

Bachelor of Arts in Human Development and Family Science Family Research, Policy, and Advocacy (FRPA) Concentration

A joint interdisciplinary degree program with the College of Humanities and Social Sciences

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❖ **Mason Core, 40 credits:** For current list of approved courses: <http://provost.gmu.edu/gened/approved-course-listing/>

- Oral Communication - 3 credits
- Written Communication (Lower Level) - 3 Credits (**ENGH 101**)
- Written Communication (Upper Level) - 3 Credits (**ENGH 302**)
- Information Technology and Ethics - 3 Credits
- Quantitative Reasoning - 3 Credits
- Arts - 3 Credits
- Global Understanding - 3 Credits (**PSYC 379**)
- Literature - 3 Credits
- Natural Science - 7 Credits
- Social and Behavioral Sciences - 3 Credits (**PSYC 100**)
- Western Civilization - 3 Credits
- Synthesis – 3 credits (**HDFS 400**)

❖ **College-Level Requirements, 9-18 credits** (follow CHSS college-level requirements)

- Philosophy or Religion - 3 credits
- Non-Western Culture - 3 credits (must be different from the course used to fulfill Global Understanding)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences - 3 credits (**SOCI 101 or 102**) (this is in addition to university wide requirement in social and behavioral sciences for a total of 6 credits)
- Foreign Language – 0-9 credits (must achieve proficiency in a foreign language through the intermediate level (through coursework or testing to determine proficiency)

❖ **HDFS major coursework, 33-34 credits**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HDFS 200: Individual and Family Development ▪ HDFS 250: Family Finance and Resource Management ▪ HDFS 300: Individual and Family Services Delivery ▪ HDFS 400: Advanced Family Processes ▪ HDFS 401: Family Law & Public | <p style="text-align: center;">Policy (Writing Intensive)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HDFS 498: Internship ▪ HDFS 499: Advanced Internship ▪ ECED 401: Develop Pathways of Diverse Learners, Birth-Adolescence OR PSYC 313: Child Development ▪ INTS 321: Parent-Child Relations OR ECED 404: Engaging Families of Diverse Young Learners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PSYC 415: Psychological Factors in Aging OR SOCI 341: Sociology of Aging OR HHS 432: Healthy Aging ▪ SOCI 303: Methods and Logic of Inquiry OR PSYC 301: Research Methods in Psychology |
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❖ **Family Research, Policy, and Advocacy Concentration (FRPA) Electives, 15 credits** (Choose 15 credits from the list below or in consultation with your advisor*): This concentration prepares students for graduate education and careers in family law and policy, research, family-based advocacy, and beyond.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CRIM 220: Intro to Law and Society ▪ CRIM 405: Law and Justice Around the World ▪ GCH 376: Health Ethics, Leadership, and Advocacy ▪ GOVT 301: Public Law and the Judicial Process ▪ GOVT 318: Interest Groups, Lobbying, and the Political Process ▪ GOVT 353: Social Entrepreneurship ▪ GOVT 364: Public Policy Making ▪ GOVT 366: Public Policy Analysis ▪ GOVT 407: Law and Society ▪ GOVT 414: Politics of Race and Gender ▪ GOVT 427: Feminist Political Thought ▪ GOVT 445: Human Rights ▪ HAP 442: Intro to Health care Politics and Policy ▪ HAP 301: Healthcare Delivery in the US ▪ HAP 312: Healthcare Law ▪ HAP 445: Intro to Health Services Research ▪ INTS 302: Argument and Advocacy ▪ INTS 317: Issues in Family Relationships ▪ INTS 337: Social Justice Consciousness and Personal Transformation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ INTS 362: Social Justice and Human Rights ▪ INTS 405: Women and Leadership ▪ PSYC 362: Psychology of Gender ▪ PSYC 379: Applied Cross-Cultural Psychology ▪ PSYC 466: Psychology of Intimate Relationships ▪ SOCI 308: Race and Ethnicity in a Changing World ▪ SOCI 309: Marriage, Families, and Intimate Life ▪ SOCI 312: Qualitative Research Methods ▪ SOCI 315: Contemporary Gender Relations ▪ SOCI 355: Social Inequality ▪ SOCW 351: Social Policy and Social Justice ▪ SOCW 370: Social Policy Analysis and Advocacy ▪ SOCW 380: Changing Social Policies and Systems ▪ SOCW 400: Legal and Ethical Issues in Human Services ▪ STAT 250: Introductory Stats ▪ STAT350: Introductory Stats II |
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*Other courses of interest may be approved by the program coordinator

❖ **Electives, 13-23 credits**

Total: 120 Credits

Academic Requirements: 120 total credits; 45 Upper Level Credit Hours; 30 Hours (12 upper level) for GMU Residency Requirement; Completion of Mason Core courses; GPA of at least 2.0

Suggested Academic Plan (to be supplemented by Mason Core and Electives)

Semester	Course	Credits	Prerequisites
1 st Year Fall	HDFS 200: Individual and Family Development	3	
1 st Year Spring	HDFS 250: Family Finance and Resource Management	3	
2 nd Year Fall	FRPA Concentration Elective #1	3	
2 nd Year Spring	HDFS 300: Individual and Family Services Delivery	3	<i>HDFS 200</i>
	FRPA Concentration Elective #2	3	
3 rd Year Fall	ECED 401: Developmental Pathways of Diverse Learners	3	
	ECED 404: Engaging Families of Diverse Young Learners	3	
	SOCI 303: Sociological Research Methodology	4	<i>SOCI 101 or 102</i>
3 rd Year Spring	PSYC 415: Psychological Factors in Aging	3	<i>PSYC 100</i>
	FRPA Concentration Elective #3	3	
	FRPA Concentration Elective #4	3	
4 th Year Fall	HDFS 498: Internship	3	<i>HDFS 300</i>
	FRPA Concentration Elective #5	3	
	HDFS 400: Advanced Family Processes	3	<i>HDFS 200</i>
4 th Year Spring	HDFS 401: Family Law and Public Policy	3	<i>HDFS 200</i>
	HDFS 499: Advanced Internship	3	<i>HDFS 498</i>