Family Services Courses (FAM SERV)

Courses

Use of social science theory and research to understand psycho-socio-cultural influences in the development of identity and interpersonal relationships. Emphasizes application of current research and theory to facilitate positive individual growth and committed intimate relationships. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

Understanding contemporary families as they exist in their cultural context. Exploration of how families change and adapt to normative and non-normative challenges. Application of family theory and current research in order to understand family dynamics. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

Introduction to basic research methods used in family science. Quantitative and qualitative research designs, ethical considerations, and evaluating research results. Development of hypotheses based on current research and choice of appropriate methodologies to address them. (Fall and Spring)

Examination of theory and research contributing to our understanding of how biological, psychological, and social influences shape interindividual differences and intraindividual change across the life span. Prerequisite(s): PSYCH 1001 (400:001); minimum grade of C in all prerequisite courses. (Fall and Spring)

Human sexuality as an integration of biological, psychological, and social factors. Topics include developing healthy relationships, sexual orientation, love, sexuality education, sexual decision making, and challenges of sexual health and functioning. (Fall and Spring)

FAM SERV 1140. Culture and Marriage — 3 hrs.
An introduction to the diversity of marriages in the US. Topics include differences and similarities in demographic characteristics, the timing of marriage, marital roles, and relationship strengths among various cultural and ethnic groups living in the United States. (Variable)

FAM SERV 2054 (31F:054). Interpersonal Relationship Dynamics — 3 hrs.
Analysis of interpersonal relationship dynamics and dyadic decision-making using various theoretical perspectives. Study of evidence-based relationship enhancement strategies. Prerequisite(s): FAM SERV 1010 (31F:010); FAM SERV 1020 (31F:020); minimum grade of C in all prerequisite courses. (Variable)

Survey of prevention and intervention models, methods and professional issues involved in family services. Prerequisite(s): FAM SERV 1020 (31F:020); minimum grade of C in all prerequisite courses. (Fall and Spring)

Exploration of the management of human and economic resources available to individuals and families through the lifespan from a family science perspective. Emphasis on financial, time, and work/family issues. Prerequisite(s): sophomore standing. (Variable)

FAM SERV 2111. Families and End of Life Issues — 3 hrs.
Overview of individual, familial, social, and cultural aspects of death, dying and the bereavement process. Topics include final planning, palliative care, funeral rituals, and grief. Prerequisite(s): sophomore standing. (Same as GERO 2111) (Variable)

Exploration of theoretical models of violence in intimate and family relationships and examination of the impact of violence on secondary victims. Empirical and programmatic implications for prevention and intervention models are reviewed. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Variable)

FAM SERV 3150/5150 (31F:150g). Families and Aging — 3 hrs.
Identification of challenges and normative transitions associated with aging families. Application of developmental and family theories to tasks of adulthood and aging. Prerequisite(s): FAM SERV 1020 (31F:020); FAM SERV 1055 (31F:055) or PSYCH 2202 (400:120); minimum grade of C in all prerequisite courses; junior standing. (Fall and Spring)

FAM SERV 3155/5155 (31F:155g). Parenting — 3 hrs.
Review of parent-child relationships and the dynamic processes of parenting children from conception through young adulthood. Emphasizes developmental and family theory and the diversity of contexts that impact parent-child relationships. Prerequisite(s): FAM SERV 1020 (31F:020); FAM SERV 1055 (31F:055) or PSYCH 2202 (400:120); minimum grade of C in all prerequisite courses; junior standing. (Fall and Spring)

FAM SERV 3160/5160 (31F:160g). Family Assessment and Intervention — 3 hrs.
Exploration and integration of theoretical and evidence-based practice models and skills utilized in family intervention. Professional skills, strategies, tools and ethical issues associated with family assessment and interventions will be examined. Prerequisite(s): FAM SERV 1020 (31F:020); minimum grade of C in all prerequisite courses; junior standing; consent of instructor. (Variable)

FAM SERV 3161/5161. Families, Alzheimer’s and Related Dementias — 3 hrs.
Exploration of issues pertaining to Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias. Examination of challenges associated with memory disorders. Strategies for supporting affected individuals and families. Cannot receive credit in both FAM SERV 3161/5161 and GERO 3161/5161. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Same as GERO 3161/5161) (Variable)

Exploration of legal issues, policies, and laws influencing the well-being of families, and the roles family professionals can play in influencing and informing policy at the local, state, and federal levels.
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FAM SERV 3175/5175. Family Financial Counseling and Literacy — 3 hrs.
Using both the Financial Counseling model and the Solution Focused model, this class will introduce students to the financial counseling process as well as the basic concepts of family financial management throughout the lifespan. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Variable)

FAM SERV 3176/5176 (31F:177g). Consumer Behavior Across the Lifespan — 3 hrs.
Analytical approach to the consumption of durables, goods, services, and housing by families across the lifespan. Impact of family on consumption and purchasing decisions. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Variable)

FAM SERV 3180/5180 (31F:180g). Problems in Family Services — 1-4 hrs.
Individual topic areas of in-depth study. Prerequisite(s): junior standing; consent of instructor. (Variable)

FAM SERV 3182/5182 (31F:182g). Research in Family Services — 1-3 hrs.
Conduct supervised research and/or scholarly project. Prerequisite(s): research methods course; minimum grade of C in all prerequisite courses; junior standing; consent of instructor. (Variable)

Family dynamics in crisis situations; review and application of the theoretical and empirical research about the effects of stress and crises on individuals and families, including intervention and policy implications. Prerequisite(s): FAM SERV 1020 (31F:020); 3 hours social science research methods; minimum grade of C in all prerequisite courses; junior standing. (Variable)

Examination of methods for teaching human sexuality in a variety of educational settings; emphasis placed on family life education programs. Students will use theoretical and empirical literature to evaluate programs and to develop sexuality curricula. Prerequisite(s): FAM SERV 1057 (31F:057); minimum grade of C in all prerequisite courses; junior standing. (Variable)

An understanding of the general philosophy and broad principles of family life education in conjunction with the ability to plan, implement, and evaluate educational programs for families. Prerequisite(s): FAM SERV 1020 (31F:020); FAM SERV 1057 (31F:057); FAM SERV 2060 (31F:060); 3 hours social science research methods; minimum grade of C in all prerequisite courses; minimum 2.40 GPA; senior standing as a Family Services major or consent of instructor. (Variable)

FAM SERV 4184/5184 (31F:184g). Topics in Family Services — 1-3 hrs.
Selected topics relating to current issues in Family Services. Topics to be announced in the Schedule of Classes. May be repeated on different topics for maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Variable)

Professional development course including the following topics: family services as a profession; ethical decisions; diversity in the professional field; issues that emerge in family service agencies; and preparation for internship and entry into employment. Prerequisite(s): FAM SERV 2060 (31F:060); Family Services majors only; minimum grade of C in all prerequisite courses; minimum 2.40 GPA; consent of instructor. (Fall and Spring)

Supervised experience in approved practicum situation. Transfer students must complete one full semester in residence before being approved for internship. Stipulate a minimum of 400 hours of internship plus seminar. Prerequisite(s): FAM SERV 4190 (31F:190); minimum grade of C in all prerequisite courses; minimum 2.40 GPA; senior standing. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

Independent Study in Family Services