

CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH A CONCENTRATION IN FAMILY STUDIES (B.S.)

The Child & Family Studies major offers three concentrations: Child Development, Family Studies, Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education

The Family Studies Concentration prepares graduates to work with individuals and families in a variety of social service settings. Positions are available in family resource centers, community agencies, profit and non-profit organizations that provide services for children, youth, adults and families.

To be granted a degree in Child and Family Studies students must have a "C" or better in all CDF and supporting courses.

Program Objectives

Upon completion of a degree in Child and Family Studies graduates will be able to:

1. assess developmental, political, social, cultural, economic and technological influences on the well-being and diversity of individuals, families and communities;
2. design and implement a range of services for individuals, children and families;
3. utilize and interpret appropriate individual, family and program evaluation measures;
4. access community resources and collaborate with community agencies/services; and
5. evaluate and monitor their professional development.

Admission and Progression Requirements for Child and Family Studies with a Concentration in Family Studies

All students who are accepted by EKU's Admission office and declare their major as Child and Family Studies are admitted to the University as pre-Child and Family Studies majors. However, admission to the pre-Child and Family Studies program does not guarantee admission to the Child and Family Studies program. To be admitted to the Child and Family Studies program concentration Family Studies the following criteria must be met:

1. Minimum of 45 hours with a 2.75 overall GPA,
2. GPA of 3.0 with a grade of "C" or better in each course in the following courses

Code	Title	Hours
CDF 235	Child Development: Conception-Eight Years	3
CDF 236	Interaction and Guidance	3
CDF 327S	Family Involvement with Young Children	3

Once these requirements have been met, the student must apply to the Child and Family Studies Program Director for a change from the

pre-Child and Family Studies program to the Child and Family Studies program.

Program Requirements

CIP Code: 19.0701

Summary Checklist for General Education

Code	Title	Hours
Element 1		
A:	Written Communication (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-1/)	3
B:	Written Communication (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-1/)	3
C:	Oral Communication (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-1/)	3
Element 2		
	Quantitative Reasoning (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-2/)	3
Element 3		
A:	Arts (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-3/)	3
B:	Humanities (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-3/)	3
Element 4		
	Natural Sciences (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-4/)	6
Element 5		
A:	Historical Science (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-5/)	3
B:	Social Behavioral Science (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-5/)	3
Element 6		
	Diversity of Perspectives Experiences (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-6/)	6
Total Hours		36

Students are expected to complete Elements 1 and 2 within their first 60 hours of college credit.

Major

Code	Title	Hours
University Graduation Requirements		
	General Education	36
	<i>Student Success Seminar</i>	
EDO 100	Student Success Seminar	1
Upper division courses (42 hrs. distributed throughout Major/Supporting/Gen Ed/Free Electives categories)		
Major Requirements		
<i>Core Courses</i>		

CDF 132	Introduction to the Family	3
CDF 235	Child Development: Conception-Eight Years ¹	3
CDF 236	Interaction and Guidance	3
CDF 327S	Family Involvement with Young Children	3
CDF 424	Diversity Awareness Prof Prac	3
CDF 437	Family Stress and Resilience	3
NFA 317	Nutrition in the Life Cycle	3
FCS 400W	Ethics and Advocacy in Family and Consumer Sciences	3

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CDF 443 Family Studies Practicum is a 9 credit hour course and requires a 3.0 GPA in major requirements prior to enrolling.

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Course also satisfies a General Education element. Hours are included within the 36 hours in General Education.

Concentrations

Students must select one of the following Concentrations: ²

Child Development	
Family Studies	42
Interdisciplinary Early Childhood	
<i>Free Electives</i>	
Child Development	
Family Studies	17
Interdisciplinary Early Childhood	

Exit Requirements

PRAXIS Examination

Students must register for and take the PRAXIS exam which correlates to their degree program, per College of Education requirements. Refer to Degree Works for exam details. The PRAXIS exam must be taken prior to student teaching.

Total Hours **120**

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Course meets Professional Education Requirements.

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May include substantial practicum hours, as mandated by program accrediting bodies.

Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Concentration Courses		
CDF 232	Identity and Sexuality	3
CDF 243	Introduction to Family Life Programs	3
CDF 331	Marriage and Intimate Relationships	3
CDF 443	Family Studies Practicum ¹	9
CDF 538	Research Analysis in Child and Family Studies	3
CDF 342	Child and Adolescent Development	3
CDF 441	Family Dynamics in Adulthood and Aging	3
Supporting Course Requirements		
FRM 352	Family as Consumers	3
SWK 440	Addictions	3
SWK 456	Children's Services	3
HEA 345	Drugs, the Individual, and Society	3
Choose from one of the following:		3
SOC 235	Social Problems (Element 5B) ^G	
SWK 310W	Social Welfare Policy History ^G	
Total Hours		42