

Family Studies Certificate

18 Credits

Family relationships tend to pervade all aspects of our personal and professional lives. Consequently, the systematic study of these relationships can serve to improve our lives. They can also help us to better understand the lives of others. This certificate is intended to provide a foundation for all of these desirable outcomes.

The Family Studies Certificate offers students foundational coursework in preparation to transfer to a four-year college in the area of Family Studies. Or it offers students a credential to find employment in areas associated with Family Studies. While not a required credential for students who work in areas associated with Family Studies, it quickly communicates a relevant background to prospective employers. Students will gain knowledge from various fields of study by completing this certificate.

Required Courses 18 Credits

COMM 2111	Family Communication	3 cr
HIST 1131	Family: Sex/Gender/Power: A Cross-Cultural, Historical Perspective	3 cr
SOC 1102	Love, Sex, and Family	3 cr
SOC 2114	Families in Crisis	3 cr

Complete two of the following six courses:

ANTH 1120/ SOC 1120/ WMST 1120	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	3 cr
ANTH 1121/ SOC 1121/ WMST 1121	Women Across Cultures	3 cr
SOC 1115	Sociology of Sex and Gender Roles	3 cr
PSYC 1109	Child and Adolescent Development	3 cr
HIST 2111	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender U.S. History	3 cr

Other Certificate Requirements

- Earn a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 for college-level coursework (courses numbered 1000 and above) completed at Normandale.
- Earn at least one third of the required certificate credits from Normandale.