

# Family Sciences

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## College of Agriculture, Food & Environment

The Department of Family Sciences offers M.S. and Ph.D. programs in Family Sciences. For more details and to apply for one of our graduate programs, see [www.fam.uky.edu/grad](http://www.fam.uky.edu/grad).

### **Master of Science in Family Sciences**

Areas of emphasis within the master's program are: (a) adolescent development, (b) aging, (c) couples and family therapy, (d) family finance and economics, and (e) family processes. The curriculum for each emphasis area except couples and family therapy requires a minimum of 30 credit hours, comprised of 15 credit hours of core courses (FAM 601, FAM 652, FAM 654, FAM 668, and FAM 690), 5 hours of electives, 3 hours of a data analysis or program evaluation course, 1 hour of a professional development seminar, and 6 credit hours for the thesis (Plan A) or scholarly project (Plan B).

The couple and family therapy emphasis area is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) and requires a prescribed curriculum totaling 53 credit hours (2 years, including one summer), comprised of 15 credit hours of core family sciences courses, 18 hours of core couples and family therapy courses, 10 hours of supervised practicum, 3 hours of a data analysis or program evaluation course, 1 hour of a professional development seminar, and 6 credit hours for the thesis (Plan A) or scholarly project (Plan B).

#### **Admission Requirements**

Students must have a bachelor's degree prior to admission into the master's program. Admissions are conducted one time each year; the application deadline is January 15 for admission Fall Semester of the same calendar year. Applicants must submit a statement of their academic goals for the M.S. degree and three letters of recommendation. See [www.fam.uky.edu/apply/](http://www.fam.uky.edu/apply/) for details.

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

Areas of emphasis within the doctoral program are: (a) adolescent development, (b) aging, (c) family finance and economics, and (d) family processes. The doctoral program is a research-based curriculum designed particularly for those desiring a research career in family science, including positions at colleges and universities, program evaluation positions in public and private settings focusing on individuals and the family, and administrative positions in public and private human services prevention and intervention settings.

The curriculum is competency based, but minimal coursework requirements prior to the qualifying examination include 2 years of residency and 36 credit hours, comprised of 20 credit hours of foundational courses (if not taken in master's program), 9 hours of research methods and theory, 9 credit hours of statistics, 7 credit hours of professional development, and 15 credit hours in a specialization area.

#### **Admission Requirements**

Master's level practitioners, educators, and researchers in the social sciences are best suited for the doctoral program. Previous research experience is desirable, but not required. Although students generally must have a master's degree prior to admission into the doctoral program, particularly outstanding applicants who have earned a bachelor's degree but not a master's degree may be considered for admission into the doctoral program.

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For additional information, see [fam.uky.edu/grad](http://fam.uky.edu/grad) or contact the Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Family Sciences, 315 Funkhouser, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0054 or 859.257.7750.

## Graduate Courses

FAM 502	Families And Children Under Stress	(3)
FAM 553	Parent-Child Relationships Across The Lifecycle	(3)
FAM 554	Working With Parents	(3)
FAM 563	Families, Legislation And Public Policy	(3)
FAM 585	Aging And Environment (Same As GEO 585/GRN 585)	(3)
FAM 601	Family Processes	(3)
FAM 624	Perspectives On Human Sexuality (Same As SW 624)	(3)
FAM 640	Using The Dsm In Mft Assessment	(3)
FAM 652	Readings In Family Theory And Research	(3)
FAM 654	The Lifecourse Perspective On Families	(3)
FAM 658	Adolescent Development	(3)
FAM 660	Aging Issues And Family Relations (Same As GRN 660)	(3)
FAM 661	Health And Financial Issues Of Aging Families	(3)
FAM 668	Allocation Of Family Resources	(3)
FAM 673	Family Life Education	(3)
FAM 685	Professional Issues In Marriage And Family Intervention	(3)
FAM 686	Theory And Methods In Marriage And Family Therapy	(3)
FAM 687	Treatment Modalities In Marriage And Family Therapy	(3)
FAM 690	Research Methods In Family Sciences	(3)
FAM 699	Field Experiences In Family Sciences	(1-3)
FAM 740	Couple And Sex Therapy	(3)
FAM 748	Master's Thesis Research	(0)
FAM 749	Dissertation Research	(0)
FAM 755	Advanced Theory And Dynamics Of Human Development Across The Life Course	(3)
FAM 759	Special Advanced Topics In Family Sciences	(1-3)
FAM 767	Dissertation Residency Credit	(2)
FAM 768	Residence Credit For The Master's Degree	(1-6)
FAM 769	Residence Credit For The Doctor's Degree	(0-12)
FAM 775	Professional Development Seminar	(1-3)
FAM 776	Proseminar In Marriage And Family Therapy (Subtitle Required)	(1-3)
FAM 777	Applied Statistics In Family Science	(3)
FAM 784	Research Practicum In Family Sciences	(3)
FAM 785	Advanced Problems In Family Sciences	(1-3)
FAM 786	Teaching Practicum In Family Sciences	(3)
FAM 787	Supervised Experience In The Practice Of Marriage And Family Therapy	(1-6)
FAM 790	Advanced Research Methods In Family Sciences	(3)