

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES, PH.D.

The Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies requires 91 credit hours beyond the baccalaureate degree (for students entering the program in the M.S. Doctoral Track) or a minimum of 51 credit hours beyond a master's degree. Entering doctoral students who have completed a master's degree at another institution or department must fulfill (or have comparable substitutions for) all of the requirements of the HDF S. degree program. Assessment of prerequisite courses occurs at the time of admission to the program. These requirements must be fulfilled in addition to completing the minimum of 51 credits of course work and research shown below.

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.

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.

Degree Program Requirements

Required: 51 credit hours

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Area of Specialization (18 credits) *		
<i>Development Area</i>		
Select one course (3 credits) from the following:		3
HDF 713	Social and Emotional Development	
HDF 714	Intellectual Development in Young Children	
HDF 716	Seminar in Adolescence	
<i>Family Studies Area</i>		
Select one course (3 credits) from the following:		3
HDF 721	Seminar in Parent-Child Relations	
HDF 723	Divorce, Remarriage, Cohabitation	
HDF 726	Close Relationships in Adulthood	
<i>Sociocultural Context Area</i>		
Select one course (3 credits) from the following:		3
HDF 634	Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood Policy	
HDF 730	Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Child Development	
<i>Structured Electives</i>		
Select 9 credits of structured electives		9

Professional Development/Teaching Practicum (6 credits) **		
HDF 745	College Teaching in Human Development and Family Studies	2
HDF 750	Professional Seminar III	1
HDF 765	College Teaching Practicum in Human Development and Family Studies II	3
Statistics and Methodology (15 credits)		
STA 671	Multivariate Analysis	3
or ERM 782	Multivariate Analysis	
HDF 756	Advanced Research Design in Human Development and Family Studies	3
Select one additional content course (3 credits) in statistical analysis		3
Select one additional content course (3 credits) in research methodology		3
Select one additional content course (3 credits) in either statistical analysis or research methodology		3
Research (12 credits)		
HDF 799	Dissertation Problem	12
Total Credit Hours		51

* *The Ph.D. program requires the completion of 18 credit of elective course work, selected jointly by the student and the faculty advisory committee, beyond the minimum of 9 credits of specialization course work taken for the M.S. Of the 18 credits to be taken for the Ph.D., 9 credits must be fulfilled through structured electives. Specific offerings of HDF 602 Special Topics in Human Development and Family Studies will be eligible for inclusion in target areas specified by the department.*

** *All doctoral students will complete a two-semester teaching practicum supervised by the student's advisor or the advisor's designee. The practicum requires the student to serve as an assistant, then as a co-instructor, of a course (or courses) at the 200, 300, or 400 level.*

Required Milestones*

- Residency (Immersion)
- Plan of Study
- Research Competency
- Comprehensive Exam (Written & Oral)
- Dissertation Proposal
- Admission to Candidacy
- Dissertation Defense
- Filing the Final Approved Dissertation

* *General information about milestones for doctoral programs is available in Section III (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/graduate-policies/#sectioniiisummaryofgraduateschoolregulationsforallcertificatesanddegreestext>) of the Graduate Policies (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/graduate-policies/>) page in the University Catalog. For information about how milestones are accomplished for a specific program, please refer to the doctoral program's handbook.*