The bachelor of science degree in family social science will prepare you to understand families from an interdisciplinary and multicultural perspective. Coursework is enhanced with community-based and career-focused experiential learning experiences that give you the opportunity to apply new knowledge and practice new skills in a supportive environment.

In the Family Social Science major, you can choose from two concentrations: Family & Community Engagement to work directly with families in community settings and Family Therapy that will prepare you for entry-level clinical work, or for advanced study in marriage and family therapy, or a practitioner certification, such as a parent education teaching license.

You will be well-prepared to work with families in professional environments, or continue on to graduate study with several master's and PhD programs in family science, prevention science or couple and family therapy. Explore them here: http://www.cehd.umn.edu/fsos/programs/index.html.

Study Abroad Options

Learn about study abroad options for Family Social Science majors at http://umabroad.umn.edu/students/maps/cehd/familyss.
Meet Our Alumni

“My advisers and professors took the time to get to know me and always offered to help support me in any capacity they could. I would often go to coffee with my professors or stay after class to chat. Having those relationships really had a positive impact on how I viewed myself and my future work. They encouraged my learning and inspired me to challenge myself by learning new perspectives through volunteering, internships, and research.” Rose Simon, Class of 2017

You might also explore

- Family Violence Prevention Minor
- Social Justice Minor
- Early Childhood
- Child Psychology
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Youth Studies

Associated Careers

Child life specialist, Counselor, Couple and family therapist, Financial counselor, Nonprofit organizations, Social and human services