

# HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES, PH.D.

The Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies requires 89 credit hours beyond the baccalaureate degree (for students entering the program in the M.S./Ph.D. 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.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 coursework 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.

## Degree Program Requirements

**Required:** Minimum 51 credit hours

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Area of Specialization *</b>		18
<i>Development Area</i>		3
Select one of the following:		
HDF 713	Social and Emotional Development	
HDF 714	Intellectual Development in Young Children	
HDF 715	Infant Development	
HDF 716	Seminar in Adolescence	
<i>Family Studies Area</i>		3
Select one of the following:		
HDF 721	Seminar in Parent-Child Relations	
HDF 722	Families in Middle and Later Life	
HDF 723	Divorce, Remarriage, Cohabitation	
HDF 726	Close Relationships in Adulthood	
HDF 727	Contemporary Family Life	
<i>Sociocultural Context Area</i>		3
Select one of the following:		
HDF 634	Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood Policy	
HDF 730	Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Child Development	
HDF 731	Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Families	
<i>Structured Electives</i>		9
Select 9 credit hours of structured electives		
<b>Professional Development/Teaching Practicum **</b>		6
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	
<b>Statistics and Methodology</b>		15

STA 671	Multivariate Analysis
HDF 756	Advanced Research Design in Human Development and Family Studies

Select one additional content course in statistical analysis

Select one additional content course in research methodology

Select one additional content course in either statistical analysis or research methodology

### Research 12

HDF 799	Dissertation Problem
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\* *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 hours 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 and HDF 711 Experimental Course 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.