FAMILY, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SCIENCES

Family, youth and community sciences prepares students in current trends, issues, problems and community assets to address predictable human developmental changes, unpredictable events such as natural disaster or persistent problems such as poverty and nutrition.

About this Program

- **College**: Agricultural and Life Sciences
- **Degree**: Bachelor of Science
- **Credits for Degree**: 120
- **Additional Information**

To graduate with this major, students must complete all university, college, and major requirements.

This interdisciplinary applied social science program provides the general and technical education necessary for graduates to enter careers in human services, including public, private, nonprofit and for-profit organizations. This includes family life education, youth development, human services, community development and extension education. Students receive the training needed to understand and help youth, families and communities by taking foundation courses in sociology, psychology and economics as well as advanced courses in youth, family and community development.

Students must earn a minimum grade of C in all critical-tracking courses, 3000/4000-level core courses and specialization elective, which must be at the 3000/4000-level. A 2.5 GPA in the core courses is required for graduation.

Related Family, Youth and Community Sciences Programs

- Combined Degree
- Family, Youth and Community Sciences minor
- Family Life Education certificate

Critical Tracking

Critical Tracking records each student’s progress in courses that are required for entry to each major. Please note the critical-tracking requirements below on a per-semester basis.

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida Common Course Prerequisites may be used for transfer students.

Semester 1

- Complete 1 of 5 critical-tracking courses, excluding labs, with a minimum grade of C: AEB 2014 or ECO 2013 or ECO 2023, BSC 2005/BSC 2005L, PSY 2012, STA 2023, SYG 2000
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 2

- Complete 1 additional critical-tracking course, excluding lab, with minimum grade of C

Semester 3

- Complete 2 additional critical-tracking courses, excluding labs, with minimum grades of C
- 2.5 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 4

- Complete 1 additional critical-tracking course, excluding lab, with minimum grade of C
- 2.5 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 5

- Complete all critical-tracking courses, including labs, with minimum grades of C
- 2.5 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Model Semester Plan

To remain on track, students must complete the appropriate critical-tracking courses, which appear in bold. These courses must be completed by the terms as listed above in the Critical Tracking criteria.

This semester plan represents an example progression through the major. Actual courses and course order may be different depending on the student’s academic record and scheduling availability of courses. Prerequisites still apply.

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Family, Youth and Community Sciences

ECO 2023 Principles of Microeconomics (Critical Tracking)

ECO 2013 Principles of Macroeconomics (Critical Tracking, Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences)

AEC 3030C or SPC 2608 Effective Oral Communication or Introduction to Public Speaking

PSY 2012 General Psychology (Critical Tracking, Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences)

Gen Ed Composition 3
State Core Gen Ed Humanities 3

Credits 15-16

Semester Four
Select one:

AEC 3030C Research and Business Writing in Agricultural and Life Sciences (Writing Requirement)

ENC 2210 Technical Writing

STA 2023 Introduction to Statistics 1 (Critical Tracking, Gen Ed Mathematics)

Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences 3

Electives 5

Credits 14

Semester Five
FYC 3001 Principles of Family, Youth and Community Sciences (Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences)

Select one:

FYC 3101 Parenting and Family Development
SYG 2430 Marriage and Family (Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences and Diversity)

FYC course 3
Approved electives 6

Credits 15

Semester Six
FYC 3201 Foundations of Youth Development 3
FYC 3401 Introduction to Social and Economic Perspectives on the Community 3
FYC course 3
Specialization electives (3000/4000 level) 6

Credits 15

Summer After Semester Six
FYC 4941 Practicum in Family, Youth and Community Sciences 3

Credits 3

Semester Seven
Select two (or all three):

FYC 3112 Contemporary Family Problems and Interventions 6
FYC 4212 Contemporary Youth Problems and Solutions
FYC 4126 Urban and Rural America in Transition
FYC 4931 Family, Youth, and Community Sciences Professional Development
FYC course 3
Specialization elective (3000/4000 level) 3

Credits 15

Semester Eight
FYC 4622 Planning and Evaluating Family, Youth and Community Science Programs 3
FYC 4801 Applied Social Research Methods 4
FYC course 3

Specialization electives (3000/4000 level) 5-6

Credits 15-16

Total Credits 120

Specialization electives must be at the 3000/4000 level and students must attain minimum grades of C.

Academic Learning Compact

This major takes an interdisciplinary approach to the applied social sciences and prepares students for a career in professions that strengthen families, children, youth and communities. Students’ knowledge and skills will be developed through foundation courses in sociology, psychology and economics; through advanced courses in family, youth and community development; and through specialized courses in prevention and intervention. Students will be able to evaluate strategies, integrate knowledge of ethical standards and use professional skills for handling contemporary problems.

Before Graduating Students Must

• Pass an exam on fundamental concepts given as part of FYC 4931.
• Achieve minimum grades of C in AEC 3030C and AEC 3033C. These courses are graded using rubrics developed by a faculty committee.
• Complete a final project in FYC 4931, including a written report and oral presentation.
• Complete the practicum course FYC 4941 with performance evaluations completed by agency supervisors.
• Complete requirements for the baccalaureate degree, as determined by faculty.

Students in the Major Will Learn to

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

Content
1. Apply the guiding framework of human ecology and other related theories to contribute to positive outcomes for diverse families, youth and communities at home and abroad.
2. Apply strategies for prevention and intervention in contemporary family, youth and community problems and issues.

Critical Thinking
3. Apply current research findings relevant to families, youth and communities.
4. Integrate professional skills, ethical standards and knowledge needed to participate in and to provide leadership in civic and professional life.

Communication
5. Create, interpret and analyze written text, oral messages and multimedia presentations used in agricultural and life sciences and in family, youth and community sciences.

Curriculum Map

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**Assessment Types**

- Group project
- Research project
- Exams
- Papers
- Student practicum
- Self-assessment