FAMILY STUDIES, MINOR

Liberal Arts (Code 487-401)

For advising, contact the Sociology Department.

The interdisciplinary Family Studies Minor is designed to:

1. enhance students’ understanding of the issues and problems confronting contemporary families from sociological, developmental, psychological, historical, religious, economic, and anthropologic perspectives;
2. examine the well-being of diverse individuals and families over the lifespan including the dynamic relations within families and the interaction between families and society;
3. provide an interdisciplinary liberal arts base for students who wish to pursue graduate study and careers working to improve the lives of individuals, families and communities; and
4. provide a knowledge of family studies that will foster personal and social development of the individual student.

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Category A, B, C, D Courses—one course from each category required:

**A. Life Course**

PSYC 331 | Child Psychology |
PSYC 332 | Psychology of Adolescence |
PSYC 333 | Psychology of Adulthood and Aging |
PSYC 334 | Psychology of the Exceptional Child |
SOC 364 | Social Gerontology |
SW 315 | Aging and the Aged |

**B. Gender and Sexuality**

ANTH/WGSS 356 | Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective |
HIST/WGSS 313 | Gender, Sex, and Science in European History |
PSYC/WGSS 336 | Psychology of Women |
SOC/WGSS 202 | Sociology of Gender |
SOC/WGSS 419 | Gender and Power |
SOC 426 | Sociology of Sexualities |
WGSS 206 | Perspectives in LGBTQ Studies |
WGSS 310 | Gender and Violence |

**C. Micro-level: Family Relations**

CJ/WGSS 111 | Gender, Race, Class, and Communication: The Social Construction of Identity |
CJ 201 | Introduction to Interpersonal Communication |
or CJ 203 | Fundamentals of Human Communication |
CJ 312 | Communication and Gender |
PSYC 325 | Theories of Counseling |
SOC 164 | Family and Intimate Relationships |
SW 385 | Child Welfare |

**D. Macro-level: Families and Society**

ECON/WGSS 337 | Women and the Labor Market |
ECON/WGSS 357 | Women and Economic Development |
HIST/WGSS 373 | American Women’s History to 1870 |
HIST/WGSS 378 | American Women’s History Since 1870 |
RELS/WGSS 203 | Women and World Religions |
RELS 210 | Religion and Morality |
SOC 314 | Social Class and Inequality |
SOC 405 | Sociology of Work and Occupations |
SOC 410 | Sociology of Education |
WGSS 344 | Women, Work and Family |

 Remaining credits to be selected from courses included in Categories A, B, C, and D and/or up to 3 credits from Directed Studies, Independent Study, Internship, or Special Topics courses that focus on family issues may be applied to the minor with approval from the Family Studies Minor Coordinator.

**Program Learning Outcomes**

Students completing this program will be expected to meet the following learning outcomes:

- Describe issues and problems confronting contemporary families from a variety of perspectives.
- Identify the developmental changes of individuals and families over the lifespan.
- Compare family life in historical and contemporary contexts.
- Identify and explain public policy influences that affect the well-being of families.