

FAMILY FINANCE, HOUSING, AND POLICY (FFhP)

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(Administered by the Department of Human Development & Family Studies)

121.5 total semester credits required

(12.5) COMMUNICATIONS and LIBRARY

- (3) ENGL 150 Critical Thinking & Comm.
- (3) ENGL 250 Written, Oral, Visual, & Elec. Comm.
- (.5) LIB 160 Library Instruction
- (3) SP CM 212 Fundamentals of Public Speaking
- (3) Select from:
 - ENGL 302 Business Communication
 - ENGL 309 Report and Proposal Writing
 - ENGL 314 Technical Communication

(10) NATURAL SCIENCES and MATHEMATICAL DISCIPLINES

- (4) STAT 101 Principles of Statistics
- (3) Select from Computer Science
- (3) Select from MATH, STAT, or natural sciences

(9) SOCIAL SCIENCES

- (3) ECON 101 Principles of Microeconomics
- (3) SOC 134 Introduction to Sociology
- (3) Select from ANTHR, ECON, POL S, PSYCH, or SOC

(9) HUMANITIES

- (9) Select from approved HD FS list.

(2) HD FS Orientation

- (2) HD FS 110 Freshman Learning Comm. Orientation

(20) HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES CORE

- (3) HD FS 102 Ind. and Family Life Development
- (3) HD FS 269 Research in HD FS
- (3) HD FS 449 Linking Families and Communities
- (8) HD FS 491 Internship
- (3) Select HD FS course from outside of major

(19) FAMILY FINANCE, HOUSING, and POLICY CORE

- (3) HD FS 239 Housing and Consumer Issues
- (3) HD FS 270 Communication in Family Development
- (3) HD FS 283 Personal and Family Finance
- (3) HD FS 341 Housing Finance and Policy
- (3) HD FS 395 Children, Families, and Public Policy
- (3) HD FS 489 Financial Counseling
- (1) HD FS 489L Financial Counseling Lab

(15) FAMILY FINANCE, HOUSING, and POLICY EMPHASIS

Select 5 courses from:

- (3) ACCT 284 Financial Accounting
- (3) HD FS 360 Housing and Services for Families with Children
- (3) HD FS 378 Economics of Aging
- (3) HD FS 380 Family Law
- (3) HD FS 463 Housing for the Aging
- (3) HD FS 483 Advanced Personal and Family Finance
- (3) HD FS 488 Families in the Economy

(25) ELECTIVES*

**Suggested courses from Accounting, Architecture, Art and Design, Community and Regional Planning, Economics, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Finance, Gerontology, Interior Design, Journalism, Management, Marketing, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology*

Learning Outcomes and Assessment

Students graduating with a degree in Family Finance, Housing, and Policy are able to:

- Demonstrate competency in consumer science and their chosen field of emphasis
- Demonstrate proficiency in interpersonal communication and in working with diverse groups to solve multidisciplinary problems
- Effectively prepare and deliver information to family finance, housing, and policy professionals as well as to the general public
- Critically evaluate information and accurately interpret and use research
- Understand the complexity of issues facing professionals in the field, including ethical, cultural and environmental elements

Outcome assessment is done by means of course surveys, internship evaluations, portfolio reviews, and senior surveys and focus groups.