

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FAMILY STUDIES

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/human-sciences/undergraduate-programs/family-studies/>

The Bachelor of Science degree in Family Studies is a broad human services degree that may lead to employment working with families in social service agencies ranging from child to geriatric services, as well as church and family planning agencies. It is also an appropriate major for those interested in graduate degrees leading to careers in family therapy, family life education, occupational therapy, and counseling and development.

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Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/thecb-60x30-strategic-plan/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

1. Deliver family services to individuals, families, and communities.
2. Written communication skills.
3. Interpersonal skills.
4. Leadership skills.

Admissions

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/>).

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): 120

Major: 64 SCH

Program Code: FAMLYSTUD.BS; **CIP Code:** 19.0701.00

Texas Core Curriculum

Code	Title	SCHs
ENG 1013	Composition I (10)	3
ENG 1023	Composition II (10)	3
Mathematics (20)		3
Life & Physical Sciences (30)		6
Language, Philosophy, & Culture (40)		3
Creative Arts (50)		3

HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865 (60)	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present (60)	3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government (70)	3
POLS 2023	Texas Government (70)	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences (80)		3
CAO: Multicultural-Women's Studies (90)		3
CAO: First Year Seminar, Wellness or Mathematics (91)		3
Total SCHs		42

Courses Required for Major

Code	Title	SCHs
HDFS 1001	Seminar in Family Sciences	1
HDFS 1513	Human Development (*)	3
HDFS 1603	Child in the Family and Community	3
HDFS 2003	Diversity in Contemporary Families: A Global Perspective (*)	3
HDFS 2513	Early Childhood Development	3
HDFS 3513	Childhood and Adolescence	3
or HDFS 2503	Development of Infants and Toddlers	
HDFS 3533	Research Methods in Family Sciences	3
HDFS 3613	Crisis in the American Family (*)	3
HDFS 3633	Older Persons and the Family	3
HDFS 3733	Family Life and Consumer Education (*)	3
HDFS 4103	Issues and Trends in Family Sciences	3
HDFS 4523	Family Development (*)	3
HDFS 4533	Communication and the Family (*)	3
HDFS 4543	Developmental Sexuality (*)	3
HDFS 4583	Parenting Issues and Education (*)	3
HDFS 4603	Occupational Issues in Family Sciences (*)	3
HDFS 4713	Family Economics	3
or HDFS 3713	Family Housing	
HDFS 4733	Family Financial Planning	3
HDFS 4773	Family Resource Management (*)	3
HDFS 4803	Public Policy: Family Sciences Perspectives (*)	3
HDFS 4923	Professional Development in Family Sciences (Grade of "B" or better required)	3
HDFS 4943	Practicum in Family Sciences (*) Grade of "B" or better required)	3
Total SCHs		64

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Departmental Requirements

Code	Title	SCHs
NFS 2343	Nutritional Management for the Family and Child	3

Electives	11
Total SCHs	14

Recommended Plan of Study

First Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
UNIV 1231	Learning Frameworks: the First-Year Seminar	EDUC 1100, EDUC 1200, EDUC 1300	1
ENG 1013	Composition I	ENGL 1301	3
HDFS 1513	Human Development		3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	HIST 1301	3
MATH 1013	Financial and Quantitative Literacy	MATH 1332	3
Elective			2

SCHs 15

Spring		TCCN	SCHs
HDFS 1001	Seminar in Family Sciences (Must take during 1st or 2nd semester)		1
ENG 1023	Composition II	ENGL 1302	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	HIST 1302	3
Creative Arts Core			3
Social & Behavioral Sciences Core			3
Wellness Core			2

SCHs 15

Second Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
HDFS 1603	Child in the Family and Community	TECA 1303	3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	GOVT 2305	3
Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core			3
Life & Physical Sciences Core			3
Multicultural Women's Studies Core			3

SCHs 15

Spring		TCCN	SCHs
HDFS 2003	Diversity in Contemporary Families: A Global Perspective		3
HDFS 2513	Early Childhood Development	TECA 1354	3
HDFS 3513 or 2503	Childhood and Adolescence or Development of Infants and Toddlers		3
POLS 2023	Texas Government	GOVT 2306	3
Life & Physical Sciences Core			3

SCHs 15

Summer		TCCN	SCHs
NFS 2343	Nutritional Management for the Family and Child (only offered in the summer)		3

SCHs 3

Third Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
HDFS 3613	Crisis in the American Family		3
HDFS 3733	Family Life and Consumer Education		3

HDFS 4103	Issues and Trends in Family Sciences	3
HDFS 4523	Family Development	3
Electives		3

SCHs 15

Spring		TCCN	SCHs
HDFS 3533	Research Methods in Family Sciences		3
HDFS 3633	Older Persons and the Family		3
HDFS 4533	Communication and the Family		3
HDFS 4543	Developmental Sexuality		3
Electives			3

SCHs 15

Fourth Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
HDFS 4603	Occupational Issues in Family Sciences		3
HDFS 4713	Family Economics		3
HDFS 4773	Family Resource Management		3
HDFS 4923	Professional Development in Family Sciences		3
Electives			3

SCHs 15

Spring		TCCN	SCHs
HDFS 4583	Parenting Issues and Education		3
HDFS 4733	Family Financial Planning		3
HDFS 4803	Public Policy: Family Sciences Perspectives		3
HDFS 4943	Practicum in Family Sciences		3

SCHs 12

Total SCHs: 120

** Please note that this plan of study only includes one summer course. Students can reduce the number of courses taken in Fall and Spring if they opt to take additional courses in the summer.