This program is for the professional who wants to provide leadership in human services programs. A strong undergraduate background in understanding, guiding, and working with people is necessary. Both thesis (MS) and non-thesis (MA) options are offered, but students must petition to write a thesis. The non-thesis option involves an exam, project, or internship.

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 (15 hours)
   1. Family structures and functioning (12 hours)
      HDFS 8012: Family Dynamics and Intervention
      HDFS 8087: Poverty
      HDFS 8710: Children, Families, and Public Policy
      HDFS 8210: Theories of Human Development OR HDFS 8220: Family Theories
   2. Electives* (3 hours)
      HDFS 7257: Aging and the Family
      HDFS 7300: The Black Family
      HDFS 7610: Stress in Families
      HDFS 7620: Family Interaction
      HDFS 7630: The Process of Divorce
      HDFS 7640: Interpersonal Relationships
      HDFS 7720: Child and Family Advocacy
      HDFS 8235: Administration and Program Management
      HDFS 8300: Advanced Seminar on Multicultural Families
      HDFS 8420: Cognitive Development
      HDFS 8440: Social and Emotional Development
      HDFS 8460: Life Course Perspective
      HDFS 8610: Remarriage and Stepfamilies
      HDFS 8620: Work and Family
      HDFS 8630: Gendered Relations in Families
      * Or any advisor approved graduate level course
C. Administration (9 hours)
   1. Administration (6 hours)
      HDFS 7510: Administration of Programs for Children and Families OR PA 8160:
      Organizational Dynamics and Leadership
      PA 8520: Human Resource Management and Development in the Public and Nonprofit
      Sector OR PA 8610: Group Dynamics and Conflict Resolution, OR PA 8710: The Nonprofit
      & Voluntary Sector, OR PA 8720: Financial Management in the Public and Nonprofit Sector
   2. Advocacy/Policy (3 hours)
      PS 4320: Public Policy OR PS 4350: Issues in Public Policy
D. Thesis or other independent effort (3-6 hours)
   HDFS 8090: Project
   HDFS 8972: Internship

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HDFS 8999: Exam*
HDFS 9090: Thesis

*No course credit is assigned to the exam option