

Welcome!

College of Professional Education (COPE)

Department of Family Sciences

- ❖ Early Childhood Development & Education
- ❖ Counseling and Development
- ❖ **Family Studies (On-line Master's program)**
- ❖ Family Therapy

M.S. in Family Studies

- First 100% online Master's in Family Studies in the U.S.
- One of three online degrees in the College of Professional Education
- One of five M.S. programs in the Department of Family Sciences
- Award-winning program
- 34 hr. Thesis options and 35 hr. Portfolio option
- Provisional Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE)*
- TWU online application plus Letter of Intent
- Rolling admissions and no GRE required

*an additional, FS 5933 Practicum must be completed before qualifying for provisional CFLE status

Master's in Family Studies at Texas Woman's University

www.twu.edu/family-sciences/family-studies.asp

More about Family Sciences at TWU

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Careers

What are the careers commonly pursued in family studies?

Answer:

Family Life Educator
Sexuality Educator
Academic Professor
Adoption and Foster Care
Adult Day Care Facilities
Alcohol and Drug Treatment Centers
Author/Speaker
Caseworker & Human Service Specialists
Child Advocacy and Support
Child Life Specialists
Child Welfare Counselors
Child Protection
Crisis Centers
Continuing Education
Community Education
Diversity and Tolerance Training
Early Childhood Intervention
Employee Assistance Programs
Extension Services
Family Finances
Family Planning Centers
Head Start & Early Head Start
Human Resources
Legislative Policy Advisor
Market Research
Parenting Programs
Recreation Program Development
Residential Care Centers
School-Family Programs
Senior Citizen Centers
Leadership & Staff Development
Volunteer Coordination

35 hour: Portfolio Option

What course work leads to the Master's degree in Family Studies?

Answer: The 35-hour portfolio option consists of 13 courses. If students wish to qualify for the provisional CFLE, they must complete an additional FS 5933 Practicum course.

Students can also attend three optional on-campus seminar days (three times a year) to learn about professional organizations, current research in the field and other useful information.

Study includes a 1-credit orientation course, 2 courses in the Master's level research core, 5 foundational courses, and 5 courses of content specialization.

Quality Education

How can I be assured of getting a high quality education?

Answer: By working with quality faculty who are committed to setting high standards. In 2005, an online course in Family Studies, FS 5023: Family Sexuality, was selected as one of three exemplary university online courses in an international, juried competition. In addition, FS 5533: Parenting Education, is now a nationally recognized Quality Matters approved course. In addition to their teaching commitments, Family Studies faculty continue to conduct original research and publish in scholarly journals. All of these elements combine to assure a high quality master's education.

FAQ

How can I be a "distance" student without feeling like a "distant" student?

Answer: An important part of any graduate program is building a sense of community among students and faculty. Family Studies faculty are committed to encouraging and enhancing open communication through a variety of channels. Sometimes faculty use course assignments as a means of connecting students with one another. Other times, faculty urge students to connect through informal study groups or involvement in student-run professional organizations. Through the use of the Blackboard course management system, email, telephone calls and other technological advancements, students and faculty are able to interact and build strong relationships.

FAQ

If I sign up for OM, can I take ONLY online courses?

Answer: As a student working toward the M.S. in Family Studies, you are eligible to take classes in any format offered by the Department of Family Sciences. The M.S. in Family Studies program allows you to plan your study with all online classes, or all campus classes, or a mix of both. Your diploma will not indicate whether you took online or campus classes and neither will your transcript.

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Family Studies Online Master's Tools

- Blackboard (instructional delivery)
- TaskStream (portfolio capstone)
- APA (American Psychological Association) style

Is distance learning for me, and can I handle it?

YES you can (*with some self-discipline!*)

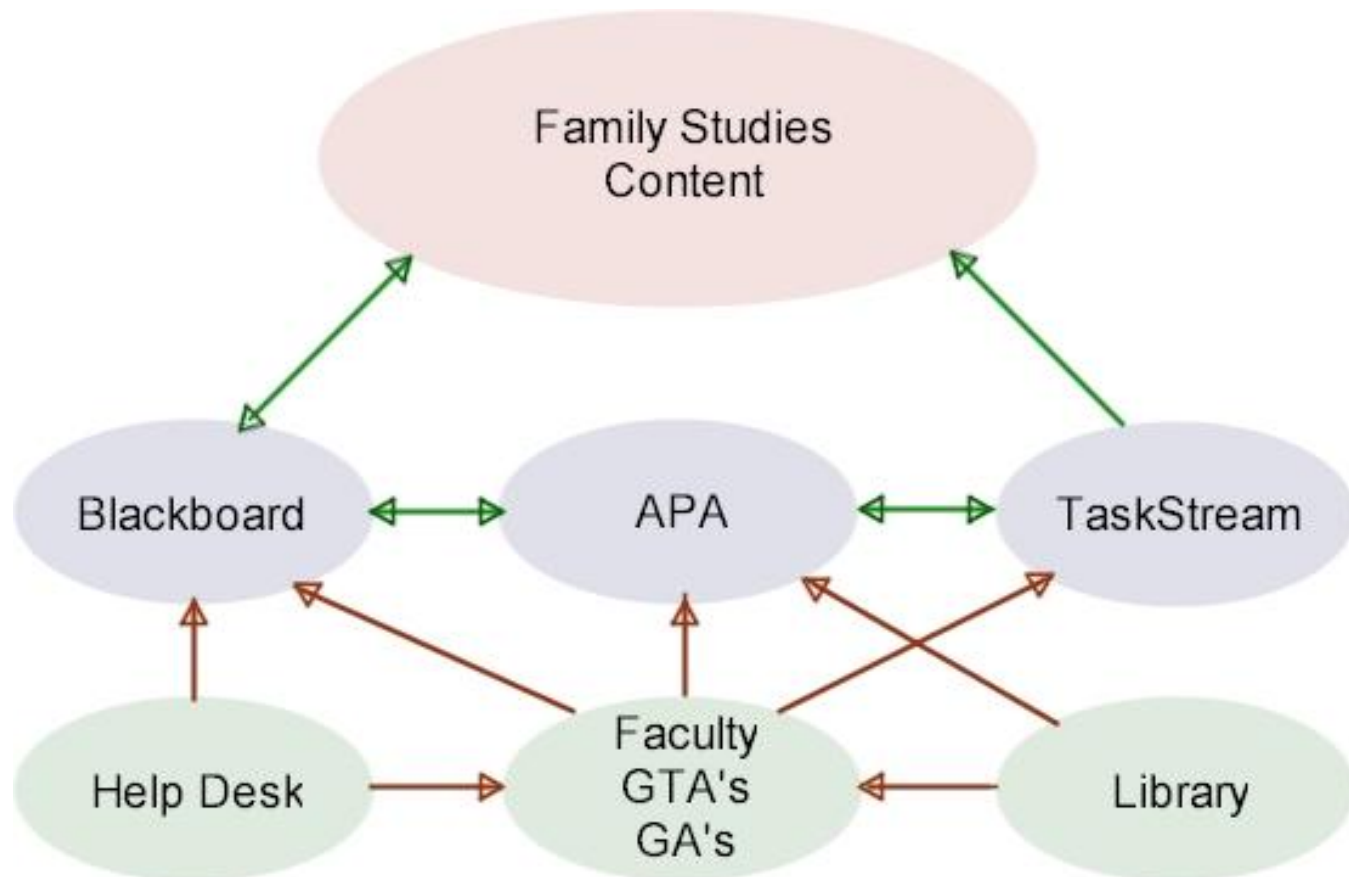
Advantages...

- Work at home, at the office, in the hotel room
- Work around your schedule
- Work in a relaxed environment

Cautions...

- Must still meet deadlines
- Must participate “in class” as required
- Must maintain two-way communications

The OM Big Picture



What is Blackboard?

- The tool faculty use for instructional delivery (course content, syllabi, reference, etc.)
- The tool students use to turn in assignments (via drop box or e-mail)
- The tool used for communications (specific instructions, questions, grades, etc.)
- Similar to WebCT and WebCT Vista

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The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Blackboard Learn - Windows Internet Explorer provided by Texas Woman's University". The address bar contains the URL "http://online.twu.edu/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp". The browser's menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "View", "Favorites", "Tools", and "Help". The page features a navigation bar with "Home", "Help", and "Login" links, and a "Just Ask I.T." button. The main header displays "TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY" and "Denton • Dallas • Houston". Below the header is a navigation menu with "Blackboard 9", "Courses", "Organizations", "Library", "Student", and "Help". The main content area is titled "Blackboard 9 Notifications Dashboard" and is divided into several sections:

- Tools:** Includes links for "Announcements" and "Calendar".
- Hot Spots:** Features a "Help Desk" icon with the text "HELP DESK TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT".
- Getting Started Guide:** Contains the text: "Please go through the system check and orientation below to learn about taking online classes at Texas Woman's".
- Start of Semester:** Titled "Can't See Your Summer 2010 Courses?", it includes a "Don't panic!" warning and instructions to contact the instructor or the Helpdesk at 940-898-3971 or visit <http://www.twu.edu/help-desk/>.
- My Courses:** States "You are not currently enrolled in any courses."
- Blackboard Sample Course:** Asks "Would you like to see what an online course at TWU looks like? Log into TWU's Blackboard system using:" followed by "Username = online" and "Password = online".
- Login Here:** Includes "Change Text Size" and "High Contrast Setting" options, a "WARNING" message about the secured information system, and a login form with "Username:" and "Password:" fields and a "Login" button.

What is TaskStream?

- An online, third party repository of materials that students submit toward completion of the portfolio portion of the non-thesis track.
- Allows work to be submitted by the student while simultaneously allowing faculty to provide feedback for improvement.
- Used during the entire OM program that culminates into one final project for credit.

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AMS by TaskStream is employed at the institution (macro) level to provide an efficient and effective way for academic and non-academic divisions, departments, and programs to document, analyze, manage and archive outcomes assessment and accountability initiatives.


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What is APA style?

American Psychological Association (APA) style is a widely accepted style of documentation, particularly in the social sciences, whereas **MLA** (Modern Language Association) style is most commonly used to write papers and cite sources within the liberal arts and humanities. Being a part of the social sciences, you'll use **APA style** when writing papers. **APA style** uses Harvard referencing, also known as the author-date system of citations and parenthetical referencing, keyed to a subsequent list of "References." The *APA Publication Manualth Edition* provides basic guidelines for documenting both print and electronic resources.

Source: Wikipedia Inc. – www.wikipedia.com
"The Owl" at Purdue University - <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/01/>

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