

**TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
HDFS MASTER OF SCIENCE SPECIALIZATION  
COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

**REQUIRED COURSES: 19 hours**

HDFS 5110 Colloquium in HDFS (1 hour)  
HDFS 5321 Family Theory  
HDFS 5349 Quantitative Methods I  
HDFS 6352 Quantitative Methods II  
HDFS 5310 Theories of Human Development  
HDFS 5351 Research Methods  
HDFS 6000 Thesis (3 hours)  
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**SPECIALIZATION AND ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS COURSES (15 hours):**

At least 3 courses from inside the HDFS specialization and 2 elective courses from inside or outside the HDFS specialization are required.

HDFS 5302 Introduction to Gerontology  
HDFS 5311 Problems in HDFS  
HDFS 5313 Psychosocial Development  
HDFS 5314 Infant Development  
HDFS 5317 Adolescent Development  
HDFS 5319 Adult Development  
HDFS 5320 Interpersonal and Family Dynamics  
HDFS 5341 Socialization and Addiction  
HDFS 5344 Aging and the Family  
HDFS 5352 Sex and Gender Roles  
HDFS 5353 Issues and Research in HDFS  
(5353 may be taken multiple times and includes these courses: Grant Writing, Writing for Publication, Other topics as needed).  
HDFS 5361 Parent-Child and Peer Relationships  
HDFS 6363 Advanced Topics in Human Development  
(6363 may be taken multiple times and includes these courses: Language

Development; Development and the Brain; Gender Role Development;  
Cognitive Development in Childhood; Cultural Issues in Child  
Development; Race, Poverty, and Ethnicity in Human Development; Other  
topics as needed)

HDFS 6373 Advanced Topics in Family Studies

(6373 may be taken multiple times and includes these courses: Family  
Strengths and Diversity; Family Life Education & Ethics; Family Law and  
Public Policy; Biosocial Issues in the Family; Work and the Family: Other  
topics as needed)

HDFS 5380 Relationship Development

HDFS 6320 Introduction to Risk Taking

HDFS 6330 Family Problems

HDFS 6371 Practicum in HDFS

HDFS 6390 Program Planning and Evaluation

Inside or Outside Elective

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**MASTER'S DEGREE IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCES**  
**37 total credit hours**

**Required Courses – 22 credit hours**

All are 3 credit hours, unless otherwise noted

HDFS	Semester
5110 Colloquium in HDFS (1 credit)	
5310 Theories of Human Development	
5321 Family Theory	
5349 Quantitative Methods I	
5351 Research Methods	
6352 Quantitative Methods II	
6000 Thesis	
6000 Thesis	

**Electives – 15 hours (3 courses)**

HDFS	Semester
5302 Introduction to Gerontology	
5311 Problems in HDFS (Individual Study)	
5313 Psychosocial Development	
5314 Adolescent Development	
5320 Interpersonal and Family Dynamics	
5341 Socialization Processes and Addiction	
5344 Aging and the Family	
5352 Sex and Gender Roles	
5353 Issues and Research in HDFS	
5361 Parent-Child and Peer Relationships	

5380	Relationship Development	
6320	Seminar in Risk Taking	
6330	Family Problems	
6363	Advanced Topics in Human Development	
6371	Practicum in HDFS	
6373	Advanced Topics in Family Studies	
6390	Program Development and Evaluation	
7000	Research	
Outside Electives		

M.S. students may also take the Ph.D. level methodological classes as electives, including: QM III, QM IV, and Qualitative Methods