



Family Studies FAQs

1. What is family studies?

Family studies is an interdisciplinary program. Therefore, we draw on—and contribute to—multiple disciplines in order to serve families. Family Studies is field through which graduates use research findings to create programs, policies, and practices to improve the environments in which children, youth, adults, and families interact.

2. What types of careers can I pursue with a degree in Family Studies?

- Policy Analysts
- Family Therapists
- Family Court Mediators
- Family Marketing Strategists
- Family Finance Educators
- Mental Health Counselors
- Military Family Support

- Early Childhood Educators
- Child Welfare Advocates
- Healthcare and Family Wellness Specialists
- Directors of Aging Services
- Researchers
- ...and MORE!

3. What types of classes do Family Studies students take?

That's the best part- a major in Family Studies is as broad or as focused as you want to make it. We invite you to cater your major to YOUR interests while at the same time gaining a foundation in competencies relevant to your life as a professional, citizen, and family member.

4. Do any of the Family Studies courses count as "core double-dip" offerings?

Yes- below we name a few, but because we are an interdisciplinary program, MANY of our courses meet core requirements:

COMM 220: Interpersonal Communication (fulfils Writing to Learn core requirement)

EDUC 329: Diverse Learners & Families (fulfils Diversity/Social Justice core requirement)

ENTR 349: Family Business Management (fulfils Writing in the Discipline core requirement)

FAST 200: Foundations of Family Studies (fulfils Writing to Learn core requirement)

FAST 400: Family Studies Capstone Seminar (fulfils Writing in the Discipline core requirement)

PSYC 200: Psychology of Infancy & Childhood (fulfils FYE Human Well-Being core requirement)

PSYC 202: Lifespan Development (fulfils FYE Human Well-Being core requirement)

PSYC 203: Psychology of Adolescence (fulfils FYE Changemaking; FYE Human Well-Being;

CommonGood/Community-Engaged core requirements)

SOCI 321: Global Marriages and Families (fulfils Global Perspective; CommGood/Changemaking core requirement)

SOWK 291: The Anatomy of Violence (fulfils Global Perspective, FYE Changemaking, FYE Human Wellbeing, and Sustainability core requirements)

SOWK 240: People and Environment: Theories of Behavior, Justice (fulfils Diversity/Social Justice; FYE Environmental Sustainability; FYE Human Well-being; Sustainability core requirements

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