

**University of Rhode Island – College of Human Science and Services
Master of Science Degree in Human Development and Family Studies (510)**

MS in Human Development and Family Studies.....41 credits

This curriculum applies to all students admitted to URI HDF MS program Fall 2007 or later. All students must maintain a 3.0 GPA. Students may take a maximum of 3 400-level courses for graduate credit though grades below a B- in an undergraduate course are considered failing.

CORE COURSE REQUIREMENTS.....14 credits	
Students must take all of the following courses:	<u>Semester of completion</u>
HDF 500- Human Development Seminar (3 credits)	_____
HDF 530- Advanced Family Studies	_____
OR HDF 535 – Families Under Stress (3 credits)	_____
HDF 533- Family Policy and Program Evaluation (3 credits)	_____
HDF 570- Research Methods in HDF (3 credits)	_____
HDF 580- Professional Seminar (Meets every other week with credit in SP) (1 credit)	_____
HDF 581- Professional Seminar (Meets every other week with credit in SP) (1 credit)	_____

RESEARCH/ STATISTICAL REQUIREMENT.....3 credits	
Choose one of the following courses as a 2 nd research course focusing on data analysis and interpretation:	
STA 409, PSY 532, EDC 529, EDC 625, or other subject to advisor’s approval (3 credits)	_____
Prerequisite statistical course (for those admitted Fall 2005 or later): PSY 300 or other with advisor’s approval (0 credits)	_____

SPECIALIZATION Developmental Courses6 credits	
Students must take at least two of the following courses:	
HDF 511- Seminar in Infancy and Early Childhood (3 credits)	_____
HDF 512- Seminar in Middle Childhood and Adolescence (3 credits)	_____
HDF 514- Seminar in Older Adulthood (3 credits)	_____

SPECIALIZATION Electives.....6 credits		
Students choose one of the following areas of specialization and select two graduate courses from inside or outside HDF that reflect this interest: Early Childhood Education, Child and Adolescent Development, Adult Development and/or Gerontology, Public Policy/Administration, Family Studies, Family Finance.		
These courses must be planned with advisor.		
Focus of specialization: _____		
<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Semester of Completion</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO

Students develop a portfolio over the course of their master’s program. The portfolio contains evidence of students’ competence in each learning outcome and reflections about these outcomes. This portfolio is prepared and reviewed each semester as part of the professional seminar (HDF 580 and HDF 581)

MASTER’S THESIS RESEARCH.....6 credits

Students are required to complete and defend a master’s thesis. In most circumstances, students will take 3 credits of HDF 599 when they are ready to complete their Master’s thesis proposal. Students will take the remaining 3 credits of HDF 599 when they are ready to finish and defend their thesis. Students must be enrolled for credit to defend their thesis.

HDF 599- Master’s Thesis Research
(1st semester) Complete proposal (3 credits) _____
(2nd semester) Defend and complete thesis (3 credits) _____

POLICY/RESEARCH INTERNSHIP.....up to 6 credits

Students are encouraged to complete a policy or research internship with organizations outside of the department or the university. 3 credits is the equivalent of working 1 day a week for 15 weeks or about 120 hours. Students must receive their advisor’s approval and complete an internship contract prior to the start of the internship. In place of this internship, students, with advisor approval, must complete six graduate level credits.

HDF 583 Policy/Research Internship (3 credits) _____
HDF 584 Policy/Research Internship (3 credits) _____

TOTAL CREDITS: _____

Name _____

I.D. # _____

Address _____

Home # _____

Work # _____

E-mail Address: _____

Cell phone # _____

Advisor’s name: _____

Expected graduation date : _____