

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How long does it take to complete the Family Social Sciences degree?

The degree is 120 credit hours, taking approximately four years to complete full-time. You can take the degree part-time. You can also take some courses during the summer, in the evenings and through distance education. You have up to 10 years to complete your degree.

You can take up to 150 credit hours. The 30 extra credit hours are there if you need to repeat a course. However if you want to take some extra courses you can do so and graduate for example with 126 credit hours.

The after degree is 60 credit hours, but you can take up to 90 credit hours.

2. What is the degree designation?

You graduate with a Bachelor of Human Ecology degree in Family Social Sciences (B.H.Ecol). The degree is awarded from the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Manitoba.

3. I am a student in which faculty?

You are a student in the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences. The Family Social Sciences degree is part of the Department of Community Health Sciences, which is a department in the Max Rady College of Medicine, which is one of the colleges that are part of the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences.

4. Where are my classes/instructors/advisor located?

All of your classes and your instructors are located on the University of Manitoba Fort Garry Campus. The student advisor is located on the Fort Garry Campus.

5. What are the specializations in Family Social Sciences?

There are five specializations to choose from: Aging and Developmental Health, Child and Youth Developmental Health, Family Economic Health, Family Violence,

and Social Development. You must choose at least one to be able to graduate. You can take more than one specialization.

Each specialization is 18 credit hours, nine of those credit hours are required courses and the remaining nine credit hours are elective courses. Please see the Program Planning page for the list of specializations and the courses you need to complete them.

Program Planning:

http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/health_sciences/medicine/units/chs/departmental_units/fss/9616.html

Please scroll to the bottom to see the list of program planning sheets.

6. What is the six credit hour of Science courses admission requirement?

Students applying for the Family Social Sciences degree must have six credit hours of courses from the Faculty of Science. Any course at any level from the Faculty of Science will meet this requirement. Courses must start with the following prefixes: BIOL, CHEM, COMP, MATH, MBIO, PHYS, STAT.

7. Does Family Social Sciences have a work co-op program?

Although Family Social Sciences does not have a co-op program, we do offer a field experience course, FMLY 4300 Field Experience. This is where students would work in an organization once a week generally from September to April completing various projects. FMLY 4300 is a required course for the specialization in Aging. Otherwise it can be used as an elective FMLY course as well. Here is the link to the FMLY 4300 information, look under the Practicum Applications heading:

http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/health_sciences/medicine/units/chs/departmental_units/fss/9616.html

8. Can I do a minor?

Yes in addition to your specializations, you can do a minor in another subject. For example you could do a minor in Psychology, Sociology, Management, Math,

Environmental Science, or Biology. A minor is generally 18 credit hours. You would use your outside and free elective space to complete a minor. A minor is voluntary. For more information on available minors please see the U of M Academic Calendar: <http://umanitoba.ca/calendar>

9. Am I eligible for transfer credit?

Yes any applicable courses will be transferred over. Up to 60 credit hours can be transferred over from external educational institutions. Up to 60 credit hours can be transferred over from a previous University of Manitoba degree or a degree in progress.

Generally only grades of “C” and better are transferred over for elective courses.

10. How do I find course pre-requisites?

Course pre-requisites can be found under the View Catalog Entry link when you search for courses in the Aurora Course Schedule. It will list the course description as well as any pre-requisites if applicable. You can also find the pre-requisites for courses in the course description sections of the Academic Calendar:

<http://umanitoba.ca/calendar>

By clicking on the course links on the program planning page:

http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/health_sciences/medicine/units/chs/departamental_units/fss/9616.html you can also see the pre-reqs for courses required for the FSS specializations.

There is also a chart of pre-reqs for FMLY/HEAL/HMEC courses:

http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/health_sciences/medicine/units/chs/media/FMLY_IHP_HMEC_2_pre-req_list.pdf

It is your responsibility to be aware of any pre-reqs needed for courses.

11. Do I need to take ECON 1010 and ECON 1020?

You only need three credit hours of ECON courses. You only need one of ECON 1010 or ECON 1020 or ECON 1210 or ECON 1220. Any one of those four ECON courses will fulfill your degree requirements.

12. I received a “D” in a course do I need to repeat it?

No, a “D” is considered a passing grade. For example if you receive a “D” in STAT 1000 you do not have to repeat the course. You do not need to repeat a course in which you received a “D” unless you need a specific grade in that course to be used as a pre-requisite to be able to take another course. For example, you need a “C” in FMLY 1010 before you can take FMLY 2600.

13. What are some career opportunities for me?

Volunteer Coordinator, Community Health Educator, Abuse Prevention Consultant, Community Services Worker, Program Coordinator Social Programs, Employment and Income Assistance Consultant, Resource Coordinator Children’s Services, Youth Development Specialist, Social Policy Analyst, Executive Director Non-Profit Agency.

14. Where can I get information about career services?

You can visit the Career Services website:

<http://umanitoba.ca/student/employment/index.html>