

Master of Arts (MA)

Human Environmental Studies is composed of the following programs: **Child Development, Dietetics, Family and Consumer Science Education, Family Studies, Fashion Merchandising, and Interior Design.** A specialization in each of the programs at the Masters level is accomplished through the completion of a common core and customized specialization electives.

The Master's degree in HES is designed to advance the student from entry-level positions to supervisory, management, entrepreneurial and consultant level positions. In addition, the student will be introduced to valuable professional networks that have been established by the faculty for the express purpose of creating an employment conduit for the student.

Human Environmental Students will...

- Interact one on one with highly qualified graduate faculty in a small class environment.
- Be qualified to take selected national certification and licensure examinations.
- Have access to experiential learning labs with group study workstations and access to the latest technology and software.
- Be prepared to access positions at the national and international level and will be exposed to emerging global issues and trends.

Career Planning

Approximately 50 percent of the HES graduate students are already employed in full-time professional positions and are seeking advancement in those positions. HES graduate students have consistently reported to be competitive and successful in the job market.

Internship and Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates/ Graduate Schools and Programs of Recent Graduates

- Mosby Building Arts
- Missouri State Department of Family Services
- Missouri State Department of Health and Senior Services
- Kansas State University Department of Higher Education
- University of Louisiana Department of Social Sciences
- Disney World
- Southeast Missouri State University – Facilities Management Department
- Southeast Missouri State University – University School for Young Children
- Southeast Missouri State University – Admissions Department
- Missouri High School Systems
- Chartwells Food Services
- St. Francis Medical Center
- Southeast Health

Admission Requirements

1. An undergraduate GPA of 2.75 on a 4 point scale
2. 18 credit hours of courses in Human Environmental Studies, or closely related field
3. A letter of application addressed to the HES Graduate Coordinator including the following (two page maximum):
 - Personal/career objectives.
 - Choice of specialization at the graduate level and why the choice was selected. Specializations include family studies, fashion merchandising, dietetics, interior design and child development.
 - Summary of past employment, volunteer experience or life experiences that would enhance professional knowledge and understanding.
 - Summary of internships or independent studies completed as an undergraduate.

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This is a guide based on the 2016-2017 Graduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students meet with an academic advisor each semester and use DegreeWorks to monitor their progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

Human Environmental Studies – 36 hours

Required Courses:

- CF630 Family Systems Applications in Human Services (3)
- DS618 Environmental Design in Human Services (3)
- HE601 Sustainable Environments in Human Services (3)
- HE608 Supervision and Personnel Development (3)
- HE625 Evaluating Research in Human Services (3)
- PY571 Introduction to Behavioral Statistics (3)

Choose One Course:

- HE615 Qualitative Research Design (3)
- HE637 Research Design in HES (3)

Choose one specialization area:

Thesis or Creative Specialization (Area 1 on plan):

- GR699 Oral Thesis Defense* (0)
- HE694 Thesis first semester (3)
- HE695 Thesis second semester (3)
- Approved electives (9)

Research Project/Non-thesis Specialization (Area 2 on plan):

- GR698 Comprehensive Exam* (0)
- HE640 Advanced Professional Practicum (3)
- Approved specialization electives (12)

*Must be scheduled during the last semester/summer

Note: The graduate courses are on a rotational basis and may be taught on an odd or even year basis. Development of a plan of student that fits the rotation of the graduate courses is essential to finishing in a timely fashion. Work closely with your Graduate Advisor.

Sample Two Year Plan

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	CF 630	3	HE 601	3
	HE 625	3	HE 608	3
	PY 571	3	HE 615 OR HE 637	3
	Total	9	Total	9
SECOND YEAR AREA 1	DS 618	3	HE 695	3
	HE 694	3	GR 699	0
	Specialization Elective	3	Specialization Elective	3
			Specialization Elective	3
	Total	9	Total	9
SECOND YEAR AREA 2	DS 618	3	GR 698	0
	Specialization Elective	3	HE 640	3
	Specialization Elective	3	Specialization Elective	3
			Specialization Elective	3
	Total	9	Total	9