# Youth, Family, and Community Sciences (MS)

## Degree Requirements

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**Applied Concepts Course**

- YFCS 543: Applied Concepts in Parenting and Family Life Education
- or YFCS 553: Applied Concepts in Child and Youth Development

**Methodological Inquiry Courses**

- YFCS 551: Research Methods in Youth, Family, and Community Sciences
- YFCS 695: Thesis Research
- ST 511: Statistical Methods For Researchers I

**Elective Courses**

- See "Elective Courses" listed below

**Total Hours**

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### Elective Courses

- YFCS 523: Family Relationships Over the Life Course
- YFCS 531: Effective Management of Family Resources
- YFCS 533: Complex Family Issues
- YFCS 537: Human Sexuality
- YFCS 540: Environmental Influences on the Family
- YFCS 545: Family Communication and Coaching
- YFCS 547: Family Life Coaching
- YFCS 550: Family and Youth Professionals as Leaders
- YFCS 557: Volunteerism in Youth and Family Settings
- YFCS 558: Contemporary Issues in Volunteer Resource Management
- YFCS 590: Special Topics Family Life and Youth Development
- YFCS 630: Independent Study in Family Life & Youth Development

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