

WHY MAJOR IN FAMILY SCIENCE?

:: the study of families and the challenges they face

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“The Family Science major taught me not only the importance of sustaining the lives of individual and families, but also the love that is needed to assist, strengthen, and care for families through their good and bad times

-- something I practice every day in my work at FEMA.”



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 PROGRAM

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

MORE INFORMATION

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ABOUT THE UMD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- Accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health
- 25 degrees and academic programs
- More than 2500 undergraduate students and 300 graduate students
- Most culturally and racially diverse student body at UMD
- Ranked #22 among all Schools of Public Health by US News and World Report
- Unique strengths in family science and kinesiology
- Less than 8 miles from unique research & professional opportunities in Washington, D.C.

WHAT WILL YOU DO

with your **FAMILY SCIENCE DEGREE?**

The **Family Science** major prepares students for a wide range of careers. Here's what recent grads say about their Family Science degree!



87%
of recent undergraduates reported having plans after graduation

51%
going on to full-time employment

24%
continuing their education in graduate & professional fields such as social work, clinical psychology, nursing, child life specialty, and more!

Real Entry-Level Jobs

- Rehabilitation Direct Care Coach
- Service Coordinator
- Adoption Coach
- Research Associate
- Family Case Manager
- Behavioral Therapist
- Lab Assistant
- Health Information Specialist
- Community Outreach Specialist

Where Family Science Grads Are Working



How our majors are gaining experience outside the classroom

Internships	100%
Student groups	68%
Part-time jobs	49%
Community service	41%
Research projects	16%



17% of students found jobs through previous positions & internships



26% found jobs through family & friends



31% found jobs online

All data based on the UMD Graduation Survey for the SPH class of 2014-2015.