

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY
Department of Family Sciences
M.S. in Family Studies
(34 hours Thesis option; 35 hours Portfolio option)

Foundational Core I (7 hours): Courses to be completed in first 2 semesters.

- FS 5003*† Lifespan Human Development
- FS 5123*† Theories of the Family
- FS 5221* Seminar in Family Sciences

Foundational Core II (6 hours):

- FS 5823*† Families and Public Policy
- FS 5833*†§ Family Economics

Research Core (6 hours):

- FS 5193* Statistics for Research in Family Sciences (formerly FS 5903 Statistics)
- FS 5693* Research Methods in Family Sciences

Content Specialization (9 hours Thesis option; 15 hours Portfolio option):

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| FS 5023*† Family Sexuality | FS 5533*† Parenting Education |
| FS 5103§ Families as Consumers | FS 5603 Aging in Families & Society |
| FS 5133 Family Law | FS 5663 Leadership and Staff Development |
| FS 5153*† Family Changes and Diversity | FS 5713§ Housing and Families |
| FS 5233*† Communication in Marriage & Family | FS 5803§ Time Management for Families |
| FS 5243 Adolescents in the Family | FS 5843*†§ Teaching Family Sciences |
| FS 5253* Gender Role Development | FS 5933*†§ Practicum in Family Sciences |
| FS 5573 Family Crisis | |

Professional Competency (6 hours Thesis option; 1 hour Portfolio option): Taken in final semester(s).

- FS 5911* Independent Study: Portfolio
- FS 5983/93* Thesis

§Family Resource Management Emphasis Option:

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| FS 5103§ Families as Consumers | FS 5833*† Family Economics |
| FS 5713§ Housing and Families | FS 5843*†§ Teaching Family Sciences |
| FS 5803§ Time Management for Families | FS 5933*†§ Practicum in Family Sciences |

*Course marked with an asterisk offered online.

†The M.S. in Family Studies has been approved by the National Council on Family Relations as meeting the Standards and Criteria required for Provisional Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) designation. Courses marked with † must be completed in order to qualify. Practicum in Family Sciences is required for Provisional CFLE applicants who begin course work in fall 2006 and after.

Portfolio Option (35 credit hours): To meet the Graduate School requirements of professional writing and/or project, student work from courses will be prepared in a professional portfolio and presented at the conclusion of course work.

Thesis Option (34 credit hours): Research conducted and the thesis completed in 6 credit hours across 2 semesters.

GPA Requirement: Graduate students must receive an A or a B in all courses in order to earn credit toward the degree.