

FAMILY SCIENCE AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Bachelor of Science

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Content across courses connects in ways that help me retain information so I can effectively apply it in the real world.

Erin Lockwood, student

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Anchored in knowledge of human ecological systems; human development throughout the lifespan; and features of individual, relational, and familial wellness and resilience; studies in Family Science and Human Development (FSHD) prepare students for effective practice in a range of human service roles and settings. All required FSHD core courses are available online. Students can also take the majority of FSHD classes for any concentration in-person.

WHY WMU?

Flexibility of Coursework: Complete classes online or on campus.

Customizable Curriculum: Choose between three major concentrations, as well as additional course tracks within majors, to specialize your degree and meet individual career goals.

Real-Life Experience in Real-World Settings: A semester-long internship, along with ongoing professional exploration and development, will enhance your understanding of current issues and practices, help you gain valuable work experience, and grow your professional network and resume.



The family studies concentration and the child programming and administration course track are available **fully online**.



The program offers an **accelerated graduate degree** program in the M.A. in FCS, which has tracks in Child Life, Family Science and Services and Youth and Community Development. Qualified undergraduate students may earn up to 12 graduate credit hours (at the undergraduate tuition level), allowing completion of the master's degree in less time.

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MAJOR CONCENTRATIONS

→ **Child development and services** prepares individuals to work with children and their families in a range of care and service settings. This concentration centers on the development of birth through school-age children and the cultivation of skills, environments, and programs that promote healthy child development and outcomes.

Course tracks:

- **Child programming and administration** (available fully online, fulfills State of Michigan requirements for childcare center directors)
- **Child life foundations** (provides fundamental knowledge for service as a child life specialist)

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→ **Family studies** prepares students to use preventative and educational approaches in a variety of settings to strengthen individual and family well-being across the lifespan. Students explore relationships among individuals, families and their environment and culture with the goal of improving quality of life within communities and society at large.

- Graduates are eligible for provisional status as a certified family life educator (CFLE) by the National Council on Family Relations.
- Can be completed fully **online**.

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→ **Youth and community development** prepares change agents to transform communities through an intentional investment in youth with interdisciplinary coursework and community-based experiences. It is based on theoretical perspectives in childhood, adolescent, and family development, best pedagogical practices, and grounded in an ethic of family engagement and social action.

- Courses offered both in person and **online**.

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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Child Life Student Organization



90% of 2020-21 WMU family graduates were employed or continuing education within three months of graduation.

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