M.A. in Family Studies

Application Process

Application materials for admission into the Family Studies Master’s Degree program are available at the Program Website. Please upload completed Family Studies Master’s program application form (please attach your program application to your letter of intent with a page break and upload to the letter of intent area), letter of intent, three letters of recommendation (at least two must be from full-time professors), an official transcript from all undergraduate and graduate institutions, an unofficial UNM transcript and any additional materials to your online application at http://www.unm.edu/apply/. There is a non-refundable application fee of $50.00. Requests for letters of recommendation are processed through the online application, you will need to provide the names and emails of the individuals and a link will automatically be sent to the individual requesting the recommendation letter the system will allow for the ratings form and a separate letter of support to be attached.

It is recommended that all relevant paperwork be submitted to the Admissions and FS Program two weeks prior to deadlines, which are March 15 for summer and fall semesters and October 15 for spring semester. Late applications may be accepted per UNM Catalog. Offers of admission are made only for the semester for which the student applies. Failure to enroll or to properly defer admission will cancel the student’s graduate student status. Any student who is not enrolled in graduate-level courses for three or more consecutive semesters (including summer) must apply for re-admission, using a special form that must be filed with the Office of Admissions by the above dates. An application fee is not required for re-admission status.

Students from academic backgrounds other than Family Studies are encouraged to apply. Students are expected to have a GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 hours of undergraduate study. Other admission criteria are relevant coursework, well-articulated personal statement, related work experience, multicultural experience/education, and academic references. All full-time faculty independently review and rate each applicant based on the materials submitted. Following discussion of these ratings and resultant score by the faculty, a vote is taken and both the Family Studies Graduate Coordinator and the Office of Graduate Studies communicate the resulting decision to the applicant.

Advisement

When students are notified of admission to the program, they are assigned an initial advisor. By the end of the second semester or first year, a Family Studies faculty member must be named by the student as her/his advisor. It is the student’s responsibility to inform, in writing, the initial advisor, the Graduate Coordinator, and the new advisor, if applicable.

Probationary Status

Students whose cumulative GPA falls below a 3.0 at any point will be placed by Office of Graduate Studies (OGS) on academic probation and will remain on academic probation until the cumulative GPA reaches 3.0. The student will be disenrolled from graduate status if the GPA does not reach 3.0 after 12 semester hours on probationary status. A student receiving two grades of F and/or NC even if his/her cumulative GPA remains above 3.0, will be disenrolled if a third NC or F is earned. Students placed on probationary status are not eligible for assistantships, nor are they allowed to take comprehensive exams, file for candidacy or graduate. If a student’s GPA drops below a 3.0 due to incompletes, she/he will be placed on Type 2 probation and will not be allowed to graduate. A student may not graduate with an incomplete in any course nor will she/he be allowed to take comprehensive exams. A student must be registered for at least 1 credit hour the semester she/he takes a comprehensive exam/oral thesis defense.