**Family Studies Minor**

**Minor in Family Studies**

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**The Program**
Examine the family from multiple perspectives, giving special attention to changes in the American family over time and across ethnic and socioeconomic groups. Look at various methods for working with families and helping the family remain strong and healthy.

Knowledge about families is excellent background for work in social services, teaching, community development, community health, counseling, family law, public administration, or public policy.

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**Requirements for the Minor**

**Family Foundation**
- CD 251 (3) Children, Families & Their Communities

**Growth & Development Foundation**
- CD 350 (3) Perspectives: Life-Span Development

**Contemporary Family Dynamics**
Minimum of one course from:
- CD 352 (3) Parent/Child Relationships *
- PSYC 303 (3) Family Relations in Contemporary Society
- SOC 306 (3) The Changing Family

**Cultural Variations**
Minimum of one course from:
- AIE 335 (3) Social Cultural Considerations */ **
- CD 467 (3) Working with Culturally Diverse Families *
- COMM 322 (4) Intercultural Communication

**Interacting with Families**
Minimum of one course from:
- AIE 335 (3) Social Cultural Considerations */ **
- CD 366 (3) Exceptional Children & Their Families **

**Special Family Topics**
Minimum of three units from:
- CD 362 (3) Children & Stress
- CD 366 (3) Exceptional Children & Their Families **
- SW 431 (4) Juvenile Delinquency
- SW 480 (1-4) Special Topics
  [Must be related to the family – Prior permission to count toward minor must be approved]

**Advocacy & Public Policy**
- CD 479 (3) Policy Analysis & Advocacy
  [Completion of other courses in minor required]

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* Diversity/Common Ground courses.
** Course may not be used for more than one topic section.