

# Family Life Studies, BS

**Department:** Family, Consumer, and Human Development Department

**College:** Emma Eccles Jones College of Education & Human Services

## Overview

### About This Degree

The family life studies degree is only offered online. This program is designed to prepare students for successful careers serving individuals and families across the life span and to help students achieve fulfilling family relationships in their own lives. Students learn how human development, family relationships, family economics, and consumer issues affect the individual and the family. This program has the same academic rigor as on-campus degrees, but is offered in an alternate format to serve a wide variety of students.

This degree is particularly well suited for students who are returning to college to complete their bachelor's degrees. The flexibility of the online coursework makes it so that students can speed up the graduation process by completing work on their own schedules. Students can specialize their studies in the capstone practicum experience in an area of interest related to family life that allows them to gain experience for future career paths.

## Career Options

With a degree in family life studies, students may pursue careers in the following areas:

- Head Start programs
- Social service agencies
- Drug treatment centers
- Youth and adult residential care centers
- Foster care
- Youth centers
- Crisis centers
- Parent education programs
- Senior citizen centers
- Long-term care facilities
- Adult day care centers

[Career Services](#) provides counseling and information on hundreds of job and internship opportunities and even helps students apply and interview.

## What it takes

### Admissions Requirements

In addition to Utah State University's [admissions requirements](#), the family life studies program has additional requirements:

- **Freshmen:** New freshmen admitted to USU in good standing qualify for admission as pre-majors.
- **Transfer Students:** Transfer students and USU students transferring from other majors qualify for the pre-psychology major if they meet USU's general admissions requirements.
- To be admitted to the major, students must complete at least 24 semester credits with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. These include certain FCHD prerequisite courses.

International students have [additional admissions requirements](#).

### Major Requirements

[Click here](#) to see course requirements for the **Bachelor of Science**.

A criminal background check, including fingerprinting, is required for everyone who completes FCHD practicum courses.

## Contact

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## Get Involved

### Professional Organizations, Honor Societies, and Clubs

**National Council on Family Relations:** NCFR is the oldest multidisciplinary family organization in the United States. It is a nonprofit organization of professionals who work in the multi-faceted areas of the family field.

**Family Science Association:** FSA is an independent organization of professionals and students who have joined together to strengthen and enhance the family science profession.

**Phi Upsilon Omicron:** Phi Upsilon Omicron is a national honor society in family and consumer sciences. Its purposes are to recognize and encourage academic excellence, develop qualities of professional and personal leadership, provide opportunities for service to the profession, and encourage professional and personal commitment to the area of family and consumer sciences.