### MS & PhD in Human Development & Family Studies (HDFS)

Degree checklist and recommended timeline for students who enter our program without a master’s degree

#### YEAR ONE

**Fall semester (13 hours)**
- HDFS 500: Professional Development (1) (counted on PhD)
- *HDFS 501: Human Development Theories (4)
- *HDFS 590: Advanced Research Methods (4)
- *HDFS 599: MS Thesis Research (4)

**Spring semester (12 hours)**
- *HDFS 521: Family Theories (4)
- *HDFS 582 or 591: Qualitative Methods (E or G) (4)
- *HDFS 594: Intermediate Statistical Analysis (4)

#### YEAR TWO

**Fall semester (12 hours)**
- HDFS 597 or other Advanced Statistical Analysis (4)
- HDFS Substantive Course (2 or 4) ________
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- *HDFS 599: MS Thesis Research (4) ________

**Spring semester (12 hours)**
- HDFS 582 or 591: Qualitative Methods (E or G) (4)
- HDFS Substantive Course (2 or 4) ________
- HDFS Substantive Course (2 or 4) ________
- *HDFS 599: MS Thesis Research (4) ________
- Deposit master’s thesis

#### YEAR THREE

**Fall semester (12 hours)**
- Qualifying exam (eligible after completing all theory & methods plus 2 substantive courses)
- Elective Courses: ___________________________
- HDFS 599: PhD Thesis Research ________

**Spring semester (12 hours)**
- Preliminary exam (eligible after passing Qual)
- Elective Courses ___________________________
- HDFS 599: PhD Thesis Research ________

#### YEAR FOUR

**Fall semester (12 hours)**
- HDFS 500: Professional Development (1)
- Elective Courses: ___________________________
- HDFS 599: PhD Thesis Research ________

**Spring semester (12 hours)**
- Elective Courses ___________________________
- HDFS 599: PhD Thesis Research ________

#### YEAR FIVE (12 hours each fall and spring)
- HDFS 599: PhD Thesis Research ________
- Final defense & deposit of dissertation

### MS Degree Requirements

The MS consists of YEAR ONE required courses (24 hours, designated by an *) plus the master’s thesis (8 hours) for a total of 32 hours.

The master’s thesis should be deposited by the end of YEAR TWO.

### The PhD Degree

The PhD consists of required courses (advanced statistics and two of three qualitative methods 582, 591 E or 591 G) plus 4 substantive courses, 2 HDFS 500 credits, and enough elective courses to reach the required 42 total coursework hours. In addition, the PhD requires 22 PhD thesis hours for a total of 64 hours.

Thesis hours help the student maintain full time status during the academic year as well summer. Although there is no limit to how many thesis hours a student can take, only 22 will be counted towards the PhD.

Substantive courses are 500 level HDFS courses that focus on a specialized empirical area (see list).

HDFS 450 and 550 are internship courses and thus do not meet the substantive requirement. They are recommended, and may be counted as electives.

No more than 8 hours of HDFS 598 may be used as elective credit.

Students who enter our PhD program with a master’s degree typically do not need to take any elective courses. Students are recommended to take electives, but they may not be necessary.

### HDFS Substantive Courses

- HDFS 503: Social-Emotional Development
- HDFS 505: Advanced Adolescence
- HDFS 523: Ethnic Families
- HDFS 526: Intimate Partner Violence
- HDFS 527: Family Resiliency
- HDFS 528: Parenting
- HDFS 529: Youth and Family Acculturation
- HDFS 533: Communities in American Society
- HDFS 534: Neighborhood and Human Development
- HDFS 539: Youth, Culture, and Society
- HDFS 540: Gender and Sexuality
- HDFS 541: Inequalities In A Diverse Society
- HDFS 543: Ethnography Urban Communities
- HDFS 561: Child and Family Program Development
- HDFS 562: Child and Family Program Evaluation
- HDFS 595: Seminar

No more than 4 hours of HDFS 598 (readings course)

Other approved 500 level substantive courses