

Program: Family and Child Studies **Dept:** Human Environmental Science
Major: Family Science **College:** Education and Professional Studies
Degree: Master of Science (M.S.) **Major Code:** 3656

Family and Child Studies - Family Science, M.S. - Exclusively Online

The master's degree in Family and Child Studies - Family Science prepares students to apply for the certified in Family Life Educator credential from the National Council on Family Relations. The Certified Child and Parenting Specialist credential is also available to those graduates who successfully complete the required examination and internships. The UCO Child Study Center provides the practical opportunities for programs with hands-on experience and research. Internship and Practicum requirements are a part of all three programs, as well as a required number of prerequisites. The FCS - Family Science program has national academic program approval from the National Council on Family Relations.

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- Thesis: If applicable complete an acceptable thesis and successfully defend it in public, two paper copies of the thesis and one electronic copy to the library through Proquest and the thesis' title page, original signature page, summary and abstract page to the JCGS.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies
 100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
 Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Undergraduate transcripts must show: *
 - A minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
 - Completion of the following prerequisite courses: FMCD 2213 or PTE 4133, FMCD 2223, FMCD 3313, and FMCD 4413
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(pp. 17-18\)](#).
- Applicants will be required to complete a writing-sample session. These are given once each semester.

**Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with their graduate program advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following course work standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than six hours of "C".
 - No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.

Graduation Requirements

Required Core Courses.....19 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
FMCD	5011	Orientation to Graduate Studies
ESFR	5013	Foundations of Educational Research OR
FMCD	5653	Research in Professional Studies
FMCD	5023	Theories in Family & Child Studies
FMCD	5043	Family Dynamics and Sexuality
FMCD	5363	Ethics & Issues in Family and Child Studies
FMCD	5373	Life Span Development in FMCD
FMCD	5543	Leadership, Comm and Advocacy

Interdisciplinary Courses (courses chosen during advisement)

Choose 15 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
FMCD	5423	Linking Family and Community
FMCD	5523	Family Law and Public Policy
FMCD	5713	Parent Support and Intervention
FACS	5453	Consumer Management
FMCD	5153	Trauma and Resilience in Families OR
FMCD	5433	Families in Crisis

Capstone3 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
FMCD	5793	Capstone in Family Science (200 hours) OR
FMCD	5990	Thesis

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 37-38 HOURS