

# FAMILY, YOUTH, AND COMMUNITY SCIENCES

## Master of Science in Family, Youth and Community Sciences

The **Master of Science** in FYCS seeks to prepare students for careers in human services, youth professions, and community development in public, private, and nonprofit organizations. There are two degree options: thesis and capstone.

- The thesis option prepares students to conduct independent research needed to develop science-based solutions to problems, issues, and policies that affect families, youth, and communities. Students develop expertise in a subject matter area directly relevant to the problem or need they want to address with the thesis research.
- The capstone option provides the student with a broad base of knowledge and skills in the discipline and culminates in a capstone project in the student's final or penultimate semester. Completion of a community-based project that addresses an identified issue within the field of Family, Youth, and Community Sciences. Projects will vary based on student interests but will comply with expected professional and ethical standards. Students will also develop a professional portfolio and deliver a professional presentation. This course meets the graduate school requirement of the final comprehensive examination for a master's degree without thesis.

Students in the Master of Science program have the option to complete one of three concentrations:

- **Concentration in Nonprofit Organizational Development.** The concentration helps students build a foundation of skills to develop and sustain an effective nonprofit organization, including coursework that examines essential topics like governance, strategic planning, fundraising, risk management, and financial planning.
- **Concentration in Family and Youth Development.** The concentration helps students build the leadership skills needed to effectively develop, implement, and evaluate services and programs affecting youth and families within their communities.
- **Concentration in Community Studies.** This concentration prepares students to serve as leaders and managers for community-based organizations and programs.

Students both inside and outside the major may complete a **Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership**. This 12-credit certificate covers the core competencies of: governance, strategic planning, fundraising, human resources management, and risk management, as well as other emerging strategies.

An online professional development program in **Personal and Family Financial Planning** is available. The program is registered with the Certified Financial Planner™ Board of Standards to offer courses that cover education requirements for sitting for the CFP examination.

The Family, Youth and Community Sciences Department offers two minors for non-majors. The **Minor in Organizational Leadership for Nonprofits** introduces students to the core management and leadership competencies necessary to work in the nonprofit sector. The **Minor in Family, Youth and Community Sciences** provides students with

knowledge about the theories and body of research that explain how families, youth, and communities develop and interact.

**Combination program:** The Department offers a combination bachelor's/master's degree program, which allows qualified students to earn both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree with a savings of up to 12 credits.

### Degrees Offered

## Degrees Offered with a Major in Family, Youth, and Community Sciences

- Master of Science
  - without a concentration
  - concentration in Community Studies
  - concentration in Family and Youth Development
  - concentration in Nonprofit Organizational Development

Requirements for these degrees are given in the Graduate Degrees (<http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/graduate/degrees/>) section of this catalog.

### Courses

## Family, Youth and Community Sciences Departmental Courses

Code	Title	Credits
FYC 5935	Personal and Family Financial Planning Capstone	3
FYC 6026	Human Resource Management for Nonprofits	3
FYC 6105	Youth and Family Relationships	3
FYC 6111	Families and Violence	3
FYC 6117	Military Families in Community Context	3
FYC 6131	Ethics for FYCS Practitioners	3
FYC 6207	Adolescent Problematic Behavior	3
FYC 6221	Grant Proposals for Community-Based Organizations	3
FYC 6222	Parenting and Child Relationships	3
FYC 6223	Promoting Positive Youth Development	3
FYC 6230	Theories of Family Development, Systems and Change	3
FYC 6234	Theoretical Approaches to Youth Development	3
FYC 6235	Prevention Science in Youth Development and Family Science	3
FYC 6302	Sustainable Community Development	3
FYC 6320	Community Development and Civic Engagement	3
FYC 6330	Theories of Community Development	3
FYC 6421	Nonprofit Organizations	3
FYC 6424	Fund Raising for Community Nonprofit Organizations	3
FYC 6425	Risk Management in Nonprofit Organizations	3
FYC 6620	Program Planning and Evaluation for Human Service Delivery	3
FYC 6662	Public Policy and Human Resource Development	3
FYC 6800	Scientific Reasoning and Research Design	3
FYC 6802	Advanced Research Methods for Family, Youth, and Community Sciences	3
FYC 6804	Applied Data Analysis in Family, Youth and Community Sciences	3

FYC 6901	Problems in Family, Youth, and Community Sciences	1-3	Interact with professional peers with honesty, ethical behavior, cultural sensitivity, and teamwork
FYC 6912	Nonthesis Project in Family, Youth, and Community Sciences	1-3	
FYC 6920	Capstone Project	3	
FYC 6932	Topics, in Family, Youth, and Community Sciences	1-3	
FYC 6933	Seminar in Human Resource Development	1	
FYC 6934	Professional Internship/Practicum in Family, Youth, and Community Sciences	1-3	
FYC 6936	Professional Development Seminar in YDFS	3	
FYC 6971	Research for Master's Thesis	1-6	
FYC 7979	Advanced Research	1-12	
FYC 7980	Research for Doctoral Dissertation	1-15	

## College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ALS 5156	Agricultural Ecology Principles and Applications	3
ALS 5905	Individual Study	1-4
ALS 5932	Special Topics	1-4
ALS 6046	Grant Writing	2
ALS 6166	Exotic Species and Biosecurity Issues	3
ALS 6921	Colloquium on Plant Pests of Regulatory Significance	1
ALS 6925	Integrated Plant Medicine	4
ALS 6931	Plant Medicine Program Seminar	1
ALS 6935	Topics in Biological Invasions	3
ALS 6942	Principles of Plant Pest Risk Assessment and Management	3
ALS 6943	Internship in Plant Pest Risk Assessment and Management	1-10
ANS 6936	Graduate Seminar in Animal Molecular and Cell Biology	1-2
BCH 5045	Graduate Survey of Biochemistry	4
STA 6093	Introduction to Applied Statistics for Agricultural and Life Sciences	3
STA 6329	Matrix Algebra and Statistical Computing	3

### Student Learning Outcomes

## Family, youth & community sciences (MS)

#### SLO 1 Analyze Problems, Issues and Needs

Use science-based research to analyze complex family, youth, or social problems, issues, and needs

#### SLO 2 Apply Theory and Research

Apply family, economic, or social theory and research to the analysis of policies and programs that affect families, youth, and communities

#### SLO 3 Analyze and Assess Needs, Issues and Problems

Analyze and assess the needs, issues and problems of families, youth, and communities

#### SLO 4 Impacts of Policies, Programs and Organizations

Develop, implement and analyze the impacts of policies, programs and organizations for families, youth, and communities

#### SLO 5 Professional Behavior