Family Life Studies Major

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The Family Life Studies degree is a fantastic major for undergraduate students looking to work in helping professions. The degree is available 100% online, making it flexible and achievable for students. Coursework is customizable to student interest—with students selecting courses that will best help them personally and professionally. There are two emphasis options in this degree, one focusing on family relationships and the other focusing on human development across the lifespan. Our courses are taught by expert researchers and practitioners giving students opportunities to build strong, practical skills as well as network with professionals. The quality of the instruction is notable, contributing to this program being in the top 15 in the nation.

The Family Life Studies degree is built to help students reach their professional goals. In addition to customizable coursework, students can seek additional certifications. The Human Development and Family Studies department offers a Gerontology Certificate, available to students in the Family Life Studies program. Students in the Family Life Studies major may also customize their program of study to complete requirements for the Certified Family Life Educator credential provided by the National Council on Family Relations.

Family Life Studies graduates are employed in careers serving individuals across the lifespan. Former students are working with Head Start, daycares, preschools, working in elementary schools, working with youth in residential treatment facilities and programs, and some are working with adult aging facilities. Others are employed in community settings including domestic violence shelters, family support services, and working with Extension to provide community education. There are so many options for professional pursuits with this degree!

Students in the Family Life Studies major are also well prepared to succeed in various graduate programs. Graduates from this major have successfully joined graduate programs in the field of social work, marriage and family therapy, family and human development, school counseling, school psychology, and other helping-related fields. The content covered in the coursework in this program provides a strong foundation for graduate school success.

Whether students are looking for the opportunity to work with individuals and families in a professional setting, or looking for personal growth, this program provides opportunities for student accomplishment.

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