The study of family and human development provides a fascinating look into families, relationships, individuals and ourselves. Enjoy a customizable culminating experience and focus your training in an area that interests you as you prepare for or enhance your rewarding career in human services in government or private industry.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MS Family and Human Development

The MS program in family and human development provides practitioner-oriented professionals with an understanding of relationships and developmental dynamics. Students learn how to effectively evaluate and consume research, translate research into best practices, and apply these principles at work.

The online format provides easy access to rigorous and valuable information that informs best practices in improving the lives of families and family members. The program also includes a customizable culminating experience that allows students to focus their training in their areas of interest and work.

At a Glance

- College/School: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Location: online

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours including the required capstone course (FAS 588)

Required Core (9 credit hours)
CDE 531 Theoretical Issues in Child Development (3)
FAS 586 or SOC 586 Capstone I (3)
FAS 587 or SOC 587 Capstone II (3)
**Electives or Research (18 credit hours)**
- FAS 500 Research Methods (3)
- CDE 501 Social Statistics (3)
- diversity course (3)
- other elective coursework (9)

**Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**
- FAS 588 Capstone III (3)

**Additional Curriculum Information**
Students will complete the coursework and culminating experience courses in consultation with the assigned faculty advisor. The plan of study should be completed and approved by the faculty advisor once completing 50 percent of the minimum required credit hours for the degree. Acceptance of the proposed plan of study must be verified by the signature of the chair and faculty advisor. After approval from the program or college, the plan of study is submitted to the Graduate College for final approval.

FAS 500 and CDE 501 may be replaced by equivalent courses with approval by the academic advisor.

The diversity course and other elective coursework are chosen with approval by the academic advisor. The remaining elective credits must be from the FAS, CDE or SOC prefixes.

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00= "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework
3. current resume or curriculum vitae
4. personal statement of goals relevant to the master's degree program
5. two letters of recommendation from professional or academic backgrounds
6. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

The personal statement must be four to five pages, double-spaced, and must address the applicant's professional goals, the applicant's strengths that will enable the applicant to succeed in the program, and relevant professional experience or responsibilities to the program.

Letters of recommendation must be from at least two academic or professional sources. Family members or friends do not meet this criterion. Applicants should see the program website for full application deadlines and admission terms and details.

**Attend Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information [here](#).

**Application Deadlines**

- **Fall**
- **Spring**  
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- **Summer**  
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