Families are the foundation of society and the public’s health.

The Bachelor of Science in Family Science trains students to use scientific methods to understand family development and behavior, and address family problems.

You’ll learn to analyze and improve the quality of family life through education, applied research, policy analysis, and human services program management. Our graduates enter diverse career fields where they address family issues such as parenting, personal and family finance, family decision-making, adoption, child and domestic abuse, mental health, elder care, physical wellness, and family support.

Our department is a campus leader in promoting sensitivity to gender, class, religious, disability, and cultural issues. Diversity issues are a focus both inside and outside the classroom.

In addition to the required internship, you can take advantage of a wide variety of research opportunities throughout the department. Want to go even deeper? Choose our Family Science honors program and complete an independent honors thesis for a more advanced educational experience.

Some of our courses include:

- Couple Relationships
- Personal & Family Finance
- Violence in Families
- Poverty, Affluence, & Families
- Legal Aspects of Family Problems
- Adulthood and Aging in Families

MARSHE JONES ’18

“As a Family Science major, I am inspired to be a helper to individuals and families who face a variety of challenges every day. As a part of the FDIC’s WorkLife Program, I am able to put my knowledge and passion into practice every single day by assisting employees and their families in finding a healthy balance between work and home. It is extremely rewarding!”

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WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH YOUR
FAMILY SCIENCE DEGREE?

All data based on the UMD Graduation Survey for the SPH class of 2016 - 2017

- 89% of recent undergraduates reported having plans after graduation
- 51% going on to full-time employment
- 27% continuing their education in graduate & professional fields such as social work, clinical psychology, nursing, child life specialty, and more!

REAL ENTRY LEVEL JOBS

- Adoption Coach
- Case Manager
- Community Developer
- Family Support Worker
- Health Information Specialist
- Research Associate
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Service Coordinator
- Victims Assistant Specialist

WHERE FAMILY SCIENCE GRADS ARE WORKING

- Discovery Communications
- FDA
- Teach for America
- Sheppard Pratt Health System
- USDA
- U.S. Naval Research Laboratory
- George's Maryland

HOW OUR MAJORS ARE GAINING EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

- Internships: 100%
- Student Groups: 32%
- Community Service: 46%
- Part-Time Jobs: 77%
- Research Projects: 18%

- 56% of employed alumni received more than one job offer
- 56% of alumni confirmed their post-graduation plans within one month of graduating