This degree option is available for students interested in the advanced study of human development and family science.

**Courses are Selected From:**

A. Statistics and research methods (6 hours)
   - HDFS 8200: Research Methods
   - Any advisor-approved statistics course 7000 level or above

B. Theory (6 hours)
   - HDFS 8210: Theories of Human Development
   - HDFS 8220: Family Theories

C. Diversity (6 hours; additional courses may be taken to fulfill electives requirements)
   - HDFS 7200: Latino Families and Youth
   - HDFS 7300: The Black Family
   - HDFS 7610: Stress in Families
   - HDFS 8087: Poverty
   - HDFS 8300: Advanced Seminar on Multicultural Families
   - HDFS 8610: Remarriage and Stepfamilies
   - HDFS 8630: Gendered Relations in Families

D. Electives (12-15 hours)
   - HDFS 7257: Aging and the Family
   - HDFS 7510: Administration of Programs for Children and Families
   - HDFS 7630: The Process of Divorce
   - HDFS 7640: Interpersonal Relationships
   - HDFS 7720: Child and Family Advocacy
   - HDFS 8012: Family Dynamics and Intervention
   - HDFS 8420: Cognitive Development
   - HDFS 8440: Social-Emotional Development
   - HDFS 8450: Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood
   - HDFS 8640: Family Interaction
   - HDFS 8710: Children, Families and Public Policy
   - Or any advisor approved graduate level course

E. Independent effort (choose one experience)
   - HDFS 8090: Project (3-6 hours)
   - HDFS 8972: Internship (3-6 hours)
   - HDFS 8999: Exam (no course credit is assigned)

*36 credit hours are required to earn a Master's degree*