

Mississippi State University
School of Human Sciences
M.S. Degree in Human Development and Family Studies

STUDENT'S NAME	MAJOR PROFESSOR	DATE ENROLLED
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- Thesis
- Non Thesis

- Infant & Child Focus
- Youth Focus
- Family Focus
- Family Resource Management Focus
- Gerontology Focus

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS		Credits	Completed	Grade	Institution
HS 8813	Seminar in HDFS	3			
HS 8823	Advanced Theories of Human Development and Family Relations	3			
EPY 6214	Education and Psychology Statistics	4			
AIS 8503	Program Planning and Development in AIS	3			
AIS 8803 OR AIS 8703	Research Methods – thesis option Evaluation of Ag & Extension Education – non-thesis option	3			
HS 8000 OR HS 7000	Research/Thesis – thesis option Directed Individual Study - non-thesis option (special project)	6			
Focus area (select 3 courses from a single focus area, 9 hours):					
TOTAL HOURS		31			

Note: At least one-half of the course work in the degree program, exclusive of thesis credits, must be at the 8000 level. Approved 7000 Special Problems count toward 8000-9000 level requirements. Not more than 6 semester hours of graduate credit may be earned in special problem courses. Students may transfer up to 6 semester hours of courses from other accredited degree programs.

Focus Areas and Course Selections

Infant & Child Focus

HS	8113	Trends in Infant & Child Development*
HS	6883	Risk, Resilience and Preventive Interventions
COE	8913	Counseling Children
EDE	9420	Research Practicum in Early Childhood Education
EPY	8293	Cognitive Development
HS	6823	Development and Administration of Child Service Programs
EDX	6423	Teaching the Disadvantaged Child
PSY	6713	Language & Thought
EDX	6353	Assistive Technology in Special Education

Youth Focus

HS	8313	Contemporary Youth Issues *
HS	6883	Risk, Resilience and Preventive Interventions
HS	6873	Positive Youth Development
SO	6233	Juvenile Delinquency
SO	6333	Sociology of Sports
AIS	6403	Development of Youth Programs
Courses from Great Plains Consortium (http://www.gpidea.org/)		

Family Focus

HS	8413	Issues in Family Studies*
HS	8423	Development of Intimate Relationships
COE	8303	Family Counseling Theory
HS	6313	Family Resource Management
HS	6333	Families, Legislation, and Public Policy
HS	6403	Introduction to Gerontology
HS	6803	Parenting
HS	6813	Adult Development: The Middle Years
HS	6843	Family Interaction
HS	6853	The Family: A Human Ecological Perspective
HS	6883	Risk, Resilience, and Preventive Interventions
SO	6203	The Family in the United States
SO	6223	Comparative Family Systems

Family Resource Management Focus

HS	6313	Family Resource Management*
HS	6333	Families, Legislation and Public Policy
HS	6863	Consumer Aspects of Aging
HS	6323	Consumer Issues and Policy
HS	6683	Current Housing Problems of Families
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Gerontology Focus

HS	6403	Intro to Gerontology*
PSY	6983	Psychology of Aging
HS	6863	Consumer Aspects of Aging
SO	6413	Aging and Retirement in American Society
COE	6713	Issues in Aging
COE	8813	Counseling Elderly Clients
FNH	8153	Wellness and Aging
SO	6433	Sociology of Death and Dying

*Required course within focus area.

Note: Courses may be substituted depending on student interest area and course availability. Advisor approval will be required in advance.