Family Relations and Human Development is a field of study offered by the Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition. We are a unique, interdisciplinary academic unit focused on integrating research and practice. Not only do graduate students have the opportunity to engage in research alongside expert faculty in psychology, sociology, social work and other disciplines, but they also build an individualized program of study including coursework and applied training in areas such as: child and adolescent development; parent-child and family relationships; human sexuality; adult development and aging; health and mental health; program evaluation; evidence-based practice; family and social policy; and, qualitative and quantitative methodologies.

Building on core theory and methodology courses to support thesis work, this scientist-practitioner orientation prepares graduates to pursue an academic or professional career in a variety of settings that focus on children, adults and families, including government or community agencies and post-secondary institutions.

**General Admission Requirements**

- An honours bachelor’s degree or equivalent, typically including coursework in psychology, sociology, social work, and/or family relations (MSc)
- A master’s degree with a research-based thesis in Family Relations and Human Development or a closely related degree such as human development, gerontology, psychology or sociology (PhD)
- Applicants must have at least a 75% average for their last 2 years of academic study, and provide academic references
- Grades of at least 75% in applied statistics and research methods courses taken within the past 5 years
- Course work in some aspect of human development and family relations (PhD)

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