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 HDFS M.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.

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

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Area of Specialization (18 credits) *

Development Area

Select one (3 credits) of the following:

- HDF 713 Social and Emotional Development
- HDF 714 Intellectual Development in Young Children
- HDF 716 Seminar in Adolescence

Family Studies Area

Select one (3 credits) of the following:

- HDF 721 Seminar in Parent-Child Relations
- HDF 723 Divorce, Remarriage, Cohabitation
- HDF 726 Close Relationships in Adulthood

Sociocultural Context Area

Select one (3 credits) of the following:

- HDF 634 Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood Policy
- HDF 730 Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Child Development

Structured Electives

Select 9 credit hours of structured electives

Professional Development/Teaching Practicum (6 credits) **

HDF 745 College Teaching in Human Development and Family Studies

HDF 750 Professional Seminar III

HDF 765 College Teaching Practicum in Human Development and Family Studies II

Statistics and Methodology (15 credits)

STA 671 Multivariate Analysis

HDF 756 Advanced Research Design in Human Development and Family Studies

Select one additional content course (3 credits) in statistical analysis

Select one additional content course (3 credits) in research methodology

Select one additional content course (3 credits) in either statistical analysis or research methodology

Research (12 credits)

HDF 799 Dissertation Problem

Total Credit Hours 51

* The Ph.D. program requires the completion of 18 credit hours of elective coursework (selected jointly by the student and the faculty advisory committee) beyond the minimum of 9 credits of specialization coursework 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.

Preliminary Examination

Written and oral preliminary examinations of the student’s knowledge of the specialization area and of research methods, design, and statistical analyses, must be passed prior to commencing the dissertation research.

Requirements for the M.S. and Ph.D. program of study are specified further in departmental curriculum guides.