

BACHELOR OF ARTS
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

THE STUDENT MUST DO THE FOLLOWING TO RECEIVE A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE:

1. COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF 120 CREDIT HOURS OF STUDY, AT LEAST 60 OF WHICH OR AT LEAST THE LAST 30 CREDITS BEFORE GRADUATION ARE AT SOUTHERN VIRGINIA. NO MORE THAN 9 CREDIT HOURS WILL BE GRANTED FOR INTERNSHIP COURSES.
2. COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE SOUTHERN VIRGINIA CORE.
3. COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS OF AT LEAST ONE MAJOR.
4. EARN A MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 2.00 ON ALL COURSE WORK TAKEN AT THE UNIVERSITY.
5. COMPLY WITH ALL UNIVERSITY STANDARDS, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES, FROM THE DATE OF MATRICULATION THROUGH THE DATE OF FINAL GRADUATION.

FAMILY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Family and human development major prepares students for careers serving families and children. The major also prepares students for graduate programs in the social sciences. Courses emphasize research-based knowledge about marriage, contemporary families, and human development. Family and human development majors learn about: families in society, internal family dynamics, human growth and development over the life span, human sexuality, interpersonal relationships, family resources management, parent education and guidance, family law and family policy, ethics, and family life education methodology.

Program coordinator: [Dr. Ariel Rodriguez](#)

Major Requirements (39 credit hours)

Major Core (21 credit hours):

FHD 210 Marriage and Family (GE) (3)
FHD 220 Introduction to Social Work (3)
FHD 250 Child and Adolescent Development (GE) (3)
FHD 290 Introduction to Research Methods (3)
FHD 310 Family Process (3)
FHD 314 Parenting (3)
FHD 498 Senior Capstone (3)

Developmental Elective: 3 credit hours from among the following:

FHD 350 Infant Development (3)
FHD 355 Adolescent Development (3)
FHD 360 Adult Development and Aging (3)
FHD 370 Theories of Human Development (3)

Major Electives: 15 credit hours from among the following:

BUS 226 Personal and Family Finance (3)
BUS 323 Organizational Communication (3)
FHD 175R Topics in Family Studies (Var.)
FHD 275R Topics in Family Studies (Var.)
FHD 337 Families and Sexuality (3)
FHD 350 Infant Development (3)
FHD 355 Adolescent Development (3)
FHD 360 Adult Development and Aging (3)
FHD 370 Theories of Human Development (3)
FHD 375R Topics in Family Studies (Var.)
FHD 385R Directed Study in Family Studies (1-3)
FHD 485R Research Practicum (1-3)
MAT 221 Statistics (GE) (3)
POL 365R Topics: Family Social Policy and Law (3)

Minor Requirements (18 credit hours)

Minor Core (9 credit hours):

FHD 210 Marriage and Family (GE) (3)
FHD 250 Child and Adolescent Development (GE) (3)
FHD 310 Family Process (3)

Minor Electives: 9 credit hours from among the following:

BUS 226 Personal and Family Finance (3)
FHD 220 Introduction to Social Work (3)
FHD 314 Parenting (3)
FHD 337 Families and Sexuality (3)
FHD 350 Infant Development (3)
FHD 355 Adolescent Development (3)
FHD 360 Adult Development and Aging (3)
FHD 370 Theories of Human Development (3)
FHD 375R Topics in Family Studies (Var.)
FHD 385R Directed Study in Family Studies (1-3)
FHD 485R Research Practicum (1-3)