Department of Human Development and Family Sciences

Program Type:\* 

Degree Type:\* 

Human Development and Family Sciences (MS)

Provide a brief summary of the proposed program changes and describe the rationale for the change(s):

The Department of Human Development and Family Sciences would like to change the name of the master of science program from the M.S. in Human Development and Family Studies to the M.S. in Human Development and Family Sciences to mirror the new department name which went into effect in July 2017. These changes are a response to national trends among similar academic departments.

Prospective Curriculum:\*

Requirements for the Degree

Description

The MS program in Human Development and Family Studies focuses on the relationship of the family and its members to other systems across the life span. The minimum total credits for the MS in Human Development and Family Studies is 30. Requirements are listed below.

Courses

HDFS 601 Theories of Human Development (3cr.)

HDFS 615 Research Methods (3cr.)

HDFS 621 Family Studies I: Empirical and Theoretical Perspectives (3cr.)

HDFS 637 Program Planning, Assessment and Evaluation (3cr.)

HDFS 665 Professional Develop Seminar (1 to 6cr.)

600/800 Level - Statistics course 3 credits

HDFS 600/800 - Elective 3 credits

600/800 Level - Interest Electives 6 credits \*\*

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HDFS 869 Master's Thesis (1 to 6cr.)

Total: 30-36 credits

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\* Substitution for EDUC 665 needs approval from the advisor.

\*\* Courses must be focused on the delivery of services to individuals and disabilities or in risk situations and/or their families. These services can include residential, employment, health and medical, transportation, family support or other specific services.

Master's program timelines:

Completion of required course work. Including interest electives are chosen by the student in consultation with the student's advisor and committee.

A written proposal for the thesis is defended before the student's committee. The committee consists of a student's advisor and two members of the HDFS faculty. In addition, the student may choose a committee member from outside the department.

Defense: A presentation and oral defense is required for all the thesis.

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