

# HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES, M.S.

The M.S. in Human Development and Family Studies requires a minimum of 40 credit hours (including thesis) and prepares graduates to conduct research or to embark on a doctoral program of study.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see the Guide to Graduate Admissions (<https://grs.uncg.edu/prospective/guide/>).

In addition to a review of the admission materials required by The Graduate School, the department considers the compatibility of the student's interest areas with those of the faculty and with curriculum emphasis, as well as the student's availability for full-time graduate study.

## Degree Program Requirements

**Required:** 40 credit hours

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core Content (19 credits)</b>		
HDF 640	Professional Seminar	1
HDF 651	Contemporary Research in Human Development	3
HDF 652	Theories of Human Development	3
HDF 653	Contemporary Research in Family Studies	3
HDF 655	Family Theory	3
HDF 656	Race, Class, and Culture	3
HDF 661	Professional Seminar II	1
HDF 745	College Teaching in Human Development and Family Studies	2
<b>Area of Specialization (6 credits)</b>		
Select 6 credits *		6
<b>Statistics and Methodology (9 credits)</b>		
ERM 680	Intermediate Statistical Methods in Education	3
ERM 681	Design and Analysis of Educational Experiments	3
HHS 625	Research Methods in the Health and Human Sciences	3
<b>Research (Capstone Experience) (6 credits)</b>		
HDF 699	Thesis	6
<b>Oral Examination</b>		
Total Credit Hours		40

\* Area of specialization courses are selected jointly by the student and the faculty advisory committee. All 6 credits must be fulfilled through content courses, and at least 3 of the 6 credits must be taken within the Department of Human Development and Family Studies. Research methods and statistics cannot count as area of specialization courses for the M.S. degree.

## M.S. Doctoral Track

Individuals intending to continue on to doctoral studies in Human Development and Family Studies at UNC Greensboro may apply to the M.S. Doctoral Track, which offers exceptionally well-qualified applicants the opportunity to gain admission to the master's and doctoral programs simultaneously. This program is designed for students who would like

to obtain their M.S. and then proceed directly to the Ph.D. program. Students accepted into the Doctoral Track must fulfill all requirements for the M.S. and the Ph.D. and will earn both degrees. Students not accepted into the M.S. Doctoral Track may still be accepted into the M.S. only.