The family studies program strongly focuses on integrating theory, research and practice. It encompasses a wide range of family structures, dynamics and functions with an emphasis on the development of interpersonal skills and professional practice. The Family Studies program prepares students for a variety of positions that focus on families or family members at all stages of the life continuum in social service, government and education.

Southeast's family studies program is an accredited Certified Family Life Educator program. The National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) oversees our program, which includes course work that follows the standards and criteria needed for students to become Provisional Certified Family Life Educators. For more information, visit the NCFR website: [http://www.ncfr.org/](http://www.ncfr.org/).

**Family Study students will...**

- Gain an in-depth understanding of family structures, dynamics and interactions along with developmental issues across the lifespan.
- Develop skills in assessing, creating and implementing interventions to improve family interactions.
- Be trained to work with a wide variety of populations and have the opportunity to work part-time or volunteer in one of our four state licensed centers that serve children, seniors and developmentally disabled adults.
- Be offered “real world” experiences through placement in agencies and programs serving young children and parents, pregnant teens, senior adults, low-income families, and the community.

**Career Planning**

Career preparation is part of the mission of Southeast. 100% of programs offer our students an internship, study-abroad program, clinical opportunity, student teaching or research internship.

The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

**Internship and Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates**

- Aging Matters Agencies
- Big Brothers/Sisters Program
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- Councils on Aging
- Crisis Center
- Day Care Facility
- Department of Family Services
- Department of Mental Health
- Department of Health and Senior Services
- Gerontology Agencies/Firms
- Headstart Family Services
- Hospice Programs
- Retirement Homes / Assisted Living Facilities
- Mental Health Centers
- Disability Programs
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- Parent Education Programs
- Pregnancy Centers / Teen Pregnancy Services
- Non-profit organizations ie. United Way
- Marriage and Family Therapy Graduate Programs

**Special Options with Family Studies**

Southeast also offers a Master of Arts in Human Environmental Studies.

**Transfer and Dual Credit Students**

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.
This is a guide based on the 2018-2019 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

**CURRICULUM CHECKLIST**

"Critical Courses" are italicized and bolded. Data shows that students who have completed this course in the first two years and have earned the noted grade are most likely to complete this program of study.

**Family Studies – 48 Hours – Minor Required**

- **Course #**
  - **UI 100** (3)
  - **EN 100** (3)
  - **CF 102** (3)
  - **University Studies** (3)

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**Sample Four-Year Plan**

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**Department State Licensed Centers**

The Family Studies and Child Development programs oversee two centers that provide students with hands on experience working with various populations.

- Horizon’s Enrichment Center for Developmentally Disabled Adults
- Hoover Center for Seniors

**University Studies Requirements** – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 3 hours
- Constitution requirement – 3 hours
- US History requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI 100 for native students)

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level. Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.