

Family Studies

475, 476, 477, 478 Experiential Learning

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483, 484, 485, 486 Seminar

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487, 488, 489, 490 Topics

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491, 492, 493, 494 Research

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495, 496, 497, 498 Individual Study

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Family Studies (FAST)

Grochowski (H&HP), director

Family Studies is an interdisciplinary field of study in which the family is the primary unit of analysis. The purpose of this minor is to enable students to critically examine the family using a variety of theories and methods. Family Studies scholars can develop understanding of business and communication dynamics, health and social concerns, and psychological and theological matters affecting families and their members. A family studies minor is flexible and multidisciplinary, providing for both broad exposure and disciplinary integration. This minor provides preparation for advanced study in family studies and the allied fields, as well as professional work in organizations focusing on families.

No more than eight credits may be taken from a single major field. Students interested in a minor in Family Studies should meet with the director.

Minor in Family Studies

400 Family Studies Seminar

Plus one of:

PSY 288 Psychology of Marriage and the Family
SOC 321 Marriage and the Family

Plus three of:

COMM 425 Family Communication
ENTR 349 Family Business Management
FAST 495, 496 Individual Study (2 credits)
FAST 497, 498 Individual Study
HLTH 462 Human Sexuality Education
PSY 204 The Psychology of Adulthood and Aging
PSY 288 Psychology of Marriage and the Family
SOWK 210 Relationship, Intimacy, and Sexuality
SOC 303 Aging and the Lifecourse
SOC 321 Marriage and the Family
THEO 307 Human Sexuality: A Christian Perspective
THEO 315 Christian Marriage

295, 296, 297, 298 Topics

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400 Seminar in Family Studies

This advanced capstone course for the Family Studies minor is a multidisciplinary seminar taken after the learner has completed at least four courses in the Family Studies minor. The course will incorporate a variety of methods, theories, and pedagogies drawn from the family studies paradigm. A substantial portion of the course will be devoted to student research and presentations that incorporate family studies scholarship.

Prerequisite: PSY 288 or SOC 321 and three other courses from the list of approved courses for the minor.

495, 496, 497, 498 Individual Study

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Film

See Department of Theater.

Financial Management

See Division of Business.

French

See Department of Modern and Classical Languages.

Geography (GEOG)

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Geography is an interdisciplinary study that offers a rich body of knowledge about the character of diverse places in the world, their cultures and environments. Geography ranges from a broad and comprehensive understanding of the world to the specifics of computer-generated maps and geodemographic analysis. Geographers make extensive use of computer skills to analyze a wide range of problems, from regional studies to urban structure and habitats.

With training in both the natural and social sciences, geographers have a wide range of careers in government, the private sector, and education. Geographers create digital maps, work with census data, help locate retail and service stores, work in local, state, and federal parks, analyze land use and urban planning, teach, and hold a wide variety of other jobs.

Geography Honor Society

The honor society in geography at St. Thomas is Mu Alpha Pi. The purpose of the society is to further the professional development of geographers through research and academic experiences outside the classroom and laboratory. Students are eligible for membership when they have taken three courses in geography with at least a B average and rank in the upper 35 percent of their class.

Major in Geography

111 Human Geography
112 Physical Geography
113 World Geography
480 Seminar in Geography

Plus eight credits in methods courses:

221 Computer Skills in Geography
222 Geographical Analysis
321 Geographic Information Systems
421 Advanced Geographic Information Systems

Plus four credits in a topical course:

ECÓN 333 Urban and Regional Economics
GEOG 330 Geography for Business and Planning
GEOG 430 North American City
GEOL 252 Geomorphology

Plus four credits in a regional course:

240 Geography of East and Southeast Asia
340 Geography of the U.S. and Canada
384 Field Study in Geography

Plus:

Eight elective geography credits

Minor in Geography

Eight credits in core courses
Eight credits in methods courses
Eight elective geography credits