SOCIAL WORK AND FAMILY STUDIES

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The Department of Social Work and Family Studies offers a major in social work and a concentration in family studies. Family studies and social work are fields of study that build upon students' liberal arts education to prepare them to identify the assets and needs of individuals, families, and communities, develop the means to satisfy those needs, and change policies and programs to address social problems and enhance human strengths. Social Work and Family Studies is a collaborative department concerned with the well-being of diverse individuals, families, and communities. For the requirements for each of the departmental offerings, see the listings under Family Studies and Social Work.

Faculty
Chair, 2019-2020
Susan E. Smalling
Associate Professor of Social Work and Family Studies
anti-oppressive research and practice; indigenous populations; family and child welfare

Mary S. Carlsen
Professor of Social Work and Family Studies
social policy; global social work; professional ethics; end of life care; family studies

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race and culture in families; emerging adulthood theory; social work practice