr)*

FSoS 2101—Preparation for Working
with Families (2 cr)

FSoS 2103—Family Policy (3 cr)

Liberal education electives (7 cr)

Sophomore Year, Spring Semester

FSoS 2105—Family Research (3 cr)*

Liberal education electives (12 cr)

Junior Year, Fall Semester

FSoS 3101—Personal and Family
Finance (3 cr)

FSoS 3102—Family Systems and
Diversity (3 cr)*

FSoS 3104—Global and Diverse
Families (3 cr)

Rhet 3562W—Technical and
Professional Writing (4 cr)

Liberal education elective (3 cr)

Junior Year, Spring Semester

FSoS Professional Core (9 cr)

Liberal education elective (6 cr)

Senior Year, Fall Semester

FSoS Professional Core (9 cr)

Liberal education elective (6 cr)

Senior Year, Spring Semester

FSoS 4296—Field Study: Working with Families (4 cr)

or

FSoS 4294—Research Internship (4 cr)

Liberal education elective (10 cr)

**Courses with an asterisk may be used to fulfill both major and liberal education requirements.*