Family and Child Sciences

Admission Requirements
1. An upper-division undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. The same scale applies for any graduate-level work.
2. Completion of a bachelor’s degree program from an accredited institution. If a non-related degree was earned, some leveling courses may be required.
3. A competitive Graduate Record Examination revised General Test (GRE) score; recommended score of above the 50th percentile in both verbal and quantitative sections with a 4.0 or higher on the writing section.
4. International students must have a TOEFL score of at least 550 (paper-based) or 80 (Internet-based).
5. A visit to the department is strongly encouraged. Please contact us at fcs_gs@fsu.edu to schedule your visit.

Attainment of these minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. Admission decisions are based on assessments of all aspects of the student’s application materials. The department reserves the right to increase standards if warranted by enrollment limitations and by the number and quality of applicants. Financial aid is a separate process from the admission to a graduate program.

Application Process & Deadline
This program only admits in the fall (April 1 deadline). All application materials must be received by the deadline posted above.

1. Apply Online and pay the application fee.
   - Upload a personal statement outlining your research interests, career goals, and why Florida State University is a good fit for you. We strongly encourage applicants to familiarize themselves with the research interests of the faculty in their area so the statement can specifically address those faculty members. The statement should include how your background and prior training make you a good candidate and should include your top three (3) choices of faculty members with whom you would like to work.
   - Upload a resume or vita (information should be current).
   - Upload contact information for three recommenders. The recommenders should be professionals you have worked with who are familiar with your academic performance and can speak directly about your qualification for this degree. Academic recommendations are preferred, but relevant professional recommendations will be accepted. No personal recommendations or letters from peers will be accepted.
   - Upload a writing sample (class paper).
2. Submit official test scores (GRE and, if required, TOEFL) and official transcripts to the FSU Office of Admissions. The school reporting code for test scores is 5219; no department code is required. We require transcripts from EVERY post-secondary institution you attended (even if those courses are posted to another institution’s transcript).

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact us at fcs_gs@fsu.edu.