

Department of Family Studies and Community Development

New Undergraduate Trimester Program Starting in Summer '09

The Dept of Family Studies and Community Development is offering a new trimester plan starting in Summer 2009. This plan is designed to offer classes all year, giving students the chance to graduate more quickly. It is open to transfer students and students changing majors who have completed 45 undergraduate credits. Although the trimester plan is geared towards students interested in pursuing the Child Life or Services to Children and Youth tracks, it is open to students in all tracks. A cohort of 20 students will be selected for enrollment into the trimester program. Courses will also be open to students who are not part of the cohort.

Benefits of the Trimester Plan

- A Basic Statistics course geared towards the student majoring in Family Studies who plans to pursue a career in a Human Service Field. The special topics statistics course (FMST 371) meets the department's statistics requirement and is accepted as a prerequisite for FMST 485: Writing and Research Methods in Family Studies.
- Availability of prerequisite lower level courses required for the major (FMST 101 and FMST 201)
- Students who are entering the major later in their academic careers will be able to take courses that will allow them to graduate within a reasonable timeframe
- Students who are accepted into a special cohort group will be eligible for graduation at the end of Fall 2010. This eligibility will depend on the student's completion of gen ed requirements and the number of credits earned toward the degree at the time of acceptance and grades earned in major courses.
- Department trimester advisor available to meet with students beginning Spring 2009 and through summers and subsequent semesters.
- An opportunity for students taking a heavy course to balance academic program and internships. Students who are pursuing the Child Life Track, taking the advanced internship course or are pursuing a double major may be particularly interested in the trimester option.

Eligibility for Trimester Plan

To be eligible for the plan, transfer students or new Family Studies majors must have completed between 45 and 60 credits prior to Summer 2009, including Introduction to Psychology (PSYCH 101) and Introduction to Sociology (SOCL 101). Interested students must complete a short application and include an unofficial transcript. Completed applications should be directed to Karen Goldrich Eskow, PhD, Towson University Linthicum 002. FAX # 410-704-3612. Enrollment is limited. Please contact the department for an application as soon as possible.

If you have questions, contact:

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Tentative Trimester Course Plan for Child Life Track

Summer 2009

- FMST 371 – Special Topics for Basic Statistics (3)
(meets program requirements for Basic Statistics)
- PSYC 203 (prerequisite for FMST 340) Human Development (3) or
FMST 201 Family Resources (3) (GenEd II.B.3)
- FMST 101* Introduction to Family Studies (3) (GenEd II.B.2)

**Plan for students who have already taken either FMST 101 or 201: Students can take any other 200 level courses (except FMST 297) i.e. (PSYC 203, ECED 201, HLTH 220), general course requirements, electives or other requirements for a minor or double major. The alternate courses will be selected with the assistance of the trimester advisor.*

Fall 2009

- FMST 201 Family Resources (3) (GenEd II.B.3) or PSYC 205
- FMST 302 Theories of Family Functioning (3)
- FMST 301 Family Relationships (3)
- FMST 340 The Hospitalized Child and Family (3)
- FMST 303 Trends in Contemporary Family Life (3)

Spring 2010

- FMST 485 Writing and Research Methods in Family Studies (3)
- FMST 387 Community Services for Families (3)
- FMST 297 Preparing Human Service Workers (3)
- FMST 380 Family Law (3)
- ECED 315 Infant and Toddlerhood Development
and Intervention (3)

Summer 2010

- HLTH 220 Sexuality in a Diverse Society (3) (GenEd II.C.3) or
PSYC 205 Introduction to the Helping Relationship (3)
- FMST 397 Internship in Family Studies and
Community Development (120 hours) (3)
- FMST 305 - Parenting

Fall 2010

- FMST 490 Senior Seminar (4)
- FMST 497 Advanced Internship in Family Studies
and Community Development (240 hours) (4)*
- PSYC 403 Infant and Child Development (3)
- PSYC 404 Adolescent Psychology (3)
- HLTH 220 Sexuality in a Diverse Society (3)
or PSYC 205 Introduction to the Helping Relationship (3)

**Students may choose the option to extend the internship through January 2011 to ease the workload in the fall semester.*

Tentative Trimester Plan for Services to Children and Youth Track

Summer 2009

- FMST 371 – Special Topics for Basic Statistics (3)
(meets program requirements for Basic Statistics)
- FMST 101* Introduction to Family Studies (3) (GenEd II.B.2)
- FMST 201 Family Resources (3) (GenEd II.B.3)

**Plan for students who have already taken either FMST 101/201: Students can take any other 200 level courses (except FMST 297) i.e. (PSYC 203, ECED 201, HLTH 220), general course requirements, electives or other requirements for a minor or double major. The alternate courses will be determined with the assistance of the Trimester advisor.*

Fall 2009

- FMST 302 Theories of Family Functioning (3)
- FMST 301 Family Relationships (3)
- HLTH 220 Sexuality in a Diverse Society (3) (GenEd II.C.3)
- PSYC 203 Human Development (3)
- FMST 303 Trends in Contemporary Family Life (3)

Spring 2010

- FMST 485 Writing and Research Methods in Family Studies (3)
- FMST 387 Community Services for Families (3)
- FMST 297 Preparing Human Service Workers (3)
- FMST 380 Family Law (3)
- Elective – Upper Level

Summer 2010

- FMST 397 Internship in Family Studies and
Community Development (120 hours) (3)
- FMST 305 – Parenting (3)
- Elective or Gen Ed (if needed)

Fall 2010

- FMST 490 Senior Seminar (3)
- Elective – Upper Level
- FMST 415 – Services for Children and Youth
- Elective – Upper Level

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