

PH.D. IN APPLIED DEVELOPMENTAL SCIENCE

Requirements Effective Fall 2024

Ph.D. course requirements include a minimum of 80 credits for each of three entry routes:

Entry A: Students who have completed a CSU Master of Science degree in Human Development and Family Studies or are enrolled in the continuous Master of Science in Human Development and Family Studies/Applied Developmental Science Ph.D. at CSU, can apply all of their credits earned in the M.S. degree in HDFS at CSU toward partial fulfillment of the required 80 credits.

Entry B: For students who submit a previously earned Master's degree from an institution other than CSU, up to 30 credits may be accepted toward partial fulfillment of the required 80 credits. Credit for a previously completed empirical master's thesis will also be granted following approval of the Director of the Applied Developmental Science Program. Students who did not complete an empirical thesis will be required to complete a Master's in HDFS. All credits accepted toward partial fulfillment of the requirements below must be approved by the Director of the Applied Developmental Science Program, the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, and the Graduate School.

Entry C: For students who do not submit a Master's degree in partial fulfillment of the required 80 credits, up to 10 credits earned after the bachelor's degree may be accepted for transfer. Only courses taken at a 500-level or higher will be considered. All credits accepted toward partial fulfillment of the requirements below must be approved by the student's graduate committee, the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, and the Graduate School.

Code	Title	Credits
Content Core Courses		
HDFS 500	Issues in Human Development & Family Studies	3
HDFS 524	Family Studies	3
HDFS 710	Theories of Applied Developmental Science	3
Select one of the following lifespan area courses:		3
HDFS 611	Early Child Development	
HDFS 612	Adolescent Development	
HDFS 613	Adult Development and Aging	
Research Methods/Statistics		
HDFS 549	Research Methods I	3
HDFS 550	Research Methods II	3
HDFS 650	Multivariate Research Methods I	3
HDFS 750	Multivariate Research Methods II	3
Elective ^{1,2}		3
Professional Development Courses		2
HDFS 600	Professional Development Seminar	
Research/Thesis/Dissertation		
HDFS 698A	Research: Human Development	12
or HDFS 698B	Research: Family Studies	
HDFS 699	Thesis	6

HDFS 799	Dissertation	12
Elective Courses ¹		
Select a minimum of 21 credits from the following courses:		21
Development/Theory Electives		
Choose at least 3 credits of the following:		
HDFS 610	Risk and Resilience	
HDFS 636	Aging and the Family	
HDFS 692A	Family Issues: Intimacy and Human Sexuality	
HDFS 692B	Family Issues: Parenting	
HDFS 692C	Family Issues: Family Policy and Programming	
HDFS 792A	Seminar: Lifespan Socioemotional Development	
HDFS 792B	Seminar: Lifespan Cognitive Development	
Prevention Science and Intervention Electives		
Choose at least 6 credits of the following:		
HDFS 515	Family Systems and Psychopathology ³	
HDFS 520	Family Therapy Practice: Treatment Planning ³	
HDFS 521	Family Therapy Practice: Common Factors ³	
HDFS 534	Marriage and Family Therapy ³	
HDFS 592	Grant Writing--Research/Program Development	
HDFS 607	Prevention Science Across the Lifespan	
HDFS 608	Program Planning and Implementation	
HDFS 609	Prevention Program Evaluation	
HDFS 620	Family Therapy Practice: Addictions ³	
HDFS 621	Family Therapy Practice: Topics in Sexuality ³	
HDFS 624	Skills and Techniques in Family Therapy ³	
HDFS 644	Foundations in Family Therapy ³	
Teaching and Applied Research Electives		
Choose at least 3 credits of the following:		
HDFS 684	Supervised College Teaching	
HDFS 687A	Internship: Human Development	
HDFS 687B	Internship: Family Studies	
HDFS 687C	Internship: Marriage and Family Therapy ³	
HDFS 698A	Research: Human Development	
HDFS 698B	Research: Family Studies	

Program Total Credits: 80

A minimum of 80 credits are required to complete this program.

¹ Select courses with approval of advisor and graduate committee.

² Select statistics or methodology elective from outside the HDFS department from approved departmental list.

³ Admission to Marriage and Family Therapy Program or permission of instructor.