



## 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.

### Focus Areas

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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.

#### **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

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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.

### **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.

**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.

### **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.

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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.

## Admission Requirements

Please refer to the [Graduate School website](#) for graduate school admissions requirements.

## 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](#) and pay necessary fee.
2. Apply for financial aid and scholarships (if needed).
3. Once you are admitted to SFA's School of Human Sciences for the MSHS online program, an advisor will be assigned to you.
4. For more information about a specific program area, you can contact:

### HMS Graduate Coordinator

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### Dietetic Internship

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## Costs & Scholarships

Estimated Semester Costs\*  
(Based on Fall 2020 Tuition Costs)

Hours	In-State Online Tuition & Fees	TX Border-State Tuition & Fees	Out-of-State Tuition & Fees
3 hours	\$1576.50	\$1666.50	\$2803.50
6 hours	\$2986.00	\$3166.00	\$5440.00
9 hours	\$4013.50	\$4283.50	\$7694.50
12 hours	\$6031.00	\$6391.00	\$10939.00

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

Please visit the [SFA Tuition Calculator](#) for the most up-to-date information regarding tuition costs.

Financial aid is available to those who qualify. For more information, please contact the [SFA Financial Aid Office](#) at (936) 468-2403. The School of Human Sciences also offers several scholarships. Apply for scholarships online at on the [Admissions scholarship page](#). Scholarship applications are due by February 1.

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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:

**HUSC 5300** (formerly HMS 500) Philosophy of Human Sciences  
**HUSC 5301** (formerly HMS 501) Service Management in Human Sciences  
**HUSC 5302** (formerly HMS 502) Employee Development Issues in Human Sciences  
**HUSC 5305** (formerly HMS 505) Food Service Organization & Management  
**HUSC 5320** (formerly HMS 520) Advanced Practicum  
**HUSC 5326** (formerly HMS 526) Field Experiences in Human Sciences  
**HUSC 5340** (formerly HMS 540) Development in Consumer Education  
**HUSC 5345** (formerly HMS 545) Administration and Supervision in Human Sciences  
**HUSC 5349** (formerly HMS 549) Occupational Family & Consumer Science Programs  
**HUSC 5372** (formerly HMS 572) Topics in Human Sciences  
**HUSC 5374** (formerly HMS 574) Human Sciences Delivery Systems  
**HUSC 5175** (formerly HMS 575) Advanced Graduate Studies  
**HUSC 5376** (formerly HMS 576) Independent Study  
**HUSC 5176** (formerly HMS 578) Seminar  
**HUSC 5389** (formerly HMS 589) Thesis Research  
**HUSC 5190** (formerly HMS 590) Thesis Writing

**HDFS 5333** (formerly HMS 533) Family & Public Policy  
**HDFS 5334** (formerly HMS 534) Theories of Human Development & Family Studies  
**HDFS 5351** (formerly HMS 551) Child Development and Parenting  
**HDFS 5352** (formerly HMS 552) Family Studies  
**HDFS 5386** (formerly HMS 586) Adult Development and Aging

**INDS 5308** (formerly HMS 508) Sustainability  
**INDS 5312** (formerly HMS 512) Long Term Care/Senior Living  
**INDS 5314** (formerly HMS 514) Interior Design Studio I  
**INDS 5316** (formerly HMS 516) Advanced Lighting  
**INDS 5323** (formerly HMS 523) Design of Medical Offices  
**INDS 5324** (formerly HMS 524) Design of Acute Care Facilities  
**INDS 5325** (formerly HMS 525) Design of Ambulatory Care Facilities  
**INDS 5360** (formerly HMS 560) Advanced Housing

**SOCI 5350** (formerly SOC 550) Social Statistics  
**SOCI 5351** (formerly SOC 551) Sociological Inquiry

The non-thesis option is 36 credit hours of coursework. All courses are customized to the students' area of study.

The online thesis option Master's in Human Sciences is 24 hours coursework plus HUSC 5389 (Thesis Research) and HUSC 5190 (Thesis Writing), to equal 30 hours.

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