The mission of the new Human Development and Family Science Master’s degree option in Family and Community Services may be summed up in three words – **Understand, Deliver, Manage**. The goal of the new Family and Community Services online MA option in Human Development and Family Science is to create alumni capable of understanding family, interpersonal, and community dynamics in order to help individuals and their families through education, resource management, and effective service delivery. In addition, graduates of this degree option will acquire knowledge and skills in program and agency management.

**Required:**

*Understand Families in Community Context*
- HDFS 8100: Foundations and Principles of Family and Community Services (3)
- HDFS 7690: Family Resource Management (3)
- HDFS 8012: Family Dynamics (3)
- HDFS 8520: Lifespan Development (3)
- HDFS 7640: Interpersonal Relationships (3)
- HDFS 7600: Family Resilience Across the Life Course (3)

*Deliver Family Service Programs:*
- HDFS 8510: Parenting Programs and Parent-Child Relationships (3)
- HDFS 7650: Family Crises Intervention (3)

*Manage Family and Community Service Programs:*
- HDFS 8235: Program Administration and Management (3)
- HDFS 8238: Program Design, Evaluation, and Implementation (3)

*Suggested Electives*:
- HDFS 7233: Basic Grant Development and Management (3)
- HDFS 8234: Adolescents and their Families (3)
- HDFS 8237: Youth Culture (3)
- HDFS 8710: Children, Families, and Poverty (3)
- *Or Any Adviser-Approved Course

**NOTE:** Up to 6 credits can be transferred from other graduate programs if the courses are deemed relevant by your adviser.

**Independent Effort:**
- HDFS 8972: Internship (variable) **OR** HDFS 8999: Exam*

*No course credit is assigned to the exam option.*