FMSC - FAMILY SCIENCE

FMSC110 Families and Global Health (3 Credits)
Students will explore, define, and study global health, social determinants of health, health inequalities, gender inequality, family violence, and maternal and child health using a global perspective.

FMSC111 Credit Cards and College Students (1 Credit)
Provides college students with factual information about basic money management skills, emphasizing the responsible use of credit, specifically credit cards. Topics will include financial goals, spending plan, wise use of credit, debt management, consumer credit protection, and ID Theft. Online lessons will include video clips and interactive class activities. Students will learn the basics to build a strong financial future.

Recommended: Moderate level of computer literacy, especially Internet and ELMS. Reliable computer and Internet access.
Credit Only Granted for: FMSC111, FMSC341 or FMSC498D.
Formerly: FMSC498D.

FMSC170 Modern Families (3 Credits)
Examination of current trends and controversial issues in family life, including issues of marriage, reproductive technologies, adoption, child custody, remarriage, and marital violence.

Credit Only Granted for: FMSC170 or FMSC298F.
Formerly: FMSC298F.

FMSC260 Couple Relationships (3 Credits)
Couple relationships and their alternatives in contemporary dating, courtship and marriage.

Credit Only Granted for: FMSC260 or FMST260.
Formerly: FMST260.

FMSC265 Teaching Menstrual Health: Dispelling Myths and Misconceptions (3 Credits)
Provides a platform to teach UMD undergraduate students and BHU Bachelor of Education students about the intersections of gender, culture, and health. We will explore how menstruation is addressed in different cultures and uncover myths and misconceptions that impact individuals, their families and communities. Furthermore, the course emphasizes the health cost (physical and mental) of not educating youth about this vital process and discusses the need for an intervention. The course provides essential skills to participating students for the development of an intervention. Key concepts include: theoretical understanding of menstrual health and its impact on girls and women's lives from cross cultural perspectives, the importance of deconstructing myths and misconceptions and the importance of educating both girls and boys; cultural taboos and patriarchal power relations that contribute to myths, misconceptions and practices; public health interventions addressing the cost of ignoring adolescent health issues including menstrual health; the impact of providing agency to young girls and boys to challenge the status-quo; and links between knowledge about menstruation, human rights, gender equality and the SDGs.

FMSC280 Global, Child & Family Health: Getting There Via E-Communications (3 Credits)
Students will learn about global maternal, child and family health issues and how these issues may affect their lives. Interdisciplinary teams of students will collaborate to develop programs aimed at improving global family health through the use of information and communications technologies.

Credit Only Granted for: FMSC280 or FMSC289G.
Formerly: FMSC289G.

FMSC286 Assisted Reproduction Law and Policy in the US and Brazil (3 Credits)
In this Global Classroom, U.S. students will work synchronously online with their international partners in Brazil to critically think about cutting-edge ethical, legal, policy and scientific issues in the field of Assisted Reproduction Technologies (ART) in the two countries. This course looks at conventional families created in unconventional ways to examine such topics as sperm and egg donation, in vitro fertilization, surrogacy, reproductive organ transplants and more - while considering the social, cultural, racial, religious, economic, or socioeconomic contexts that influence each. Students will work with their foreign peers in small groups to compare ART in each country and then create proposed legislation for either the U.S. or Brazil which their international group will present online to their colleges and submit to the country’s legislators. In so doing, students will be challenged to think critically and see their place in creating actionable change in a global society.

Credit Only Granted for: FMSC186 or FMSC286.

Additional Information: This is a global classroom course where students will learn online, meet once a week in a synchronous class on Webex with their Brazilian classmates, and work individually via Webex in small international groups.

FMSC290 Family Economics (3 Credits)
Application of economic methodology to study families under various economic situations. Examination of how decisions about marriage, divorce, fertility, consumption and time use are influenced by labor/housing markets, tax structure, social welfare benefits and other economic considerations.

Credit Only Granted for: FMSC290 or FMST290.
Formerly: FMST290.
FMSC298 Special Topics in Family Science (1-3 Credits)
Topics of special interest under the general guidance of the Department of Family Studies.
Repeateable to: 12 credits if content differs.
Formerly: FMST298.

FMSC302 Research Methods in Family Science (3 Credits)
Introduction to the methods of the social and behavioral sciences employed in family science. The role of theory, the development of hypotheses, measurement, design, and data analysis.
Prerequisite: Must have completed an introductory statistics course.
Restriction: Must be in a major within SPHL-Family Science department.
Credit Only Granted for: FMSC302 or FMST302.
Formerly: FMST302.

FMSC310 Maternal, Child and Family Health (3 Credits)
Overview of the major issues in Maternal, Child, and Family Health in the U.S. and the world. The course will cover the social, political, environmental, and economic factors that shape the health of women, children, and families throughout the life course. It will employ the core disciplines of public health – 1) epidemiology/biostatistics, 2) environmental health, 3) health policy and administration, and 4) social and behavioral health – to examine these factors. The course introduces specific issues and interventions and places these issues and interventions within their broad sociohistorical context.
Credit Only Granted for: FMSC310, FMSC410 or FMSC498A.
Formerly: FMSC498A and FMSC310.
Additional Information: A comprehensive understanding of maternal, child, and family health, with additional emphasis on environmental health, needs assessment and evaluation, enabling students to more effectively address issues in the workplace.

FMSC330 Family Theories and Patterns (3 Credits)
Theory and research on the family, including a cross-cultural analysis of family patterns.
Restriction: Junior standing or higher.
Credit Only Granted for: FMSC330 or FMST330.
Formerly: FMST330.

FMSC332 Children in Families (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: PSYC100 or FMSC105.
Credit Only Granted for: FMSC332 or FMST332.
Formerly: FMST332.

FMSC341 Personal and Family Finance (3 Credits)
Individual and family financial strategies with emphasis on financial planning, savings, investments, insurance, income taxes, housing, and use of credit. Planning, analyzing, and controlling financial resources to resolve personal/family financial problems and to attain financial security.
Credit Only Granted for: FMSC341 or FMST341.
Formerly: FMST341.

FMSC381 Poverty, Affluence, and Families (3 Credits)
Social, political, cultural and economic factors influencing income and wealth in American families.
Prerequisite: SOCY100 or SOCY105.
Restriction: Must be in a major within SPHL-Family Science department.
Credit Only Granted for: FMSC381 or FMST381.
Formerly: FMST381.

FMSC382 Family Mediation and Negotiation (3 Credits)
Investigates mediation as a forum of peaceful intervention. It is designed to provide students with an introduction and basic understanding of the essential principles of mediation and opportunities to put those principles to work. In so doing, students will obtain an in-depth knowledge of a practical “hands on” approach to divorce mediation as the conduct mediation skill builders and facilitate a successful mediation. Students will learn major mediation interventions and how such interventions may help establish a new dynamic among family members in their communications and relationships. To assist in understanding, we will discuss family law issues and ethics. The course also includes a focus on negotiation theory and skills and students will conduct a negotiation. We will use multi-media presentations, real life mediation observation, lecture and class discussion, role-play, and academic review and critic to reach the course goals and objectives.
Recommended: FMSC487 and FMSC341.
Credit Only Granted for: FMSC498M or FMSC382.
Formerly: FMSC498M.

FMSC383 Delivery of Human Services to Families (3 Credits)
Processes of service delivery with special emphasis upon relationships among managers, service providers and clients. The impact of human service systems on families.
Prerequisite: FMSC330.
Restriction: Must be in a major within SPHL-Family Science department.
Credit Only Granted for: FMSC383 or FMST383.
Formerly: FMST383.

FMSC386 Experiential Learning (3-6 Credits)
Prerequisite: Permission of SPHL-Family Science department.
Restriction: Junior standing or higher.
Credit Only Granted for: FMSC386 or FMST386.
Formerly: FMST386.

FMSC399 Independent Study (1-6 Credits)
Prerequisite: Permission of SPHL-Family Science department.
Repeatable to: 12 credits.
Formerly: FMST399.

FMSC420 African American Families (3 Credits)
Examination of the history, structure, cultural foundation, and diversity of African American family life is the focus of this class. Presentations and discussions enable students to identify, analyze, and assess: (1) the major theoretical perspectives used in the study of African American families; (2) the impact of social policy on African American families; and (3) specific areas of family life (e.g., marriage and divorce, parenting, child development, health disparities).
Recommended: FMSC330.
Credit Only Granted for: FMSC420 or FMSC498F.
Formerly: FMSC498F.

FMSC425 Military and Veteran Family Services (3 Credits)
Overview of issues impacting contemporary military families including during times of war. Identification of challenges faced by military families related to deployment/reunion and mental and physical health, as well as support systems available. Examination of skills and strategies for working with service members, veterans, and military families.
Recommended: Moderate level of computer literacy, especially Internet and ELMS. Reliable computer and Internet access.
Credit Only Granted for: FMSC425 or FMSC498W.
Formerly: FMSC498W.
FMSC430 Gender Issues in Families (3 Credits)
The development of historical, cultural, developmental, and psychosocial aspects of masculinity and femininity within the context of contemporary families and the implications for interpersonal relations.
Prerequisite: SOCY100, SOCY105, or PSYC100.

FMSC431 Family Crises, Emergencies and Interventions (3 Credits)
Examines the stressors in life that may lead families into a state of crisis or emergency and what can be done to help families when the need arises. Both internal stressors, such as substance abuse, finances, divorce, illness or parent-child conflict, and external stressors, such as community violence and natural disasters, are examined. Using theories and techniques for intervention and enhancement, the course examines factors involved in stressors turning into a family crisis and how factors such as emergency preparedness, social support and public policy can be a source of family resilience or protect families from negative outcomes.
Prerequisite: PSYC100.

FMSC432 Adult Development and Aging in Families (3 Credits)
Theory, research, history, and programming related to adult development and aging in the intergenerational context of family.
Prerequisite: PSYC100; and (SOCY100 or SOCY105). And FMSC332; or must have completed a comparable development course.
Restriction: Must be in a major within SPHL-Family Science department.
Credit Only Granted for: FMSC432 or FMST432.
Formerly: FMST432.

FMSC440 Death and Loss in Family Life (3 Credits)
Examination of how families experience grief and loss resulting from the death of a family member, including health and financial consequences. Overview of historical, social, psychological, cultural, medical, and legal dimensions of death in families from diverse backgrounds. Exploration of how the health care system and funeral home industry assist families in managing death and loss.
Recommended: Moderate level of computer literacy, especially Internet and ELMS. Reliable computer and Internet access.
Credit Only Granted for: FMSC440 or FMSC498B.
Formerly: FMSC498B.

FMSC445 Sexuality: Issues in Family Therapy and Service Delivery (3 Credits)
Typical, dysfunctional, and pathological sexual functioning, including effects on individuals, couples, and family systems. Sensitizes students to sexual issues, explores how perceptions of such issues affect work with people, and emphasizes implications for marriage and family therapy.
Prerequisite: A basic course in human sexuality, and permission of instructor. Jointly offered with FMSC645.
Credit Only Granted for: FMSC445 or FMSC645.

FMSC460 Violence in Families (3 Credits)
Theories of child, spouse, and elder abuse in the family setting. Emphasis on historical, psychological, sociological and legal trends relating to physical, emotional, and sexual abuse. Introduction to methods for prevention and remediation.
Prerequisite: SOCY100, SOCY105, or PSYC100.
Credit Only Granted for: FMSC460 or FMST460.
Formerly: FMST460.

FMSC477 Internship and Analysis in Family Science (3 Credits)
A supervised internship and a seminar requiring analysis. Opportunities to integrate theory and practice including 120 hours of contracted field experience. Summer or fall internship contracts due May 1; Spring contracts due December 1. See department for application procedures.
Prerequisite: FMSC383; and 9 credits in FMSC courses; and permission of SPHL-Family Science department.
Restriction: Must be in a major within SPHL-Family Science department.
Credit Only Granted for: FMSC477, FMST347, or FMST477.
Formerly: FMST477.

FMSC485 Introduction to Family Therapy (3 Credits)
The fundamental theoretical concepts and clinical procedures of marital and family therapy including premarital and divorce therapy issues.
Prerequisite: FMSC330; or 1 course from PSYC300-499 course range.
Credit Only Granted for: FMSC485 or FMST485.
Formerly: FMST485.

FMSC486 Law, Public Health and the Cuban Family (4 Credits)
A short-term summer study abroad course that is a comparative law and public health course. Students travel to Havana, Cuba to compare family problems in a capitalist versus socialist society within the context of legal, public health, social, cultural and economic changes.
Credit Only Granted for: FMSC486, FMSC686 or MIEH698B.
Additional Information: This is a study abroad course which will primarily occur in Cuba. Additionally, the course involves an online component prior to and following the trip.

FMSC487 Family Law (3 Credits)
Designed for students interested in studying the law, public health, and family science, this course provides students with a general overview of family law and the impact on healthy families. The course also includes the study of cutting-edge issues such as marriage equality, assisted reproduction and ethical issues that may arise.

FMSC498 Special Topics: Family Science (1-3 Credits)
Special course topics in family studies.
Prerequisite: Permission of SPHL-Family Science department.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.
Formerly: FMST498.