FAMILY STUDIES MINOR

Minor Requirements

The family studies minor requires a minimum of 18 credit hours, with no more than six credit hours coming from the student's major area (for example, SOWK majors cannot apply more than six credits of SOWK courses toward the minor). Note that some courses have prerequisites that must be completed before enrollment. Some courses may be restricted to students enrolled in particular majors.

One introductory course is required: either FAM 133 or SOCI 374.

For FECO focus students, six other credit hours are required and must be selected from these areas: Development and Family Processes, and Social and System Impacts on Families. Six additional credits may be selected from these two areas or from approved electives.

For GERO focus students, nine additional credits of core required courses and three credits from approved electives must be completed.

Each focus requires completion of a linked three credit capstone experience: For FECO: FAM 400 and FAM 401; for GERO: FAM 400 and IPE 313—002.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Course		
FAM 133	The Contemporary Family	3
or SOCI 374	Sociology of Families	
Subtotal		3
Focuses		
Choose one of the following:		15
Family Ecology Focus		
Gerontology Focus		
Subtotal		15
Total Credits		**18**

Focuses

Family Ecology Focus

Code	Title	Credits
Family Development and Process		
Choose one of the following:		3
EXED 306	Lifespan Issues for Individuals with Disabilities [1]	
FAM 300	Child Development	
or PSYC 365	Developmental Psychology	
FAM/SOWK 325	Parent-Child Relationships Across the Lifespan	
HTH 372	Human Sexuality	
HTH 471	Health Aspects of Gerontology	
PSYC 450	Psychology of Child Abuse and Neglect	
or SOWK 34(	Violence in Families	
PSYC 475	Psychology of Adulthood	
SCOM 440	Family Communication [2]	
SOWK 387	Working with Adolescents	
Subtotal		3
Social and System Impacts on Families		
Choose one of the following:		3
FAM/SOWK 347	Issues Affecting LGBTQIAP+ Individuals and Their Families	
GERN/SOCI 280	Social Gerontology	
GERN/SOWK 372	Programs and Services for Older Adults	
HIST 320	Women in U.S. History	
NSG 326	Care and Consideration for Children and Young Adults with Disabilities	
NSG 390	Impact of Chronic Illness	
SOCI 303	Sociology of Death and Dying	
SOCI/WGSS 337	Sociology of Gender	
SOWK 332	Community Mental Health Practice	
SOWK 338	Issues and Policies in Family Services	
SOWK 342	Child Welfare Services	
SOWK 362	Social Work with Immigrants and Refugees	
Subtotal		3
Electives		
Choose six credit hours of additional courses from Social and System Impacts on Families and/or Family Development and Process clusters or the following:		6
FAM/SOWK 327	Substance Use Interventions	
FAM/NPS/ SOWK 375	Grant Writing for Agencies	
FAM/SOWK 386	Youth Empowerment Strategies (YES)	
FAM 487	Special Topics in Family Studies	
FAM 490	Special Studies in Family Studies [3]	
HTH/IPE/ SOWK 314	Rural Health: An Interprofessional Approach	
IPE 313	Issues and Applications of Family Caregiving: Caregiver's Community Network (FECO focus students limited to one credit section; can be repeated up to three credits)	
Subtotal		6
Frameworks and Focus Capstone Courses		
FAM 400	Theory Survey [4]	1
FAM 401	Issues and Applications [4]	2
Subtotal		3
Total Credits		**15**

1. Special education non-teaching and chronic illness concentration students only.
2. SCOM majors and minors only.
3. Can be taken for a total of six credits.
4. Must be taken in same semester

Gerontology Focus

Code	Title	Credits
Foundation Courses		
GERN/SOCI 280	Social Gerontology [1]	3
GERN/SOWK 372	Programs and Services for Older Adults	3

PSYC 160	Life Span Human Development [C5SD]	3
Subtotal		9
Elective Course		
Choose one of the following:		3
BIO 301	Introductory Neuroscience	
FAM/SOWK 325	Parent-Child Relationships Across the Lifespan	
GERN 450	Palliative and Hospice Care: An Interdisciplinary Approach	
GERN 487	Special Topics in Gerontology	
GERN 490	Special Studies in Gerontology	
HTH 378	The Use and Effects of Drugs	
HTH 471	Health Aspects of Gerontology	
IPE 313	Issues and Applications of Family Caregiving: Caregiver's Community Network [2]	
IPE/NSG 415	Ethical Decision-Making in Healthcare: An Interprofessional Approach [3]	
NSG 310	Helping Persons in Pain	
NSG 322	Integrative Health Care	
NSG 328	Life, Death, and the In-Between	
NSG 391	Living Successfully with Chronic Illness	
SOCI 303	Sociology of Death and Dying	
SOWK/HTH/IPE 314	Rural Health: An Interprofessional Approach	
Subtotal		3
Frameworks and Focus Capstone Courses		
FAM 400	Theory Survey [4]	1
IPE 313	Issues and Applications of Family Caregiving: Caregiver's Community Network [4,5]	2
Subtotal		3
Total Credits		**15**

1. Health Services Administration majors may substitute HSA 290.
2. GERO focus students can take IPE 313-001 as an elective for one credit hour.
3. SOWK majors must take IPE 415 concurrent with SOWK 465.
4. Must be taken in same semester.
5. GERO focus students must take IPE 313-002 for two credit hours for capstone credit.