

# DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY STUDIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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## Programs of the Department

The Department of Family Studies and Community Development offers two majors: Family and Human Services, and Family Science. It also offers a minor in Family Studies.

The *Family and Human Services* major provides students with academic and field experiences related to the study of family development across the lifespan, with an emphasis on human services. A Family and Human Services major must choose one of four tracks: Human Services, Services to Children and Youth, Introduction to Child Life, or Leadership in the Nonprofit Sector. Academic preparation includes the study of family dynamics, theories of family development and functioning, as well as the interaction between families and the broader community. The curriculum emphasizes civic engagement through service learning and internships in the community. This affords students with opportunities to integrate course work with real-life professional experiences. These experiences are designed to provide students with opportunities to utilize and integrate course work in real-life professional settings.

The *Family Science* major provides students with academic experiences focusing on the study of families and relationships in the context of contemporary society. The major offers training in the scientific methods used to understand family behavior and development across the lifespan. Students learn to analyze family dynamics through applied research, and they acquire both written and oral communication skills across the Family Science curriculum. Majoring in Family Science will provide a concentration on the social and behavioral science foundation necessary for those seeking graduate education in social sciences, health professions, education, and law.

## Graduate Programs

The department offers a B.S./M.S. five-year program in Family and Human Services-Introduction to Child Life track (B.S.) and Child Life, Administration and Family Collaboration (M.S.); an M.S. in Child Life, Administration and Family Collaboration; a B.A. (or B.S.)/M.A. five-year program in Family Science and Leadership in Jewish Education and Communal Service; an M.A. in Leadership in Jewish Education and Communal Service; and Post-Baccalaureate Certificates in Family-Professional Collaboration, Jewish Education and Jewish Communal Service. See the Graduate Catalog for additional details.

## Transfer Credit Policy

Students may transfer no more than 18 units toward the major in Family and Human Services or Family Science. Transfer credit must be approved by the department.

- Major in Family and Human Services (<http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/family-studies-community-development/family-human-services>)

- Major in Family Science (<http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/family-studies-community-development/family-science>)

## Combined Bachelor's/Master's Programs:

- Combined Bachelor's in Family and Human Services/Introduction to Child Life Track and Master's in Child Life, Administration and Family Collaboration (<http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/family-studies-community-development/combined-bachelors-family-human-services-masters-child-life>)
- Combined Bachelor's in Family and Human Services and Master's in Leadership in Jewish Education/Communal Service (<http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/family-studies-community-development/combined-bachelors-family-human-services-masters-leadership>)
- Combined Bachelor's Family Science and Master's in Leadership in Jewish Education and Communal Service (<http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/family-studies-community-development/combined-bachelors-family-science-masters-jewish-communal-service>)
- Minor in Family Studies (<http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/family-studies-community-development/family-studies-minor>)