



**M.S. in Human Development and Family Science (HDFS)  
Thesis Curriculum**

<b>Required Core Courses:</b>		<b>10 credit hours</b>
CHD 5617	Professional Development in FCS	1
CHD 5266	Advanced Child Development	3
FAD 5263	Advanced Family Studies	3
CHD 6261	Theories of Child Development	
	OR	3
FAD 6436	Theories of Family Sciences	
<b>Required Research Courses:</b>		<b>14 credit hours</b>
CHD 5915	Methods of Research I	4
FAD 5700	Applied Research in Human Sciences	4
FAD 5971	Thesis (s/u)	6
FAD 8976	Thesis Defense	0
<b>Elective Courses Within HDFS (examples):*</b>		<b>6 credit hours</b>
CHD 5618	Policy Development and Analysis in FCS	3
CHD 5919	Grant Writing in FCS	3
CHD 5940	Practicum in Child Development	3-9
CHD 5906	Directed Individual Study (topics vary) (s/u)	1-3
FAD 5906	Directed Individual Study (topics vary) (s/u)	1-3
FAD 5256	Parent and Child Relations	3
FAD 5261	Families in Crisis	3
FAD 5481	College Teaching in Family Sciences (s/u)	2-3
FAD 5900	Readings in FCS (topics vary)	3
FAD 5912	Supervised Research (s/u)	1-3
FAD 5942	Supervised Teaching (s/u)	3
<b>TOTAL MINIMUM</b>		<b>30 credit hours</b>

\* Courses are selected with approval from the Supervisory Committee in developing the program of study.

Notes: A minimum of 18 credit hours must be letter graded courses, s/u = graded as satisfactory/unsatisfactory, and for FAD 5971-Thesis the minimum credit hours required is 6 total.