

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY SCIENCE - MINOR

College of Education Health and Human Services
 School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences
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About This Program

The International Family Science minor provides a comprehensive understanding of family structures across cultures and how they affect individuals and society. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus*
 - Stark Campus*

* International travel to Florence, Italy, required.

Admission Requirements

Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor's degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

To declare this minor, students must have attempted a minimum 12 credit hours at Kent State and earned a minimum 2.500 overall Kent State GPA. Students who have not attempted 12 credit hours at Kent State will be evaluated for admission based on their high school GPA for new students or transfer GPA for transfer students. Transfer students who have not attempted 12 credit hours of college-level coursework at Kent State and/or other institutions will be evaluated based on both their high school GPA and college GPA.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Minor Requirements		
HDF 24011	INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILIES (DIVD)	3
HDF 34031	CULTURAL DIVERSITY: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE HELPING PROFESSIONS	3
HDF 44089	FAMILIES IN FLORENCE, ITALY: LOVE, PARENTING AND POLICY (ELR) ¹	3
HDF 45089	LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES AND OUTCOMES: THE ITALIAN EXPERIENCE (ELR) ¹	3

Minor Electives, choose from the following:		6
COMM 35852	INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION (DIVG)	
COMM 45766	COMMUNICATION IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY	
HDF 24014	BRIDGING CROSS-NATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES	
HDF 41095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE	
HDF 42089	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE (ELR)	
HDF 44021	FAMILY INTERVENTION ACROSS THE LIFESPAN	
HDF 44023	BUILDING FAMILY STRENGTHS	
HDF 44028	PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS	
HDF 44029	FAMILY POLICY	
HDF 44033	COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT (ELR)	
PH 44003	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES	
PSYC 31532	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 40445	COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY	
RPTM 26060	INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL TOURISM (DIVG)	
RPTM 46000	TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AND RECREATIONAL TRAVEL	
SOC 32560	SOCIOLOGY OF FAMILIES (DIVD)	
SOC 42559	CULTURE AND SOCIETY	
SOC 42575	FAMILIES IN A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE (DIVG)	
SOC 43200	SOCIAL STRUCTURE AND INDIVIDUAL LIVES	

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 18

¹ Courses are offered in Florence, Italy, only. Students may substitute other courses offered in Florence, with approval

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Minor GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.500	2.500

- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
- Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Describe the field of family science compared to other social sciences.
2. Discuss the influences on the modern family from historical and cultural contexts.
3. Identify and analyze family policies in the United States and international settings.
4. Design research-informed educational programming for families that is preventative in nature for domestic and international settings.
5. Compare and contrast social service organizations from domestic and international settings.
6. Articulate cultural and socioeconomic differences and the significance of these differences in human development.

Full Description

The International Family Science minor provides students the opportunity to learn about the field of family science as it currently exists in the United States. The knowledge gained from the foundational courses in the minor is then explored in an international setting in Florence, Italy.

In Italy, students have the opportunity to critically assess the differences in how family science is viewed and implemented internationally compared to the United States. During their time in Florence, students will gain deeper cultural competence through experiential learning activities designed to foster critical thinking, mastery of content and self-reflection.