COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

FAS506 Families in Society - 3 credits
This course familiarizes the student with an understanding of the history, evolution and demographics of the family. Kinship, family structures, functions and roles are explored. Particular emphasis will be placed on the family’s relationship to other systems and institutions in society.

FAS532 Navigating Oceans of Data - 3 credits
The course is designed to introduce the scope and function of information and the research process in family studies. The course will introduce students to types and fundamental concepts and process in the research literature. Problem solving is viewed as one of the primary functions of the research literature information, leading to strategies and action for solutions and change. Students will gain experience developing a framework for consuming the research literature and information in family studies.

FAS504 Systemic Dynamics - 3 credits
This course is designed to provide an understanding of family strengths and weaknesses in light of internal dynamics of the family. Students will explore the family as a system of relationships extending across the family life cycle. The course includes a survey of current developments in the study of family and analysis of changes in American society and their influences on family life. Emphasis is placed on using family systems processes to examine and understand the internal dynamics of the family that lead to effective family life education program planning, implementation, and assessment.

FAS540 Family Decision-Making - 3 credits
This course familiarizes the student with an understanding of the decisions individuals make about developing and allocating resources to meet their goals. The focus of the course is on internal dynamics of family decision-making processes and on the goal-directed behaviors of families in improving their quality of life. Topics include: decision-making, valuing, planning, communication, and organization skills for resource use.

FAS530 Family Communication and Relationships - 3 credits
This course familiarizes the student with the psychological, spiritual, and social aspects of developing and maintaining healthy interpersonal relationships. An emphasis will be placed on the physiological, psychological, social, and sexual development of relationships across the life span.

FAS551 Seminar in Human Growth - 3 credits
This course includes a study of human growth and development throughout the life cycle. Consideration of physical, emotional, cognitive, social, moral, sexual, spiritual and personality development is included.

FAS560 Intimate Relationships - 3 credits
The purpose of this course is to familiarize the student with the emotional and psychological aspects of intimate relationships. Topics include: dating and courtship; love and romance; and sexual behavior, values and decision-making. An emphasis will be on sexuality and intimacy in interpersonal relationships across the lifespan.
FAS570 Parent Education - 3 credits
This course explores how parents teach, guide, and influence their children and adolescents. The course will emphasize parenting as a process, a responsibility, and a role that changes across the life span. Variations in parenting practices will be discussed in the context of building on strengths; empowering parents, and remaining sensitive to individual and community needs.

FAS525 Public Policy and Applied Ethics - 3 credits
This course explores historical development of laws and public policy affecting families. Ethics and ethical implications of social change will be explored. Students will understand the legal definition of the family and laws that affect the status of the family. The course will focus on the role of the family life educator as an advocate for the well-being of the family. The formation of social values, respect for the diversity of values, and the social consequences of value choices are discussed within a family life education framework.

FAS534 Reflexive Assessment and Evaluation - 3 credits
This course reviews the connection between research methods and the research question or problem. Students will explore the role of assessment and evaluation in early childhood education. Various forms of assessment will be considered with an emphasis on the recursive nature of assessment. Students will experience the process of establishing strategy for a program in early childhood education.

FAS576 Methods in Programming - 3 credits
This course provides a pedagogical framework for planning, implementation, and evaluation of programming for parent and family education.

ED510 Seminar C - 3 credits
This course assists students in synthesizing previous coursework leading to greater self-reflection and assessment of learning.

APPLICATION PROCESS
For admission consideration, a student must submit:
1. Master of Arts application
2. Official transcript from the regionally accredited institution stating conferral of BA degree
3. Personal statement
4. Resume

TO APPLY
Applications are available at www.csp.edu/apply or by contacting the Office of Admission.

Email application materials to: onlineinfo@csp.edu.

TUITION AND FEES
This is a 36-credit program. For tuition and financial aid information, please call 888-859-0641 or visit online.csp.edu.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS
Students use their personal computer in this program. To begin the program, students must meet the requirements listed on the technology agreement. To view this agreement please visit www.csp.edu/admission/Graduate/Requirements

Course descriptions, fees and other information included in this form are subject to change. Please refer to the Academic Catalog on our website for more information on program requirements.

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