

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

The concentration requirements for this program emphasize the study of the family. Through this lens, 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 across the lifespan with a strong emphasis on gerontology. This interdisciplinary program is unique in that students take several service-learning courses and complete a part time internship enabling them to work with older adults in a variety of community settings. Students who complete this concentration are prepared to work in careers in aging at a time when our society is challenged to provide services for a diverse and growing population of older adults. Job opportunities for gerontology students are in community service agencies, senior living facilities, long term care facilities, community recreation programs and senior citizen centers. This degree also provides students with the educational background they need to pursue graduate study in a variety of areas.

Program Requirements

Students must complete 42 credits of General Education requirements (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/undergraduate-graduate-degree-requirements/general-ed-ba-bs>) and 3-9 credits of World Languages and Cultures Requirements (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/undergraduate-graduate-degree-requirements/world-languages-cultures-requirement>).

Code	Title	Credits
Family and Child Studies Core		
FSHD 200	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
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 and Child Studies Major Electives		
Select 3 credits of the following:		3
FSHD 100	Professional Orientation	
FSHD 140	Family in Society	
FSHD 141	Interpersonal Relations	
FSHD 205	Women in Contemporary Society	
FSHD 210	Introduction to Child Life	
FSHD 214	Child Development I	
FSHD 215	Infant Development	
FSHD 216	Techniques for the Study of Child Personality	
FSHD 217	Family Stress and Coping	
FSHD 225	Exploring Family Diversity	
FSHD 230	Dynamics of One-To-One Communication	

FSHD 231	The Family in the Economic System	
FSHD 240	Volunteer in the Community	
FSHD 241	Group Dynamics	
FSHD 270	Individual and Professional Development in Family Science and Human Development	
FSHD 275	Comparative Studies of Global Families	
FSHD 300	Field Trip Experiences in Family Science and Human Development	
FSHD 308	Independent Study	
FSHD 310	Teaching Daily Living Skills to Special Needs Populations	
FSHD 313	Organization and Management of Child Care Centers	
FSHD 314	Child Development II: Adolescence	
FSHD 316	Service-Learning Experiences with Families and Children	
FSHD 317	Fieldwork Experience in Family Science and Human Development: The Hospitalized Child	
FSHD 318	Gender Development Across the Life Course	
FSHD 320	Parenting Skills and Resources	
FSHD 322	Play Techniques in Working with Children	
FSHD 328	Peer Counseling	
FSHD 329	Theories and Techniques of Group Processes	
FSHD 331	Money Management	
FSHD 332	Action Approaches to Personal Awareness	
FSHD 342	Family Sociology	
FSHD 344	Challenge of Aging	
FSHD 345	Gender in a Changing World	
FSHD 350	Immigrant Families	
FSHD 370	Individual and Family Problem-Solving	
FSHD 401	Advanced Research Methods in Family Science and Human Development	
FSHD 408	Workshop in Family Science and Human Development	
FSHD 411	Sibling Relationships	
FSHD 415	Child in the Community	
FSHD 419	Special Studies in Family and Child Services	
FSHD 430	Evidence-Based Family Policy and Analysis	
FSHD 448	Family Counseling	
FSHD 470	Family Management	
Gerontology Concentration		
<i>Required Courses</i>		
FSHD 201	Social Gerontology: The Study of Aging	3
FSHD 305	Death and Bereavement in the Family	3
FSHD 325	Adult Development and Aging	3
FSHD 340	Aging and Social Policy	3
FSHD 360	Families in Later Life	3
FSHD 400	Senior Seminar	3
FSHD 409	Internship	6-12
<i>Required Gerontology Collateral Courses</i>		
BIOL 110	The Biology of Human Life	4
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
Select one of the following:		3

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HLTH 440	Health Aspects of Aging	
PEMJ 340	Fitness and the Aging Process	
SOCI 309	Sociology of Health and Illness	
<i>Elective Gerontology Collateral Courses</i>		
Select one of the following:		2-3
ANTH 350	Anthropology of Aging and the Aged	
MUTH 100	Introduction to Music Therapy	
PALG 322	Wills, Trusts and Probate Law	
PALG 413	Elder Law	
PSYC 268	Psychological Aspects of Aging	
PSYC 302	Health Psychology	
Total Credits		57-64