DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SCIENCES

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The mission of the Department of Family Sciences is to prepare educators and leaders who respect differences, celebrate diversity, and promote social justice, and to foster the education of educators, family scientists, and leaders who make significant and valued contributions to the quality of living, learning, and leadership in communities, schools and related human development contexts.

The department is dedicated to enriching the initial and continuing professional development of educators and family scientists fostering excellence in teaching, family and community services and leadership, promoting critical inquiry through scholarship, research and other creative activities, engaging in collaborative activities that further human development and family relationships and networks, and providing service to individuals, families, communities and outreach.

Undergraduate Degrees Offered

- B.S. in Child Development (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/professional-education/family-sciences/child-development-bs) The B.S. in Child Development prepares students to work with children, adolescents, and families in various educational and community settings.
- B.S. in Child Development (Child Life Emphasis) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/professional-education/family-sciences/child-development-bs-emphasis-child-life) The Child Life Emphasis track incorporates course work to provide the specialized knowledge needed to work with children in health care settings. Students who complete the academic and clinical requirements are eligible to pursue certification as Child Life Specialists.
- B.S. in Child Development (Pre-Physical Therapy) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/professional-education/family-sciences/child-development-bs-physical-therapy) The Pre-Physical Therapy track incorporates elective and pre-requisite courses to prepare students for entry into a doctoral program in physical therapy.
- B.S. in Child Development (Pre-Occupational Therapy) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/professional-education/family-sciences/child-development-bs-occupational-therapy) and B.S. in Family Studies (Pre-Occupational Therapy) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/professional-education/family-sciences/family-studies-bs-occupational-therapy) The Pre-Occupational Therapy track on either the Child Development or Family Studies degree plan incorporates elective and pre-requisite courses to prepare students for entry into a master’s program in occupational therapy.
- B.S. in Family Studies (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/professional-education/family-sciences/family-studies-bs) The B.S. in Family Studies prepares students to work with individuals and families in various community, agency, and social service settings.
- B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences (6-12 Composite Certification) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/professional-education/family-sciences/family-consumer-sciences-bs-composite-certification) The B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences composite degree prepares students to pursue certification to teach a variety of FCS courses at grade levels 6-12.
- B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences (8-12 Hospitality, Nutrition, and Food Sciences Certification) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/professional-education/family-sciences/family-consumer-sciences-bs-specialized-certification-hospitality-nutrition-food-sciences) This specialized degree track prepares students to pursue certification to teach hospitality, nutrition, and food science courses at grade levels 8-12.
- B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences (8-12 Human Development and Family Studies Certification) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/professional-education/family-sciences/family-consumer-sciences-bs-specialized-certification-human-development-family-studies) This specialized degree track prepares students to pursue certification to teach human development and family studies courses at grade levels 8-12.

The Department of Family Sciences also offers early childhood education classes in support of the EC-6 Generalist Certification program offered through Interdisciplinary Studies.

Admissions

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information). The following degrees have additional secondary admission criteria:

- B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences (6-12 Composite Certification) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/professional-education/family-sciences/family-consumer-sciences-bs-composite-certification)
- B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences (8-12 Hospitality, Nutrition, and Food Sciences Certification) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/professional-education/family-sciences/family-consumer-sciences-bs-specialized-certification-hospitality-nutrition-food-sciences)

Courses

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FS 1001. Seminar in Family Sciences. Qualities which identify family sciences as a profession, historical aspects, mission, interrelationship of specialization, career options. One lecture hour a week. Credit: One hour.

FS 1513. Human Development. Development from infancy through old age; familial and societal influences; varied theoretical perspectives. Includes 15-hour observation experience. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 1603. Child in the Family and Community. (TCCN TECA 1303) Effective ways for home, school, and community to contribute to the optimal development of a child. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 2003. Diversity in Contemporary Families: A Global Perspective. Examination of diverse family systems and structures focusing on cultural, demographic, and historical influences. Analysis of differences and similarities with respect to family form and ethnicity. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.
FS 2503. Development of Infants and Toddlers. Prenatal development; the physical, mental, emotional, and social development of infants and toddlers, birth to 36 months of age; the care and guidance of infants and toddlers. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 2513. Early Childhood Development. (TCCN TECA 1354) Physical, mental, emotional, and social growth of the child from three through eight years. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 2523. Wellness of the Young Child. (TCCN TECA 1318) Introduction to factors that impact the well-being of the young child including safety, healthy behavior, fitness, nutrition, and food. Focus on local and national standards and legal implications of relevant policies and regulation for young children birth through eight. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 2563. Childhood Guidance. Patterns and theory of behavior and guidance in relation to developmental stages of childhood; includes 15 hours of observation in an early childhood program. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 3323. Separation and Loss. Systemic interactions in families dealing with loss and separation from a developmental perspective. Special focus on different types of loss (e.g., death, injury, divorce, deployment, incarceration, and sudden loss vs. anticipated loss) and the impact on the individual and the family. Interventions and strategies used by child development professionals to assist children, adolescents, and family members in dealing with loss and separation, ethical issues, self-care, and professional boundaries related to working with children and families throughout a loss. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 3403. Concept Development in Early Childhood Programs. Appropriate cognitive and affective concepts, activities, and programs for young children; includes 24 hours field experience in an early childhood classroom. Prerequisites: FS 2513 and FS 2563. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 3413. Program Planning and Administration of Programs for Young Children. Program planning and administrative techniques, evaluation of children's individual growth and development, techniques for encouraging parent involvement, evaluation of quality environment for young children, and consideration of ethical issues; includes 24 hours of field experience/direct observation in varied programs for young children over the course of the semester. Prerequisites: FS 2513 and FS 2563. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 3423. Play and Development in Early Childhood. Theoretical and empirical bases for understanding the play of young children. Examination of the role of play in human development through multiple theoretical lenses and across multiple developmental domains (cognitive, social, emotional, and physical). Three hours of direct observations of young children's free play experiences. Prerequisite: FS 1513 or FS 2513. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 3513. Childhood and Adolescence. Physical, mental, emotional, and social growth of the individual from six through adolescence: guidance techniques. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 3523. The Care and Education of Children: A Global Perspective. How social or political systems, geographic locale and cultural values shape views of children and influence their care and education. Emphasis on differences in attitudes and values when comparing western and non-western perspectives. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 3533. Research Methods in Family Sciences. Development of foundational knowledge of research methodology typically used in the study of children and families; emphasis on both qualitative and quantitative research designs. Prerequisite: Junior standing. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 3563. Creative Arts and Literature for Young Children. An exploration of theory, practice, and materials for teaching young children music, movement, visual arts, and literature through process-oriented experiences to support divergent thinking. Includes 24 hours of direct observation in a child care facility. Prerequisites: FS 2513 and FS 2563. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 3573. Creative Arts for Elementary School Aged Children. Theoretical and empirical bases for creative arts experiences in education; concepts, terminology, processes, skills, histories, and application of visual arts, music, and theatre arts in elementary education. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 3613. Crisis in the American Family. Special situations affecting the family system: alcoholism, chronic illness, death, delinquency, divorce, drug dependence, mental retardation, mental illness, and mobility. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 3633. Older Persons and the Family. Psychological characteristics of aging persons; family implications; developmental needs; interactions with children and extended family; attitudes toward sex, death, independence/dependence; legal and ethical concerns. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 3663. Foundations of Early Childhood Education. Theoretical and historical foundations of early childhood education programs; preschool and kindergarten goals, childcare, staffing, management, and evaluation; trends and issues including legal mandates, special needs, and teacher responsibilities. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 3713. Family Housing. Housing requirements for today's families; principles of house planning; understanding of basic construction and services; procedures of home financing; consideration of community planning, zoning, and orientation in choosing location. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 3723. Field Experience in Family and Consumer Sciences Occupations. Supervised field experience/teaching in family and consumer sciences occupations. One lecture and eight laboratory hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 3733. Family Life and Consumer Education. Organization, planning, and implementation of family life and consumer education programs. Emphasis placed on curriculum, methods of delivery, resources, evaluation, and professional ethics. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.


FS 4233. Applied Design for Home and Family. Use of design principles and available interior materials to achieve physically, psychologically, and aesthetically healthy home interiors for families across the lifespan. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 4403. Child Life: Working With Hospitalized Children and Families. Research in Child Life and related areas; application of developmentally appropriate practice in a health care setting; mission, goals, and values of the Child Life profession. Prerequisites: FS 2513, FS 2563, FS 3403, and FS 3563. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.
FS 4523. Family Development. Development and relationships of individual family members through the stages of the family life cycle and family crises. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 4533. Communication and the Family. Recognition, development, and utilization of effective communication in a family milieu. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 4543. Developmental Sexuality. Sexuality across the lifespan with emphasis on sex education within the family. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 4583. Parenting Issues and Education. Contemporary issues in parenting, including effective resource materials for parent education. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.


FS 4703. Methods of Teaching in Family And Consumer Sciences. In-depth study of teaching methods utilized in family and consumer science education for teacher certification. Consideration is given to learning styles, daily planning, delivery and management techniques, career and technology, and professional ethics. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 4713. Family Economics. The family as a consuming unit. Development of consumer skills in the market place. Federal protection laws and agencies. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 4733. Family Financial Planning. Personal finances for the family, including spending plans, credit, savings, insurance, taxes, and investments. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 4773. Family Resource Management. Principles of organization and management; use of resources; decision-making; work simplification; time management; application of management principles to family problems; conflict management. Prerequisite: Senior standing. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.


FS 4903. Special Topics. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 4911. Independent Study. Intensive study of a topic of individual or professional interest in Family Sciences. Credit: One hour.

FS 4913. Independent Study. Intensive study of a topic of individual or professional interest in Family Sciences. Credit: Three hours.


FS 4943. Practicum in Family Sciences II. Supervised field experience in family sciences. Clinical and educational experiences working with families. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. Ten practicum hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

FS 4953. Cooperative Education. Credit: Three hours.

Faculty

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