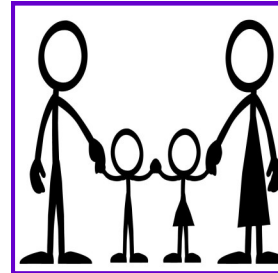


Changes in Families

- ◆ Marriage rates have been falling for several decades and are now at historic lows.
- ◆ Both men and women are getting married later, shifting marriage to an act of later adulthood.
- ◆ Divorce rates have also fallen, but remain relatively high after a sharp increase in the 1960s and '70s.
- ◆ Same sex marriage is legal in many states.
- ◆ Fewer women are becoming mothers, and those who do are having fewer children.
- ◆ More than 40% of American babies are born to unmarried women, mostly women in the 20s and early 30s.
- ◆ The number of gay couples with children has doubled in the last decade, with well over 100,000 same-sex couples raising children.
- ◆ The average middle class family will spend \$241,080 to raise a child to age 18.
- ◆ An estimated 2.7 million children nationwide have an incarcerated parent. These families cope as best they can.

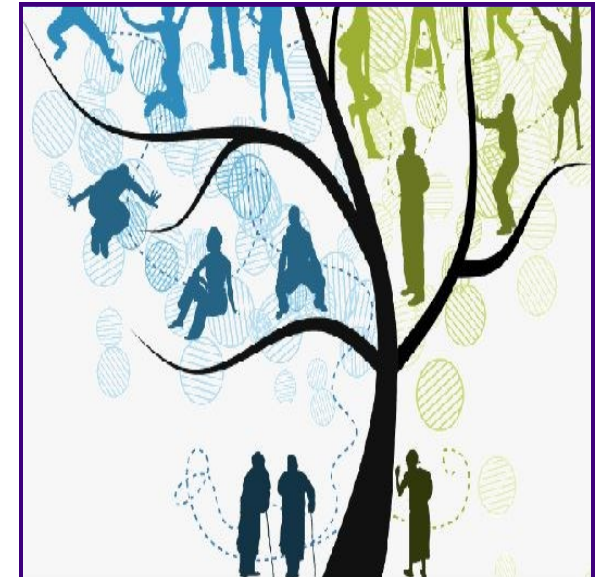


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Family Studies Overview

The Family Studies minor is an interdisciplinary program which focuses on human development within the family context, the nature of family interactions and family issues, and family interactions within broader social institutions.

Program Goals:

1. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the complexity of individual and family development across the life span in diverse contexts and changing environments.
2. Students will analyze processes, policies, and contextual factors that affect the delivery of human services to individuals and families.



What can you do with a minor in Family Studies?

The minor is beneficial to all students and supports work in a variety of fields including health care, social services, counseling, youth services, teaching, ministry, family law and business. The minor is designed for students seeking enhancement of their major and career potential. A substantial knowledge of family related issues, family processes, policies, laws, services and the interrelationship of families and societies will enhance majors in many fields including education, criminal justice, nursing, nutrition and dietetics, psychology, religious studies, sociology, social work, and Spanish.



Program of Study

Courses are designed to help students understand family dynamics, behavior and struggles.

15 Credits Total

Choose one of the following:

PSYC 220	Lifespan Developmental Psychology (offered every semester)
PSYC 310	Child Development (offered every fall semester)
SOWK 331	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (offered every spring; restricted to social work majors)

Choose four additional courses from the following:

CRMJ 364	Juvenile Justice (offered every fall)
NURS 332	Child Health Nursing (offered both fall and spring; restricted to junior level nursing majors)
PHIL 244	Philosophy of Education (offered every spring odd years)
PYSC 421	Family Therapy (offered spring odd years)
SOCL 345	Marriage and family (offered every spring odd years)
SOWK 328/ VUSM 281	Understanding and working with Mexicans in the U.S. (offered every spring)
SOWK 333	Child Welfare (offered every spring odd years)
SOWK 334	Social Work with Families (offered every fall odd years)
SOWK 360	Interpersonal Violence (offered fall even years)