

# FAMILY SCIENCE, DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.)

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All Ph.D. students must complete foundation coursework required for a master's degree in Family Science. At the discretion of the Department's Graduate Committee, students entering the Ph.D. program with a master's degree in a related discipline may make up deficiencies in coursework through classes taken at the beginning of the program. Doctoral students must complete 52 credits beyond the master's degree.

Students admitted full-time to the Ph.D. program post-master's can complete this program within three years. Students with only a baccalaureate degree have the option of applying as a dual degree candidate (master's in Couple and Family Therapy, and doctorate in Family Science) requesting admission to both programs simultaneously.

**Advance to Candidacy:** In addition to the course requirements below, students must also complete a research internship paper and pass a qualifying exam in order to advance to candidacy.

**Post-Candidacy:** Complete at least 12 credits of FMSC899 Doctoral Dissertation Research and successfully defend and submit an original dissertation.

Course	Title	Credits
Required courses:		
FMSC760	Legal Issues & Families	3
FMSC606	Ethnic Families and Health Disparities	3
or FMSC745	Gender and Ethnicity in Family Therapy and Service Delivery	
FMSC660	Program Planning and Evaluation in Family Science	3
FMSC750	Family and Health Policy	3
SPHL600	Foundations of Public Health	3
FMSC780	Qualitative Methods in Family and Health Research	3
SPHL602	Foundations of Epidemiology and Biostatistics	4
EPIB651	Applied Regression Analysis	3
FMSC850	Maternal & Child Health Epidemiology	3
FMSC810	Theory in Family Systems and Family Health	3
FMSC689	Research Internship	3
Electives approved by Graduate Director		6
<b>Doctoral Dissertation Research Requirements</b>		
FMSC899	Doctoral Dissertation Research	12
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>52</b>