This is an applied program designed to provide experience in the emerging field of Family Mediation. Both thesis (MS) and non-thesis (MA) options are offered, but students must petition to write a thesis. The non-thesis option involves either a project or internship. Both the MA or MS options require that the student work with a licensed mediator in some capacity.

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. Core content in family science (27 hours)**
1. Family interaction and functioning (6 hours)
   - HDFS 7620: Family Interaction OR HDFS 8012: Family Dynamics and Intervention
   - HDFS 8440: Social-Emotional Development OR HDFS 8460: Life Course Perspective OR HDFS 8210: Theories of Human Development
2. Family structures, forms, and variations (6 hours)
   - HDFS 7630: The Process of Divorce
   - HDFS 8610: Remarriage and Stepfamilies
3. Family theory (3 hours)
   - HDFS 8220: Family Theories
4. Family financial planning (3 hours)
   - FINPLN 3283: Financial planning
5. Family mediation and law (6 hours)
   - HDFS 8087: Family Mediation Seminar
   - 5575L: Family Law
6. Divorce education (3 hours)
   - HDFS 9100: Divorce Education Programs

**C. Thesis or other independent effort (3-6 hours)**
- HDFS 8090: Project
- HDFS 8972: Internship
- HDFS 8999: Exam*
- HDFS 9090: Thesis

*No course credit is assigned to the exam option