

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE - BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ONLINE)

This major stresses the interrelationship of individuals across the life span and the impact of social and economic factors on the family system. Graduates are prepared for professional work with social and community agencies and other programs serving children and families. This degree program has been deemed a CFLE-approved academic program by the National Council on Family Relations. After successfully completing the required coursework, students are considered proficient in the ten Family Life Education Content Areas and may apply for provisional certification. Provisional CFLEs may achieve full certification as soon as they document sufficient work experience in family life education. You must work closely with an advisor. You must achieve a grade of C- or higher in your required core and minor courses, and must retake required courses with a grade lower than C-. You must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher before enrolling in FCST 4998 Field Experience: Issues and Ethics; and FCST 4310 Community Programs in Family Life. Students are recommended to declare a minor related to the FCST field such as CAST, CEPY, ECED, PHLS, PSYC, SOCI, SOWK and GNDR in order to solidify the minor/elective requirements below and the suggested roadmap.

General Education Requirements

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements, Viewing a Wider World requirements, and elective credits to total at least 120 credits with 48 credits in courses numbered 3000 or above. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education		
<i>Area I: Communications</i>		<i>10</i>
	<i>English Composition - Level 1</i> ¹	
	<i>English Composition - Level 2</i> ¹	
	<i>Oral Communication</i> ¹	
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i> ^{1,2}		<i>3-4</i>
<i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>		<i>10-11</i>
	PHLS 1110G Personal Health & Wellness or PHLS 1110H Personal Health and Wellness Honors	
<i>Area III: Laboratory Sciences Course (4 credits)</i> ¹		
Either an Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences Course or Social/Behavioral Sciences Course (4 or 3 credits) ¹		
<i>Area V: Humanities</i> ¹		<i>3</i>
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts</i> ¹		<i>3</i>
<i>General Education Elective</i> ¹		<i>3-4</i>
Viewing A Wider World ³		6
Departmental/College Requirements		
FCST 1130	Interpersonal Skills in Intimate Relationships	3
FCST 2110	Infancy Through Middle Childhood in the Family	3
FCST 2135	Adolescent Development and the Family	3
FCST 2140	Adult Development and Aging	3
FCST 3110V	Introduction to Child Advocacy	3
FCST 3210	Family Resource Management	3

FCST 3220	Family Dynamics	3
FCST 3230	Parenting and Child Guidance	3
FCST 4998	Field Experience: Issues and Ethics (may be taken twice)	3
FCST 3120V	Family Ethnicities and Subcultures	3
FCSC 4815	Research Methods in Family and Consumer Sciences	3
FCST 4310	Community Programs in Family Life	3
Second Language: (not required)		
Electives, to bring the total credits to 120 ⁴		43
Total Credits		120-123

- ¹ See the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.
- ² A Mathematics course is required for the degree but students may need to take any prerequisites needed to enter the course first.
- ³ See the Viewing a Wider World (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/#viewingawiderworldtext>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.
- ⁴ Elective credit may vary based on prerequisites, dual credit, AP credit, double majors, and/or minor coursework. The amount indicated in the requirements list is the amount needed to bring the total to 120 credits and may appear in variable form based on the degree. However students may end up needing to complete more or less on a case-by-case basis and students should discuss elective requirements with their advisor.