

## ***Child Advocacy and Family Policy Specialization***

This specialization focuses on analyzing and solving problems related to children and their families with a primary emphasis on unmet needs. The goal is for students to complete their degree with a detailed understanding of human development, family relations, educational and governmental initiatives and regulations, cultural differences, statistics, politics, and effective communication strategies. This specialization is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions as advocates or policy generalists, or to pursue a graduate degree.

### **Departmental Requirements**

FS 525	Human Development
FS 545	Family Relations
FS 772	Child Advocacy
FS 773	International Perspectives on Families and Young Children
FS 776	Children, Adolescents, and the Law (not offered every year)
FS 794	Families and the Law
FS 712/714	Internship (one semester, credits to be determined)

*One course from each of the following groups:*

1. FS 553      Personal and Family Finance for Family Life Educators  
   FS 653      Family Economics
2. FS 623      Developmental Perspectives on Infancy and Early Childhood  
   FS 624      Developmental Perspectives on Adolescence and Early Adulthood
3. FS 641      Parenting Across the Lifespan  
   FS 743      Families, Schools and Community  
   FS 760      Family Programs and Policies
4. FS 746      Human Sexuality  
   FS 750      Advanced Adolescent Development  
   FS 757      Race, Class, Gender and Families

### **Major Requirements**

PSYCH 402 **or** SOC 502 **or** HHS 540

### **Supporting Courses**

ENGL 502 **or** 503 **or** CMN 456

ANTH 516 **or** POLT 500 **or** 502 **or** SW 525 **or** JUST 401

SW 705 **or** PSYC 581

FS 635 **or** EDUC 500 **or** 507

### **General Education – Recommended Courses**

Please select your General Education courses from the following courses if possible:

*Foreign Culture:* Any course except ENGL 581

*Social Science:* ANTH 412, 625; CD 415; CMN 455, 457; ECON 401, 402; HHS 510; HMP 401, HUMA 510D; NUTR 405; POLT 402, 505, 560, 565, 566, 567; RMP 550, 570; SW 525; SOC 400, 500, 520, 530, 540

*Works of Literature, Philosophy and Ideas:* AMST 502; CMN 456; ENGL 517, 519, 681; FREN 500, 652; GERM 500, 520, 521; HUMA 500, 650; ITAL 500, 521, 522, 651, 652; PHIL 401, 424, 435, 436, 520, 540; POLT 407, 520, 521, 522, 523; PORT 500; RUSS 500, 521, 522, 593; SPAN 500, 522, 650, 651/652, 653/654

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**Internship**

Internships are chosen under the guidance of the specialization coordinator and will be with a state advocacy related office. Some organizations may require a criminal background check before intern placement is finalized. Arrangements for criminal background checks are the responsibility of the student and the requesting organization, not the Department of Family Studies.

*Students are responsible for insuring they have met all requirements.*