

FAMILY SCIENCE AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MAJOR, FAMILY SERVICES CONCENTRATION (B.A.)

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Family Science and Human Development prepares students for careers working with youth and families in various settings. A major in Family Science and Human Development may be for you if you answer yes to any of the following questions:

- Are you curious about the way children and adults grow and develop?
- Have you wondered about how environmental and social factors affect physical, cognitive, and emotional development?
- Are you interested in learning more about specific stages of human development such as infancy, childhood, adolescence, and aging?
- Would you like to work with hospitalized children to help reduce the stress of medical treatment on them and their families?
- Have you ever thought about a career in family counseling, working with youth in various settings, working with older adults, or teaching at the preschool or elementary grades level?

Graduates from the program work in a variety of human service settings. These include family and community services; youth service organizations; health care settings; juvenile and adult corrections; family courts system; long term care facilities; and early childhood, elementary, and parent education programs. This degree also provides students with the educational background they need to pursue graduate study in a variety of areas.

The **Family Services** concentration emphasizes the study of the family. Students learn about family development, relationships, dynamics, functioning, health, and resource management. They examine the various cultural, community, and socioeconomic contexts in which families function and study interventions used to support families. The concentration combines family research and theory with application in a variety of human services organizations and community agencies.

Program Requirements Overview

Code	Title	Credits
	General Education Requirements	39
	World Languages and Cultures Requirements	3-6
	Major Requirements	54
	Free Electives	24-21
Total Credits		120

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Family Science and Human Development Core		
FSHD 200	Introduction to the Content Areas in Family Science and Human Development	3
FSHD 304	Research Methods for Studying Families and Human Development	3
FSHD 315	Field Experiences in Family and Human Services	3

or FSHD 316	Service-Learning Experiences with Families and Children	
FSHD 348	Individual and Family Development Over the Life Course	3
FSHD 418	Working with Diverse Families and Children	3
FSHD 445	Poverty and Families	3
Family Services Required Courses		
FSHD 141	Interpersonal Relations	3
FSHD 214	Child Development I	3
FSHD 409	Internship	9
Major Electives		
Select any 9 credits in the Family Science and Human Development department		9
Required Collaterals		
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
Elective Collaterals		
Select 9 credits from one of the following areas of emphasis by advisement:		9
<i>African-American Studies (see African-American Studies minor for course list)</i>		
<i>Arabic Studies (see Arabic Studies minor for course list)</i>		
<i>Asian Studies (see Asian Studies minor for course list)</i>		
<i>Child Advocacy-Social Work (any undergraduate CHAD or SOWK courses)</i>		
<i>Entrepreneurship (any undergraduate ENTR courses)</i>		
<i>Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies (any undergraduate GLQS or WMGS courses)</i>		
<i>Jewish-American Studies (see Jewish-American Studies minor for course list)</i>		
<i>Justice Studies (any undergraduate JUST or PALG courses)</i>		
<i>Latin-American and Latino Studies (see Latin-American and Latino Studies minor for course list)</i>		
<i>Political Science and Law (any undergraduate POLS or LAWS courses)</i>		
<i>Psychology (any undergraduate PSYC courses)</i>		
<i>Public Health (any undergraduate HLTH courses)</i>		
<i>Sociology (any undergraduate SOCI courses)</i>		
Total Credits		54

General Education Requirements

Click here for a list of courses that fulfill General Education categories. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/undergraduate-graduate-degree-requirements/general-ed-ba-bs/>)

Code	Title	Credits
A. New Student Seminar		
	Complete a 1 credit New Student Seminar course.	1
C. Communication		
	1. Writing	3
	2. Literature	3
	3. Communication	3
D. Fine and Performing Arts		
	Complete a 3 credit Fine and Performing Arts course.	3
F. Humanities		
	1. Great Works and Their Influences	3
	2. Philosophical and Religious Perspectives	3

G. Computer Science	
Complete a 3 credit Computer Science course.	3
H. Mathematics	
Complete a 3 credit Mathematics course.	3
I. Natural Science Laboratory	
Complete a 4 credit Natural Science Laboratory course.	4
J. Physical Education	
Complete a 1 credit Physical Education course.	1
K. Social Science	
1. <i>American and European History</i>	3
2. <i>Global Cultural Perspectives</i>	3
3. <i>Social Science Perspectives</i>	
PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology (Fulfilled in the major.)	
L. Interdisciplinary Studies	
Complete a 3 credit Interdisciplinary Studies course.	3
Total Credits	39

World Languages and Cultures Requirements

Click here for a list of courses that fulfill World Languages and Cultures categories. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/undergraduate-graduate-degree-requirements/world-languages-cultures-requirement/>)

Code	Title	Credits
World Languages		
Based on placement exam complete one or two sequential courses in 3-6 one language.		
World Cultures		
FSDH 445	Poverty and Families (Fulfilled in the major.)	
Total Credits		3-6

Recommended Roadmap to Degree Completion

This recommended four-year plan is provided as an outline for students to follow in order to complete their degree requirements within four years. This plan is a recommendation and students should only use it in consultation with their academic advisor.

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
GENERAL EDUCATION: (A) New Student Seminar		1
GENERAL EDUCATION: (C1) Writing		3
Credits		4
Spring		
GENERAL EDUCATION: (C2) Literature		3
GENERAL EDUCATION: (C3) Communication		3
Credits		6
Total Credits		10