

Family Studies (FAST)

College of Arts and Sciences
Interdisciplinary Program
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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

FAST 400 Family Studies Seminar (4 credits)

Plus four credits from the following:

PSYC 288 Psychology of Marriage and the Family (4 credits)
SOVI 321 Marriage and the Family (4 credits)

Plus twelve credits from the following:

COMM 425 Family Communication (4 credits)
ENTR 349 Family Business Management (4 credits)
FAST 495, 496 Individual Study (2 credits each)
FAST 497, 498 Individual Study (4 credits each)
HIST 345 Family and Women in Chinese History (4 credits)
HLTH 462 Human Sexuality Education (4 credits)
PSYC 200 Psychology of Infancy and Childhood (4 credits)
PSYC 203 Psychology of Adolescence (4 credits)
PSYC 204 The Psychology of Adulthood and Aging (4 credits)
PSYC 288 Psychology of Marriage and the Family (4 credits)
SOWK 210 Relationship, Intimacy, and Sexuality (4 credits)
SOVI 304 Adolescence in Society (4 credits)
SOVI 321 Marriage and the Family (4 credits)
SOVI 354 Sex in Society (4 credits)
THEO 315 Christian Marriage (4 credits)

FAST 295, 296 Topics (2 credits)

FAST 297, 298 Topics (4 credits)

The subject matter of these courses will vary from year to year, but will not duplicate existing courses. Descriptions of these courses are available at www.stthomas.edu/registrar/onlineschedule/.

FAST 400 Seminar in Family Studies (4 credits)

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: PSYC 288 or SOVI 321 and three other courses from the list of approved courses for the minor.

FAST 495, 496 Individual Study (2 credits)

FAST 497, 498 Individual Study (4 credits)

See the description of these courses at the beginning of the "Curricula" section of this catalog.

Finance

See Business Administration

French (FREN)

See Modern and Classical Languages