Master of Science in Human Sciences
Graduate Online Program

About the Program
SFA ONLINE’s Master of Science in Human Sciences degree equips professionals to provide innovative solutions to the challenges of a contemporary society and of a changing world. The program is offered in a convenient online environment and designed to help you advance your career in the field of Human Sciences.

This program, offered by Stephen F. Austin State University's School of Human Sciences, includes a core of required courses plus three focus areas. The online courses in this program require the same amount of work and are taught by the same experienced instructors as SFA's campus-based program. However, taking the courses online offers the flexibility you need to keep your job and meet the demands of your busy schedule.

The Master of Science in Human Sciences is a 30-hour online degree with a thesis option or a 36-hour non-thesis option. This degree provides graduate education to professionals in the field of Human Sciences. The fundamental focus of the discipline is on humankind and the human condition throughout the life cycle. This program provides three focus areas in which you may focus your studies.

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Healthcare Interior Design
The Healthcare Interior Design is a specialization area within Interior Design. Students may choose either the 30-hour thesis option or the 36-hour non-thesis option. The curriculum is designed around the body of knowledge outlined by the American Academy of Healthcare Interior Designers.

Courses
- Acute Care
- Data Analysis
- Research Method
- Healthcare Internship

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• Medical Office Buildings
• Graduate Design Studio
• Long-term Care/Senior Living
• Ambulatory Care/Outpatient Facilities

For more information about this focus area, please contact the graduate advisors.

**General Interior Design**
The interior design focus provides a broad general education that helps prepare for living and working as a design professional. Interior design is an integrated process applicable to both residential and commercial environments. It includes the designing and planning of space for commercial, industrial and residential areas. The in-depth look at the active, creative processes of programming and space planning can refer to residences, corporations, and other specialized public spaces.

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**Dietetic Internship**
The Dietetic Internship admits interns on a competitive basis in preparation for the Registered Dietitian exam. Graduation from a DPD program is required for admission to this program per the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (http://www.eatright.org).

The Dietetic Internship at Stephen F. Austin State University is currently granted full accreditations by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics, the accrediting agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, (312) 899-0040 ext. 5400.

For more information about this focus area, please contact:
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**Family and Consumer Sciences**
The family and consumer sciences focus provides experience and knowledge in all the Human Sciences subject areas. This major prepares students for broad-based employment in the field of Human Sciences and for effective individual and family living.

For more information about this focus area, please contact the graduate coordinators.

**Human Development & Family Studies**
The human development and family studies focus provides an in-depth understanding of the growth, change, and development of children and families in a social context.
Current information emphasizing a lifespan and family systems approach is taught. This knowledge base has proven essential for practical application in careers working with people across the lifespan from early childhood to late adulthood. The emphasis in Human Development and Family studies provides a foundation for careers such as early intervention specialists, senior living activities coordinators, and a variety of other occupations working with families.

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**Dates & Registration**
Applications are accepted continuously. Students should take care to ensure that applications are submitted well enough in advance of each semester’s registration deadlines to allow time for processing and to avoid late registration fees.

It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that all application materials are thoroughly completed and received by Stephen F. Austin State University and the School of Human Sciences.

**Costs & Scholarships**

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*These costs do not include all fees (course fees, lab fees, books, etc.).

Please visit the [SFA Tuition Calculator](https://www.sfasu.edu/admissions/tuition) for more information regarding tuition costs.

Financial aid is available to those who qualify. For more information, please contact the [SFA Financial Aid Office](https://www.sfasu.edu/admissions/financial-aid) at (936) 468-2403.

The School of Human Sciences offers the largest number of scholarships on campus. Recipients of a scholarship who enroll in the online program will also be exempt from out-of-state tuition. Apply for scholarships online at on the [Admissions scholarship page](https://www.sfasu.edu/admissions/scholarships). Scholarship applications are due by February 1.
Admission Requirements
Please refer to the [Graduate School website](https://www.sfasu.edu/graduate) for graduate school admissions requirements.

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How to Apply
Once you have identified a program to which you want to apply and believe you meet the admission requirements, follow the succeeding steps:

1. Apply to SFA’s Graduate school via [ApplyTexas.org](https://applytexas.org) and pay necessary fee.
2. Complete the School of Human Sciences requirements (please see Admission Requirements section above to view what you will need to send).
3. Apply for financial aid and scholarships (if needed).
4. Once you are admitted to SFA’s School of Human Sciences for the MSHS online program, an advisor will be assigned to you:

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   **Human Development and Family Studies**
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   **Interior Design**
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Courses
Students have the option to complete a 30-hour thesis option or 36-hour non-thesis option. Below are the Masters of Science in Human Science courses:

HMS 500 Philosophy of Human Sciences
HMS 501 Service Management in Human Sciences
HMS 502 Employee Development Issues in Human Sciences
HMS 508 Sustainability
HMS 512 Long Term Care/Senior Living
HMS 514 ID Studio
HMS 516 Advanced Lighting
HMS 520 Advanced Practicum
HMS 523 Other Medical Facilities
HMS 524 Acute Care Facilities
HMS 525 Ambulatory Care
HMS 526 Field Experiences
HMS 533 Policy in HDFS
HMS 534 Theories of Human Development & Family Studies
HMS 539 Food & Nutrition Studies
HMS 540 Consumer Problems
HMS 545 Administration and Supervision in Human Sciences
HMS 549 Family and Consumer Sciences Occupations
HMS 551 Child Development and Parenting
HMS 552 Family Studies
HMS 560 Advanced Housing
HMS 572 Topics in Human Sciences
HMS 574 Human Sciences Delivery Systems
HMS 575, 576 Independent Study - Student works on major project with faculty member via distance.
HMS 578 Seminar
HMS 586 Adult Development and Aging
HMS 589 Thesis Research
HMS 590 Thesis Writing
SOC 550 Communicating and Interpreting Statistical Information
SOC 551 Research Methods

The online thesis option Master's in Human Sciences is 24 hours coursework plus HMS 589 (Thesis Research) and HMS 590 (Thesis Writing), to equal 30 hours. If students wish to take non-thesis, they will confer with their advisor.

The non-thesis option is 36 credit hours of coursework. All courses are customized to the students’ major (Human Development & Family Studies, Interior Design/Healthcare Interior Design, Family and Consumer Sciences) and will focus on work appropriate for their field.

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