FCS-FAMILY AND CHILD SCIENCE (FCS)

FCS 181. Interpersonal Skills in Intimate Relationships  
3 Credits  
Developing social skills within friendships, dating relationships, marriage, parenting, and families. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Restricted to Las Cruces and Dona Ana campuses.

FCS 210. Infancy and Early Childhood in the Family  
3 Credits  
Research and theory relevant to prenatal development and the physical, mental, and socio-emotional development of the child from birth to age five. Attitudes, knowledge, and skills needed for working with young children and their families. Restricted to Las Cruces campus only.

FCS 211. Middle Childhood Development in the Family  
3 Credits  
Research and theory relevant to the physical, mental, social, and emotional development of the child from age five to age twelve. Attitudes, knowledge, and skills related to working with school-age children in the family system. Observation in a variety of settings may be required. Restricted to Las Cruces campus only.

FCS 212. Adolescent Development and the Family  
3 Credits  
Research and theory relevant to the physical, mental, social, and emotional development of the children ages 12 to 18. Attitudes, knowledge, and skills related to working with adolescents in the family system. Observation in a variety of settings may be required. Restricted to Las Cruces campus only.

FCS 213. Adult Development and Aging  
3 Credits  
Research and theory related to the physical, mental, social, and emotional development of older adults. Attitudes, knowledge, and skills related to working with older adults in the family system, including normative, and nonnormative transitions. Restricted to Las Cruces campus only.

FCS 300. Special Topics  
1-4 Credits  
Specific subjects and credits announced in the Schedule of Classes. Maximum of 4 credits per semester and a grand total of 9 credits.

FCS 301. Personal and Family Finance  
3 Credits  
Principles, processes and procedures involved in effective utilization and management of financial resources to meet the needs of individuals and/ or families. Open to nonmajors.

3 Credits  
Consumer issues related to social, political, and economic components of the larger social system. Focuses on consumer rights and responsibilities within the marketplace.

FCS 380. Family Dynamics  
3 Credits  
The dynamics of family relationships and changes influencing contemporary families. Interaction between the family and other social systems will be examined. Open to nonmajors.

FCS 383. Parenting and Child Guidance  
3 Credits  
Theories, principles, and skills essential for parents and professionals in guiding children within the family system. Problem prevention techniques are stressed.

FCS 424. Field Experience: Issues and Ethics  
4 Credits  
Supervised work experience in community agencies providing services to family systems. Discussion of professional issues and ethical dilemmas. A total of 8 credits must be taken. Consent of instructor required. Restricted to: Main campus only. Restricted to FCS majors.  
Prerequisite(s): FCS 380 or equivalent, junior standing, and an overall GPA of at least 2.5 and consent of instructor.

FCS 449V. Family Ethnicities and Subcultures  
3 Credits  
Comparative study of American family subsystems with respect to selected social, economic, and cultural backgrounds. Interaction of these subsystems in American society. Differentiated assignments for graduate students.

FCS 492. Special Problems  
1-4 Credits  
Individual research in a selected subject area of family and consumer sciences. Maximum of 4 credits per semester and a total of 6 credits.

FCS 510. Infancy and Early Childhood in the Family  
3 Credits  
Research and theory relevant to prenatal development and the physical, mental, and socio-emotional development of the child from birth to age 5. Attitudes, knowledge, and skills needed for working with young children and their families. May be repeated up to 3 credits.

FCS 511. MIDDLE CHLDHD DEV IN FMLY  
3 Credits  
Research and theory relevant to the physical, mental, and socio-emotional development of children from ages five to twelve. Attitudes, knowledge, and skills needed for working with school-age children and their families. May be repeated up to 3 credits.

FCS 512. Adolescent Development and the Family  
3 Credits  
Advanced study in research and theory relevant to the physical, mental, social, and emotional development of the child, ages 12-18. Attitudes, knowledge, and skills related to working with adolescents in the family system. May be repeated up to 3 credits.

FCS 524. Supervised Practicum  
1-9 Credits  
Supervised experience in organizations providing services to families and children. Course subtitled in the Schedule of Classes. May be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits. Graded S/U.  
Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

FCS 525. Supervised Clinical Practice  
1-9 Credits (2-18P)  
Supervised clinical experience in Marriage and Family Therapy. Includes reviews of audio, video, and/or live sessions and case presentations. Maximum of 9 credits toward a degree. May be repeated up to 20 credits.

FCS 548. Adult Development and Aging  
3 Credits  
Advanced study in research and theory related to the physical, mental, social, and emotional development of older adults. Attitudes, knowledge, and skills related to working with older adults in the family system, including normative and non-normative role transitions.
FCS 549. Family Ethnicities and Subcultures  
3 Credits  
Comparative study of American family subsystems with respect to selected social, economic and cultural backgrounds. Interaction of these subsystems in American society. Students responsible for all requirements for FCS 449V plus additional work.

FCS 562. The Business and Practice of Marriage and Family Therapy  
1 Credit  
This seminar course will provide students with an overview of the business and practice of Marriage and Family Therapy to the end that they will understand how to develop and maintain a private practice in the field of MFT. Restricted to: FCS (MFT) majors. S/U Grading (S/U, Audit).

FCS 572. Family Dysfunction and Diagnosis  
3 Credits  
A study of the development of abnormal behavior patterns and characteristics to include the major mental and personality disorders and how these can influence and impact family systems. Emphasis is on the symptomology and/or life circumstances and events described in the various diagnostic categories.  
Prerequisite(s): Students must be enrolled in a clinical program (i.e MFT, CEP, MSW).

FCS 582. Theories of Marriage and Family Therapy  
2 Credits  
A balanced study of major theories, research, applications and principles of marriage and family therapy. This course will examine major therapy models and the theories they are derived from as well as the effectiveness of specific therapy models for specific mental health disorders through research. May be repeated up to 4 credits.

FCS 583. Parenting and Child Guidance  
3 Credits  
Theories, principles, and skills essential for parents and professionals in guiding children within the family system. Problem prevention techniques are stressed.

FCS 584. Family Law and Ethics  
3 Credits  
Study of selected aspects of federal and state laws and ethical issues as they relate to the family system.

FCS 585. The Family System  
3 Credits  
Contemporary family interaction: concepts, composition, resource and environment.

FCS 586. Sexuality and Family Dynamics  
3 Credits  
Psychosocial and physiological aspects of human sexuality from a life span and family systems perspective.

FCS 587. Contemporary Marriage and Family Issues  
3 Credits  
Investigation of one of the following topics each semester: dual career marriages, nontraditional relationships, aged in marriage.

FCS 589. Family Crises and Rehabilitation  
3 Credits  
Examination of the major crises experienced by families. Emphasis on family system functioning rather than individual functioning. Preventative measures, positive coping strategies, and therapeutic intervention approaches examined.

FCS 590. Special Topics  
1-4 Credits  
Specific subjects to be announced in the Schedule of Classes. Maximum of 4 credits per semester and a total of 9 credits toward a degree.

FCS 592. Strategies in Family Therapy  
2 Credits  
Effective intervention strategies in family therapy practice. Live and taped role plays of interventions for various family problems required. Constructive approaches for working with family systems and third-party payers. May be repeated up to 4 credits.

FCS 598. Special Research Programs  
1-4 Credits  
Individual investigations either analytical or experimental. Maximum of 4 credits per semester and no more than 6 credits toward a degree.

FCS 599. Master's Thesis  
15 Credits  
Thesis