



Family Science

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Key Features of a Family Science Major

- Study a wide range of family issues including changing family forms and lifestyles, family economics, inter-generational relations, family crises, legal problems, work and family issues, domestic violence, poverty, and human services delivery.
- Get excellent training in scientific methods to understand family development, behavior, and strengths, and to solve family problems.
- Learn to describe, explain, and improve the quality of family life through education, applied research, policy analysis, and human services program management.
- Focus on individual and family development over life spans, examining social, cultural, economic, and historical trends that affect family functioning.

Career Options and Salaries with a Family Science Major

The Family Science major prepares students for careers in human services, family counseling, family life education, social work, public health, policy analysis, business, and family mediation. A wide variety of employment opportunities exist for Family Science graduates in direct service and management positions in government, non-profit, and private agencies. The major also provides excellent preparation for graduate study in family studies, family therapy, social work, law, psychology, health education, human resource management, and other social science disciplines. Also, the Family Science major is excellent preparation for graduate school in business, psychology, human development, gerontology, and other fields.

Below are a few potential careers and relevant salary information:

- *Human Service Professionals:* Graduates work as family service specialists, administrative staff, counselors, youth workers, child life specialists, elder care workers, probation officers, researchers, and policy analysts. In May 2016, the median annual earnings of social and human service assistants were \$30,830.
- *Work/Family Specialists:* Design and manage support programs for employees, including child care, elder care, leave/disability programs, flexible work policies, and health and wellness programs. Positions are located in personnel or human resource departments of major corporations and government agencies, including the armed services. In May 2016, the median annual earnings of child, family, and school social workers were \$45,900.
- *Family Policy Analysts:* Develop policy initiatives in such areas as child care, child abuse, and aging, and analyze the impact of policies on families. Policy Analysts work in manners very similar to Political Scientists and Sociologists. In May 2016, the median annual earnings of political scientists were \$99,730, and for sociologists \$73,760.

**All career and salary information taken from *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-2017 ed.*
(<http://stats.bls.gov/oco/>)

Advising

If you are considering a major in Family Science, you can easily meet with the advisor in the Department of Family Science.

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- 1142KK School of Public Health; (301) 405-4003
- To schedule an appointment: <http://sph.umd.edu/department/fmsc/advising>

Declaring a Family Science Major

- *Family Science is not a Limited Enrollment Program (LEP). If you have decided to major in this field, you can declare immediately!*

When you declare your major in Family Science, you are also declaring that you will be a student in the School of Public Health (SPHL), which houses the Family Science Department. There are two levels in your process of declaring and later advising: the department (Family Science) and the College (School of Public Health). The College will advise you regarding your GenEd requirements and the Department will advise you regarding your major requirements.

1. Review the Family Sciences Department's website, focusing on the information for undergraduates: <http://sph.umd.edu/department/fmsc/requirements>
2. Once you have decided that the Family Science major is for you, please register for a Change of Major Workshop. At this workshop, you will learn what is required of those who choose this major.
3. After you participate in the Change of Major Workshop, you will also attend an Academic Plan Workshop.
4. To reserve a seat in both workshops go to <http://sph.umd.edu/department/fmsc/changing-your-major> and follow the directions.

Four Year Plan (Gen-Ed.)

Family Science Four Year Academic Plan

Year 1	Fall			Spring	
Benchmark 1 Requirements PSYC100, SOCY100 or SOCY105 and COMM107 must be completed by the end of <u>two semesters</u> into the major. University Requirements Academic Writing and Math must be attempted by 30 credits earned and completed by 60 credits earned.		Credit	Grade		Credit
	MATH (MA)	3	___	ENGL101 (AW)	3
	Humanities (HU)*	3	___	PSYC100 (NS)	3
	SOCY100 or SOCY105 (HS)	3	___	Humanities (HU)*	3
	COMM107 or INAG110 (OC)	3	___	EDMS451 (AR) or STAT100 (AR)	3
	Elective	3	___		
				Elective	3
	<i>Total</i>	15			<i>Total</i> 15
Year 2	Fall			Spring	
Benchmark 2 Requirements One FMSC Elective and STAT100 or EDMS451 must be completed by the end of <u>three semesters</u> into the major. Benchmark 3 Requirements FMSC330 and FMSC290, ECON200 or ECON201 must be completed by the end of <u>four semesters</u> into the major. *Select courses that will double count as I-Series.		Credit	Grade		Credit
	FMSC Elective	3	___	FMSC330 (UP)	3
	FMSC290 or ECON200 (HS) or ECON201 (HS)	3	___	Natural Science Lab (NL)	4
				Elective	3
	Elective	3	___	Elective	3
	Elective	3	___	Elective	3
	Elective	3	___		
	<i>Total</i>	15			<i>Total</i> 16
Year 3	Fall			Spring	
Major Requirements FMSC330 must be completed as the prerequisite for FMSC383. FMSC383 and 6 credits of FMSC courses must be completed as the prerequisite for FMSC477. FMSC332 must be completed as the prerequisite for FMSC432.		Credit	Grade		Credit
	FMSC332 (HS)	3	___	FMSC383	3
	Understanding Plural Societies (UP) or Cultural Competency (CC)	3	___	Scholarship in Practice Outside Major (SP)	3
	Professional Writing (PW)	3	___	Elective	3
	Elective	3	___	Elective	3
	Elective	3	___	Elective	3
		<i>Total</i>	15		
Year 4	Fall			Spring	
Major Requirements 12 credits of FMSC courses must be taken during the student's final 30 credits and 15 of the final 30 credits must be upper level courses.		Credit	Grade		Credit
	FMSC381 (UP)	3	___	FMSC477	3
	FMSC432	3	___	FMSC487	3
	FMSC302 (SP)	3	___	Elective	3
	FMSC Elective	3	___	Elective	3
	Elective	3	___	Elective	2
	<i>Total</i>	15		<i>Total</i>	14

Total = 120 Credits

Four Year Plan (CORE)

Requirements	Year 1: Fall	Credits	Year 1: Spring	Credits
Benchmark 1 Requirements PSYC100, SOCY100 or SOCY105 and COMM107, COMM125 or COMM100 must be completed with grades of "C-" or higher by the end of two semesters into the major. University Requirements FE and FM must be attempted by 30 credits earned and completed by 60 credits earned.	Fundamental MATH (FM)	3	ENGL 101	3
	Humanities Literature (HL)	3	History or Theory of the Arts (HA)	3
	SOCY 100 or 105 (SB)	3	PSYC 100 (SB)	3
	COMM 107 or 125 or INAG 110	3	Lab Science (LL or PL)	4
	Elective	3	Elective	3
Total		15	Total	16
Benchmark 2 Requirements One FMSC elective and STAT100 or EDMS451 must be completed with grades of "C-" or higher by the end of three semesters into the major. Benchmark 3 Requirements FMSC330 and FMSC290, ECON200 or ECON201 must be completed with grades of "C-" or higher by the end of four semesters into the major.	Year 2: Fall	Credits	Year 2: Spring	Credits
	Science (LL or LS or PL or PS)	3	Science or Reasoning	3
	EDMS 451 or STAT 100*	3	Mathematics and Formal (LL or LS or PL or PS or MS*)	3
	Social or Political History (SH)	3	Humanities and Arts (HO or HA or HL)	3
	FMSC 290 or ECON 200 or ECON 201	3	FMSC 290 or ECON 200 or ECON 201	3
	FMSC Elective	3	FMSC 330	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
Total		15	Total	15
Major Requirements FMSC383 and 6 credits of FMSC courses must be completed with grades of "C-" or higher as the prerequisite for FMSC477. FMSC332 must be completed with a grade of "C-" or higher as the prerequisite for FMSC432. * STAT100 will also fulfill MS CORE requirement	Year 3: Fall	Credits	Year 3: Spring	Credits
	FMSC 332	3	FMSC 383	3
	FMSC Elective	3	FMSC 302	3
	Elective	3	ENGL 39_ (JE)	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Total		15	Total
Major Requirements 12 credits of FMSC courses must be taken during the last 30 credits and 15 of the last 30 credits must be upper level courses. All major requirements must be passed with grades of "C-" or higher.	Year 4: Fall	Credits	Year 4: Spring	Credits
	FMSC 381	3	FMSC477	3
	FMSC432	3	FMSC487	3
	Advanced Studies (AS)	3	Advanced Studies (AS)	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	2
Total		15	Total	14

TOTAL Credits = 120

Q and A

Do I have to do an internship?

Each student who majors in Family Science must complete a 120-hour internship course. This provides students with opportunities to apply coursework to professional positions.

Can I minor in Family Studies?

At this time there is no minor in Family Studies.