Department of Human Development and Family Sciences

Program Type:\* 

Degree Type:\* 

Human Services/Human Development and Family Sciences: Concentration in Human Services Leadership 4+1 (BS/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 4+1 program from the Human Services/Human Development and Family Studies: Concentration in Human Services Leadership 4+1 B.S./M.S. to Human Services/Human Development and Family Sciences: Concentration in Human Services Leadership  4+1 B.S./M.S. 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. This title change is also consistent with the titling of the 4+1 program for Early Childhood Education majors.

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

\* 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.

COMBINED 4+1 BS in Human Services/MS in Human Services Leadership

Description

The four-year curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Human Services contains required graduate courses that prepare the student for the Master in Science curriculum. With this 4+1 plan and the proper scheduling of MS classes, students may enter immediately into the MS program full-time with the possibility of completion within one year.

UD Human Services (BS) undergraduate majors who are provisionally granted admission to the 4+1 MS HDFS program/Human Services Concentration and subsequently admitted to the MS HDFS program can waive the requirement to take a) HDFS 470 or HDFS 475 by completing HDFS 601, b) HDFS 422 by completing HDFS 621, and c) HDFS 449 (3 credits) by taking HDFS 669 (3 credits). For any undergraduate course requirement to be waived, the student needs to earn a grade of B (3.0) or better in the corresponding HDFS graduate course. In addition, students who are provisionally approved can take up to three additional 3-credit graduate courses, while an undergraduate student, toward the 33 credit MS requirement. Refer to [www.hdfs.udel.edu](http://www.hdfs.udel.edu/) for information about application procedures for provisional admission.

Master's program timelines:

Title

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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