

FAMILY, YOUTH, AND COMMUNITY SCIENCES

Master of Science in Family, Youth and Community Sciences

The **Master of Science** in FYCS seeks to prepare students for careers in human services, youth professions, and community development in public, private, and nonprofit organizations. There are two degree options: thesis and non-thesis project. The thesis option prepares students to conduct independent research needed to develop science-based solutions to problems, issues, and policies that affect families, youth, and communities. Students develop expertise in a subject matter area directly relevant to the problem or need they want to address with the thesis research. The non-thesis project option provides the student with a broad base of knowledge and skills in the discipline. Projects vary in nature and may include program development and evaluation, improving aspects of organizational/community development, grant writing, or other empirically-based projects.

Students in the Master of Science program have the option to complete one of three concentrations: **Concentration in Nonprofit Organizational Development**. The concentration helps students build a foundation of skills to develop and sustain an effective nonprofit organization, including coursework that examines essential topics like governance, strategic planning, fundraising, risk management, and financial planning. **The Concentration in Family and Youth Development** helps students build the leadership skills needed to effectively develop, implement, and evaluate services and programs affecting youth and families within their communities. **The Concentration in Community Studies** prepares students to serve as leaders and managers for community-based organizations and programs.

Students both inside and outside the major may complete a **Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership**. This 12-credit certificate covers the core competencies of: governance, strategic planning, fundraising, human resources management, and risk management, as well as other emerging strategies.

An online professional development program in **Personal and Family Financial Planning** is available. The program is registered with the Certified Financial Planner™ Board of Standards to offer courses that cover education requirements for sitting for the CFP examination.

The Family, Youth and Community Sciences Department offers two minors for non-majors. The **Minor in Organizational Leadership for Nonprofits** introduces students to the core management and leadership competencies necessary to work in the nonprofit sector. The **Minor in Family, Youth and Community Sciences** provides students with knowledge about the theories and body of research that explain how families, youth, and communities develop and interact.

Combined program: The Department offers a combined bachelor's/master's degree program, which allows qualified students to earn both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree with a savings of up to 12 credits.

Degrees Offered

Degrees Offered with a Major in Family, Youth, and Community Sciences

- Master of Science
 - without a concentration
 - concentration in Community Studies
 - concentration in Family and Youth Development
 - concentration in Nonprofit Organizational Development

Requirements for these degrees are given in the Graduate Degrees (<http://catalog.ufl.edu/graduate/degrees/>) section of this catalog.

Courses

Family, Youth and Community Sciences Departmental Courses

Code	Title	Credits
FYC 5008	Personal and Family Tax Planning	3
FYC 5009	Personal and Family Insurance Planning	3
FYC 5106	Personal and Family Retirement and Estate Planning	3
FYC 5935	Personal and Family Financial Planning Capstone	3
FYC 6111	Families and Violence	3
FYC 6117	Military Families in Community Context	3
FYC 6131	Ethics for FYCS Practitioners	3
FYC 6207	Adolescent Problematic Behavior	3
FYC 6221	Grant Proposals for Community-Based Organizations	3
FYC 6222	Parenting and Child Relationships	3
FYC 6223	Promoting Positive Youth Development	3
FYC 6224	Resilience and Positive Youth Development	3
FYC 6230	Theories of Family Development, Systems and Change	3
FYC 6234	Theoretical Approaches to Youth Development	3
FYC 6235	Prevention Science in Youth Development and Family Science	3
FYC 6302	Sustainable Community Development	3
FYC 6320	Community Development and Civic Engagement	3
FYC 6330	Theories of Community Development	3
FYC 6421	Nonprofit Organizations	3
FYC 6422	Policy Issues and Case Studies in Nonprofit Organizations	3
FYC 6423	Non-Governmental Organizations	3
FYC 6424	Fund Raising for Community Nonprofit Organizations	3
FYC 6425	Risk Management in Nonprofit Organizations	3
FYC 6620	Program Planning and Evaluation for Human Service Delivery	3
FYC 6662	Public Policy and Human Resource Development	3
FYC 6800	Scientific Reasoning and Research Design	3
FYC 6802	Advanced Research Methods for Family, Youth, and Community Sciences	3
FYC 6901	Problems in Family, Youth, and Community Sciences	1-3

FYC 6912	Nonthesis Project in Family, Youth, and Community Sciences	1-3
FYC 6920	Capstone Project	3
FYC 6932	Topics, in Family, Youth, and Community Sciences	1-3
FYC 6933	Seminar in Human Resource Development	1
FYC 6934	Professional Internship/Practicum in Family, Youth, and Community Sciences	1-3
FYC 6971	Research for Master's Thesis	1-6
FYC 7979	Advanced Research	1-12
FYC 7980	Research for Doctoral Dissertation	1-15

College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ALS 5156	Agricultural Ecology Principles and Applications	3
ALS 5905	Individual Study	1-4
ALS 5932	Special Topics	1-4
ALS 6046	Grant Writing	2
ALS 6166	Exotic Species and Biosecurity Issues	3
ALS 6921	Colloquium on Plant Pests of Regulatory Significance	1
ALS 6925	Integrated Plant Medicine	4
ALS 6931	Plant Medicine Program Seminar	1
ALS 6935	Topics in Biological Invasions	3
ALS 6942	Principles of Plant Pest Risk Assessment and Management	3
ALS 6943	Internship in Plant Pest Risk Assessment and Management	1-10
ANS 6936	Graduate Seminar in Animal Molecular and Cell Biology	1-2
BCH 5045	Graduate Survey of Biochemistry	4
FYC 6422	Policy Issues and Case Studies in Nonprofit Organizations	3
STA 6093	Introduction to Applied Statistics for Agricultural and Life Sciences	3
STA 6329	Matrix Algebra and Statistical Computing	3

Student Learning Outcomes

Family, youth & community sciences (MS)

SLO 1 Analyze Problems, Issues and Needs

Use science-based research to analyze complex family, youth, or social problems, issues and needs.

SLO 2 Apply Theory and Research

Apply family, economic, or social theory and research to the analysis of policies and programs that affect families, youth and communities.

SLO 3 Analyze and Assess Needs, Issues and Problems

Analyze and assess the needs, issues and problems of families, youth and communities

SLO 4 Impacts of Policies, Programs and Organizations

Develop, implement and analyze the impacts of policies, programs and organizations for families, youth and communities.

SLO 5 Professional Behavior

Interact with professional peers with honesty, ethical behavior, cultural sensitivity, and teamwork