

# Individual and Family Development

The Master of Science degree in Individual and Family Development (IFD) prepares learners to work as family and community services professionals, serving the needs of people at all stages of life development. Graduates from this program may service needs related to housing, financial planning, single parenting, young teens, and elderly care. In fact, for every identified family need this is usually a family services professional who can provide resources for meeting the need.

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.

Prefix & No.	Brief Description	Credit			
<b><i>PREREQUISITES</i></b>					
Completion of 12 semester hours in a human sciences discipline, i.e., family and consumer sciences, psychology, sociology, social work, elementary or early childhood education, criminal justice.					
<b><i>RESEARCH COURSES: 12 Hours</i></b>					
ED 500	Introduction to Data Analysis	3			
IFD 546	Family Theory & Research	3			
IFD 600	Thesis, Part I	3			
IFD 601	Thesis, Part II	3			
IFD 602	Problem in Lieu of Thesis, Part I	3			
IFD 603	Problem in Lieu of Thesis, Part II	3			
<b><i>SUBJECT-MATTER COURSES: 18 Hrs</i></b>					
IFD 501	Family Life Education	3			
IFD 503	Cultural Foundations of Family Life	3			
IFD 525	Contemporary Aspects of Ed for Parenthood	3			
IFD 532	Lifespan, Human Growth & Development	3			
IFD 563	Family & Public Policy	3			
IFD 575	Internship/Practicum in Family Studies	3			
<b><i>APPROVED ELECTIVES: 6 Hours</i></b>					
IFD 506	Human Sexuality	3			
FCS 521	Problems in Family Resource Management	3			
<b>EXIT REQUIREMENTS</b>					
	Subject-Matter Comprehensive Examination	0			
	File for Graduation (See University Calendar for filing periods.)	0			
<b>MINIMUM SEMESTER HRS REQUIRED</b>		<b>36</b>			

***Students who have not completed their research projects after the minimum 6 hours of enrollment in their respective research courses will be required to enroll in an additional 3-hour "Part II" class until completion of the document.***