UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN College of Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences Human Development & Family Studies

Marriage and Family Therapy

Recommended Courses

HDFS 225 HDFS 310 HDFS 330 HDFS 340 HDFS 420 HDFS 425 HDFS 426 HDFS 444 HDFS 445 PSYC 238	Close Relationships Adult Development Statistical Reasoning for Everyday Life Gender, Relationships, and Society Inequality, Public Policy, U.S. Families Family Stress and Change Family Conflict Management LGBT Indiv, Family, and Community Substance Use and Family Health

The four-year plan below shows how to prepare for a marriage and family therapy graduate program while meeting graduation requirements for the HDFS major. Use this plan only as a guide. Consult your academic advisor for suggestions to study abroad, meet James Scholar requirements, add a minor, or choose electives.

Sample 4-Year Plan

(For students starting the HDFS major in or after Fall 2025)

FIRST YEAR	₹					
	Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
HDFS 101	Opportunities, Careers in HDFS	1	HDFS 225	Close Relationships		3
HDFS 105	Intro to Human Development	3	PSYC 100	Intro Psych		4
SOC 100	Intro to Sociology	4	CMN 101	Public Speaking		3
HDFS 120	Intro to Family Studies	3	HK 110	Contemporary Health		3
RHET 105	Writing and Research	4	STAT 100	Statistics		3
	Total Hours	15			Total Hours	16

SECOND YE	AR				
	Fall Semester			Spring Semester	
HDFS 220	Families in Global Perspective	3	CMN 230	Intro to Interpersonal Com.	3
PSYC 238	Psychopathology and Prob	3	HDFS 290	Intro to Research Methods	4
HDFS 301	Infants and Early Childhood	4	HDFS 310	Adult Development	3
Gen Ed	Natural Science	3	Gen Ed	Humanities	3
SPED 117	The Culture of Disability	3	HDFS 208	Child and Family Inclusion	3
	Total Hours	16		Total Hours	16



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THIRD YEAR					
	Fall Semester			Spring Semester	
HDFS 340	Gender, Relationship, and Society	3	HDFS 426	Family Conflict Management	3
HDFS 425	Family Stress and Change	4	HDFS 444	LGBT Ind, Fam, and Community	3
Gen Ed	Cultural Studies/Western	3	HDFS 445	Substance Use and Family Health	3
ACE 240	Personal Financial Planning	3	HDFS 294	Research Internship	2
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	·		Elective	300+ Level	3
	Total Hours	15		Total Hours	17

FOURTH YE	AR				
	Fall Semester			Spring Semester	
CMN 336	Communicating in Families	3	HDFS 420	Inequality, Public Policy, US Family	3
CMN 368	Sexual Communication	3	Elective	Any Level	3
HDFS 330	Statistical Reasoning for Everyday	3	Elective	Any Level	3
HDFS 294	Research Internship	1	Elective	Any Level	3
Elective	300+ Level	3	Elective	Any Level	3
Elective	Any Level	3			
	Total Hours	16		Total Hours	15

