FYCS MS Degree Requirements and Courses

Thesis Option

Core Courses (16-19 credits)	Course Number	Course Title	Hours
	FYC 6800	Scientific Reasoning and Research Design	3
	Select one: FYC 6230 FYC 6234 FYC 6330	Theories of Family Development, Systems and Change Theoretical Approaches to Youth Development Theories of Community Development	3
	FYC 6802	Advanced Research Methods	3
	FYC 6933	Seminar in FYCS	1
	STA 6126	Statistical Methods in Social Research I OR another statistics course approved by committee	3
	FYC 6971	Thesis Research	3-6
Electives (11-14 credits)	FYC	A minimum of six credits	6
	Other	Can be FYC or other graduate level courses	5-8
Total		Required Credits	30

Non-Thesis Options

	Course Number	Course Title	Hours
Core Courses (13-16 credits)	FYC 6800	Scientific Reasoning and Research Design	3
	Select one: FYC 6230 FYC 6234 FYC 6330	Theories of Family Development, Systems and Change Theoretical Approaches to Youth Development Theories of Community Development	3
	FYC 6620	Program Planning and Evaluation	3
	FYC 6933	Seminar in FYCS	1
	FYC 6912	Non-Thesis Project	3-6
Electives (14-17 credits)	FYC	A minimum of six credits	6
	Other	Can be FYC or other graduate level courses	8-11
Total		Required Credits	30

FYCS Graduate-Level Courses

FYC 6111	Families and Violence		
	Examines the major types of family violence across the life span, including all forms of child maltreatment, intimate partner violence, and elder abuse.		
	Credits: 3		
FYC 6117	Military Families		
	Military culture and procedures, issues related to service in the military, the impact that military service can have on the individual and family, and strategies for providing services to military personnel and their families.		
	Credits: 3		
FYC 6207	Adolescent Problematic Behavior		
	Ecological model to examine common themes of adolescent development with challenges that lead to problematic behavior.		
	Credits: 3. Prerequisite: core major courses		
FYC 6221	Grant Proposals for Community-Based Organizations		
	Skills needed to develop funding proposals to support community-based projects and organizations.		
	Credits: 3		
FYC 6223	Promoting Positive Youth Development		
	Examines risk and protective factors for promoting youth development.		
	Credits: 3.		
	Prerequisite: FYC 6207		
FYC 6230	Theories of Family Development, Systems and Change		
	Provides an overview of the major theoretical perspectives on families, including family development and family systems; and emerging theories relevant to diverse and changing families.		
	Credits: 3		
FYC 6234	Theoretical Approaches to Youth Development		
	An in-depth examination and synthesis of historical (macro) and contextual contemporary (micro) theories of youth development, spanning from childhood through emerging adulthood, as they are used to inform research, including applying principles and theories of youth development to community-based settings.		
	Credits: 3		

Prevention Science in Youth Development and Family Sciences
Theoretical and empirical foundations for prevention science in YDFS.
Credits: 3
Sustainable Community Development
Relationships among economic, social, and environmental aspects of sustainability. Analytic and professional skills to build sustainable communities.
Credits: 3
Community Development and Civic Engagement
Examining the process and methods for community development with an emphasis on research related to civic engagement and public participation. Students will develop skills for managing change in communities.
Credits: 3
Theories of Community Development
Sociological concept of community and its application in public development policies.
Credits: 3
Nonprofit Organizations
Study and analysis of policy and cases related to development and operation of nonprofit organizations.
Credits: 3
Prerequisite: FYC 6241.
Non-Governmental Organizations Non-governmental organizations and their political and economic impacts.
Credits: 3
Prerequisite: FYC 6421.
Fundraising for Community Nonprofit Organizations
Critical evaluation of fund raising theory, research on the profession, and best contemporary fund raising practices in the nonprofit sector.
Credits: 3

FYC 6425	Risk Management for Nonprofit Organizations A foundation in the concepts, principles and strategies associated with risk management in nonprofit organizations. Topics include the nature and purpose of risk management; the general risk management exposures facing nonprofit organizations; and risk mitigation strategies for nonprofits.
	Credits: 3
	Prerequisite: FYC 6421
FYC 6620	Program Planning and Evaluation
	Contemporary theories and process for planning and evaluating human service education and delivery programs.
	Credits: 3
	Prerequisite: Core FYCS courses.
FYC 6662	Public Policy and FYCS
	Current policies and laws impacting youths, families, and communities. Strategies to change these policies and laws.
	Credits: 3
FYC 6662	Public Policy and Human Resource Development
	Current policies and laws impacting youths, families, and communities. Strategies to change these policies and laws.
	Credits: 3
FYC 6800	Scientific Reasoning and Research Design
	Scientific reasoning, scientific method, and quantitative and qualitative research design.
	Credits: 3
FYC 6802	Advanced Research Methods for FYCS
	Research tools and techniques appropriate for an ecological model, emphasizing a multi-method approach.
	Credits: 3
	Prerequisite: FYC 6800 or equivalent.
FYC 6912	Non-thesis Project in Family, Youth, and Community Sciences
	Developing an original applied project such as program evaluation, policy analysis, or in-depth review of current issue in human resource development.
	Credits: 1-3 Max: 6
FYC 6932	Applied Data Analysis in FYCS Credits: 3

FYC 6932	Nonprofit HR Management	
	Analysis of nonprofit human resource management functions including recruitment, selection, performance management, labor relations, volunteer management, compensation and training.	
	Credits: 3	
FYC 6932	Personal and Family Financial Planning	
	The course will apply theory and practice to set the foundation for the core financial planning competencies.	
	Credits: 3	
FYC 6932	Principles and Practices of Diversity and Inclusion	
	Credits: 3	
FYC 6932	Proposal Development in Youth Development and Family Sciences	
	An overview of the pedagogical and professional knowledge and skills needed to prepare for both academic and non-academic careers.	
	Credits: 3	
FYC 6932	Youth and Family Relationships	
	This course will examine youth (children, adolescents, emerging adults) and family development within the family system	
	Credits: 3	
FYC 6933	Seminar in Human Resource Development	
	Explores current topics, trends, and research findings in FYCS.	
	Credits: 1	