

# FAMILY, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SCIENCES

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## Department Information

The mission of the Family, Youth and Community Sciences Department is to enhance lifelong learning and the personal, social, economic, and environmental well-being of diverse individuals, families, and communities through state-of-the art extension, research, and teaching programs.

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### Curriculum

- Combination Degrees
- Family, Youth and Community Sciences
- Family, Youth and Community Sciences Minor

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## Courses

### FYC 3001 Principles of Family, Youth and Community Sciences 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Introduces the study and practice of family, youth and community sciences. Presents analytic concepts used in the study of family, youth and community sciences. Emphasizes the vulnerabilities and needs of US children, youth, families, and communities, and describes human services that maximize human potential and minimize personal and societal costs. Introduces the roles and skills of the human service professional.

**Prerequisite:** PSY 2012 or SYG 2000.

**Attributes:** General Education - Social Science

### FYC 3005 Introduction to Personal and Family Financial Planning 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Management of personal and family financial resources throughout the life span. A study of individual and family finances as related to planning, credit, saving, investment, insurance, taxes, housing costs, transportation costs, retirement, and estate planning.

**Prerequisite:** Sophomore standing or higher.

### FYC 3101 Parenting and Family Development 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Introduces the challenges and changes associated with parenthood. Includes strategies, skills and resources for understanding parenting. Also addresses diverse family types and parenting risks.

**Prerequisite:** FYC 3112.

### FYC 3112 Contemporary Family Problems and Interventions 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

The major social and family problems contemporary families face, including poverty, violence and care of dependent elders. Emphasizes family strengths and resiliency as well as social programs that help families withstand and overcome difficulties. Emphasizes the role of society, race and gender in constructing family problems.

**Prerequisite:** PSY 2012 or SYG 2000.

**Corequisite:** FYC 3001.

### FYC 3115 Human Services 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

In-depth look at human services that assist children and families, with focus on income support, child protection, adoption and family support programs offered through human services agencies. Emphasizes professional development of helping skills for working directly with children and families.

**Prerequisite:** FYC 3001.

**FYC 3201 Foundations of Youth Development 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Introduces youth development principles utilizing an ecological framework, including major theories relevant to domains of development. Then, major physical, cognitive, social and emotional changes experienced by youth in middle childhood through adolescence are explored. Application of youth development principles in context of family, school and community are also emphasized.

**Corequisite:** FYC 3001.

**FYC 3401 Introduction to Social and Economic Perspectives on the Community 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Introduces the study of community in American society. Addresses the theoretical underpinnings of the concept of community and explores changes that have affected urban and rural communities. (S)

**Corequisite:** FYC 3001.

**Attributes:** General Education - Social Science

**FYC 3521 Community Food Systems 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines theory and practice in food and agriculture from a social science perspective within the context of sustainable community food systems.

**Prerequisite:** junior standing or higher.

**FYC 4003 Personal and Family Financial Counseling 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines family economics and resource management issues and impact on the well-being of family across the major transitions of the family life-cycle. The complex process of financial decision-making and the role of the financial counselor are addressed.

**Prerequisite:** FYC 3005.

**FYC 4114 Ethical Issues in Family, Youth and Community Sciences 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Ethics and ethical decision-making by professionals working individuals and their families is addressed. Emphasizes ethical issues related to family relationships and family life.

**Prerequisite:** junior standing or higher.

**FYC 4126 Urban and Rural America in Transition 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Communities in America are being confronted with a number of significant changes. Such shifts are not felt in the same manner across various regions or communities in the US. Explore current and emerging issues that have differential consequences for urban and rural areas in this country.

**Prerequisite:** SYG 2000 and FYC 3001 and FYC 3401 with minimum grades of C and FYC major.

**FYC 4202 Youth and Family Relations 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Youth within the family system. Reviews basic theory and research on youth development and how it is intertwined with family development, family processes and extended family systems. Students also work with youth and their families.

**Prerequisite:** FYC 3001.

**FYC 4204 Positive Youth Development for the Youth Professional 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

This course prepares youth development professionals to provide direct service to youth and emerging adults in non-formal settings. Emphasis is placed on the application of positive youth development principles, practices, and professional skills.

**Prerequisite:** FYC 3001 with minimum grade of C, and FYC 3201 with minimum grade of C, and FYC 4212 with minimum grade of C.

**FYC 4210 Children: Trauma & Resiliency 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Evolving research on the developing child and the neurobiology of trauma has dramatically changed our understanding of adverse childhood experiences and its impact on the growing child. This course focuses on both areas: the nature of childhood trauma and intervention in an ecological context.

**Prerequisite:** FYC 3112.

**FYC 4212 Contemporary Youth Problems and Solutions 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Youth development and its ecology, emphasizing the challenges and issues facing adolescents/ youth, and the creation of communities that foster positive youth development and resiliency. Includes theoretical, methodological, empirical and practical issues regarding youth development issues and solutions. Also examines the ecology of youth development, focusing on the dynamics of interactions and reciprocal relationships between youth and various systems of the environment.

**Prerequisite:** (FYC 3001 and FYC 3201 and SYG 2000 with minimum grades of C) and Family, Youth and Community Sciences major.

**FYC 4301 Engaging Communities for Decision Making and Action 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Survey citizens and analyze data of scientific, technological, environmental, and societal issues at the community level. Implement and evaluate methodologically correct research that aids in the resolution of issues and improves decision-making skills as they relate to community issues.

**Prerequisite:** FYC 3001 and FYC 3401 and FYC 4622.**FYC 4408 Organizational Leadership for Nonprofits 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines the challenges for nonprofit leaders, incorporating leadership theories as they apply to these organizations. Provides the leadership skills needed to lead nonprofit organizations.

**Prerequisite:** Junior standing or higher.**FYC 4409 Working with Nonprofit Organizations in Community Settings 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Overview of nonprofit organizations, their functions and purpose, how they are organized and operate, and the basic structure of an incorporated nonprofit.

**Prerequisite:** Junior standing or higher.**FYC 4410 Fund Raising for Community Nonprofit Organizations 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Contemporary fund raising practices in the nonprofit sector applied to community organizations.

**Prerequisite:** Junior standing or higher.;**Corequisite:** FYC 4409.**FYC 4426 Risk Management in Nonprofit Organizations 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Foundation in the theory, principles and techniques associated with risk management. Topics include the nature and purpose of risk management; the general risk management exposures facing nonprofit organizations; and risk financing strategies for nonprofits.

**Prerequisite:** Junior standing or higher.;**Corequisite:** FYC 4409.**FYC 4427 Non-Governmental Organizations 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explores the nature, role, operations and impacts of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) across the globe. Provides a foundation in understanding NGOs within the geographical, social, political and economic realities under which they operate. Lectures, reading assignments, student presentations and a group project are designed for a better understanding of NGO operations.

**Prerequisite:** junior or senior standing.**FYC 4428 Human Resource Management for Nonprofits 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Presents the various HRM activities such as recruitment, testing, selection, performance management, labor relations, volunteer management, compensation and training, for more effective management. Experiential exercises are used to simulate personnel/HRM tasks and issues that managers face in nonprofit organizations, such as conflict and leadership.

**Prerequisite:** Junior standing or higher.;**Corequisite:** FYC 4409.**FYC 4503 Methods of Family Life Education 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Educational techniques for family life educators and human science providers who help individuals and families address key issues of development and human relationships at each stage of the life cycle.

**Prerequisite:** (FYC 3101 and FYC 3201) or SYG 2430.**FYC 4622 Planning and Evaluating Family, Youth and Community Science Programs 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Basic philosophy, theory and process of planning and evaluating family, youth and community programs.

**Prerequisite:** FYC 3001.**FYC 4660 Family Policy 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Understanding how professionals can influence family policy and the impact of government policies on families.

**Prerequisite:** FYC 3112.**FYC 4801 Applied Social Research Methods 4 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Understand and apply the principles of social science research methods. Learn a variety of research methods and have hands-on experience with data collection and analysis.

**Prerequisite:** FYC 3001 with minimum grade of C or STA 2023.

**FYC 4803 Advanced Social Research Methods 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Design, implement, and interpret social research as part of an advanced team. Collaboratively conduct original social research under faculty supervision and produce a manuscript suitable for submission to a scholarly outlet.

**Prerequisite:** FYC 4801 and Instructor approval.

**FYC 4900 Supervised Extension Experience in Family, Youth and Community Sciences 0-3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** S/U

Firsthand, authentic extension experiences in agricultural and life sciences under the supervision of a faculty member. Projects may involve program planning, development, implementation, and evaluation.

**FYC 4905 Individual Study in Family, Youth and Community Sciences 1-3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Selected topics and problems related to family, youth and community sciences and the student's specific area of interest.

**FYC 4911 Supervised Research in Family, Youth and Community Sciences 0-3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** S/U

Firsthand, authentic research in family, youth and community sciences under the supervision of a faculty member. Projects may involve inquiry, design, investigation, scholarship, discovery or application.

**FYC 4915 Honors Thesis Research in Family, Youth and Community Sciences 0-3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** S/U

Independent research in family, youth and community sciences leading to an honors thesis. Students are mentored by a faculty member. Projects may involve inquiry, design, investigation, scholarship, discovery or application.

**Prerequisite:** junior standing, upper division GPA of 3.75 or higher and completed honors thesis proposal on file.

**FYC 4930 Personal and Family Financial Planning Capstone 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Critical thinking and decision making about personal and family financial management in the context of the financial planning process. Analyze and prioritize goals and make recommendations for a client in household accounting, taxes, investments, risk management, retirement planning and estate planning.

**Prerequisite:** FYC 4004, FYC 4007 and FYC 4102.

**FYC 4931 Family, Youth, and Community Sciences Professional Development 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Provides a professional development experience for students in FYCS including: search for employment during their final semesters of undergraduate study and information regarding graduate education and research possibilities. Emphasis is placed on career placement, graduate education, practicum readiness, professional business etiquette and elements for a successful transition to the workforce.

**Prerequisite:** FYC 3001 and FYC 3112 and FYC 3201 and FYC 3401.

**FYC 4932 Special Topics in Family, Youth, and Community Science 1-3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Special topics in Family, Youth, and Community Science.

**Prerequisite:** Sophomore standing or higher.

**FYC 4941 Practicum in Family, Youth and Community Sciences 3-6 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Supervised field work experience in a human/community services agency and a professional seminar to discuss student progress, workplace experiences, and the intersectionality of current topics and issues in society as they relate to families, youth, and communities. Required course assignments aid in processing and assessing the practicum experience and relate to professional issues and responsibilities.

**Prerequisite:** FYC 3001 and FYC 3112 and FYC 3115 and FYC 4114 and FYC 3201 and FYC 3401 and FYC 4622 and FYC 4801 and FYC 4931.

**FYC 4950 UF in Ireland Field Study 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explore Irish culture through observation, participation, and reflection on a variety of Irish cultural experiences; participate, summarize, and report on a capstone project.

**Prerequisite:** 1 entry-level youth development course (FYC 3001, FYC 3201, EDF 3110, EDF 3132, EDF 3135, or PSY 2012).

**FYC 4951 Youth Development, Service-Learning and Irish Culture 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Provides a transformative experiential learning experience in the context of youth development and Irish culture in Ireland. This course will facilitate youth development, service-learning, and cultural learning opportunities, along with collaborating with community-based organizations working to solve local issues and enhance community engagement. Part of a UF study Abroad Program.

**Prerequisite:** 1 entry-level youth development course (FYC 3001, FYC 3201, EDF 3110, EDF 3132, EDF 3135, or PSY 2012).