

Individual and Family Development

The Master of Science degree in Individual and Family Development (IFD) focuses on the individual, the family, and the respective developmental issues and cultural perspectives that define our rapidly changing society. The academic program consists of a minimum of thirty-six (36) semester hours. Emphases are placed on family science principles, family dynamics, human development, and resources. A comprehensive subject matter examination and Thesis (or Problem In Lieu of Thesis) are integral program requirements.

The IFD curriculum is designed to prepare professionals for leadership positions in human resources and personnel divisions in business, industry, the social services, a variety of educational settings, and for doctoral study. The program also provides students with competencies to empower individuals and families to enhance self-worth strengthen human relationships and maintain essential family roles throughout the life span.

The Curriculum

Research Courses 12

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| ED 500 Introduction to Data Analysis | 3 |
| ED 501 Understanding Educational Research | 3 |
| IFD 600-601 Thesis OR | 6 |
| IFD 602-603 Problem in Lieu of Thesis | 6 |

Subject-Matter Courses 18

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| IFD 501 Family Life Education | 3 |
| IFD 503 Cultural Foundations of Family Life | 3 |
| IFD 515 The Family: Middle and Later Years | 3 |
| IFD 516 The Individual and Family Development | 3 |
| IFD 520 Advanced Child Development | 3 |
| IFD 525 Contemporary Aspects of Education for Parenthood | 3 |

Approved Elective 6

Total Semester Hours **36**

Subject-Matter Comprehensive Examination

Courses are offered in the early evening on rotating semesters and during the summer as enrollment warrants.