About Montclair State University
Since its founding in 1908, Montclair State University has had a rich history of innovation, distinction and growth. Montclair State, a vital educational force, is ranked as one of the top universities in the region. Graduates from Montclair State University are well equipped with the skills needed to respond to today’s dynamic environment, as well as future challenges and opportunities.

About the College of Education and Human Services
With a more than 100-year tradition of excellence and educational leadership, the College of Education and Human Services offers several advantages for those pursuing a graduate education:

- Outstanding and innovative graduate programs in the education and human services fields with nationally recognized faculty and accreditation;
- Program faculty and staff dedicated to meeting the unique needs of our graduate population;
- Flexible study for both full-time students and working professionals, including weekend, accelerated and web-enhanced course options;
- Facilities that are on the cutting edge of learning and technology, including University Hall, the College’s home, and the largest and most sophisticated building in the University’s history.

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Overview

Family Studies is a multidisciplinary and interdisiplinary field, drawing on a range of social science disciplines including sociology, social work, education, gerontology, human development and psychology. The PhD in Family Studies program considers family life within larger socio-cultural contexts and explores how issues of power, privilege and social justice interact to differentially impact family configurations. The program’s unique strengths include:

- Individually focused areas of study sustained throughout the coursework
- Integrating theory, research and practice
- Preparation of scholars and professionals as advocates for positive change for family well-being

Program Description

The program offers a multidisciplinary lens students can apply to a particular area of Family Studies they select for emphasis in their doctoral study. Students can focus their coursework on research, family contexts, family dynamics and policies, applying the multidisciplinary perspectives and methods of inquiry to their developing areas of expertise. Students could, for example, study the challenges of immigrant families and the policy debates surrounding them, the changing configurations of family life and the impact on child well-being, or the aging population of Baby Boomers and considerations to meet the needs of older adults. Prospective students are encouraged to review faculty profiles on the website for additional areas of potential focus.

Students admitted to the program will have the opportunity to work with faculty members pursuing research in a wide variety of areas related to families, including:

- Program development and evaluation
- Parenting
- Siblings
- Relational aggression and bullying
- Adolescent development
- Intimate partner violence
- Immigrant families
- Family transitions
- Aging families
- Substance abuse, depression and suicide
- LGBT-headed households
- African American families
- First-generation college students

Students come to the program from a variety of fields, including education, early intervention, social work, human services, psychology, sociology, disability and rehabilitation services and gerontology. Family Studies professionals focus on the strengths and challenges of the family unit, examining a diverse range of family issues and seeking solutions to family problems.

The applied, multidisciplinary focus of the program makes PhD graduates very attractive to employers in higher education, government and nonprofit and private sectors. Graduates of the program will have a wide range of professional opportunities, including careers as academics, program administrators, researchers and evaluators, and policymakers focused on children, youth, adults, older adults and families.

Admission Requirements

Students admitted to the program must possess a master’s degree in a related field and a strong record in previous academic work. Students entering with a master’s degree will complete a minimum of 48 semester hours. The Doctoral Program Committee will consult with the students to determine which and if any additional course work beyond the 48 semester hours will be required to earn the PhD.

Accelerated option: Those with BA or BS degrees are encouraged to apply to our MA in Family and Child Studies program. Students in the program can apply to the PhD program for an “accelerated option” with fewer required credits than completing MA and PhD programs separately.

For specific application materials required, please visit montclair.edu/graduate. The annual application deadline for each fall semester is February 1. Applicants are required to complete the online application. The online application may be found at montclair.edu/graduate (click the “Apply Now” button).

For further information
montclair.edu/cehs/academics/departments/fcs
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Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees for the current academic year may be accessed at: montclair.edu/student-accounts/ tuition-and-fees/graduate-costs.

Montclair State University offers financial aid, scholarships and graduate assistantships. To obtain financial aid information, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 973-655-4461.

Information regarding doctoral fellowships and scholarships may be found at montclair.edu/graduate.

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