

Family History



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Introduction

The Associate of Applied Science in Family History Research is designed for the student who wishes to enter the job market as a professional genealogical researcher. The degree provides a strong background in genealogical methodology, emphasizing practical research, report writing, and instruction on starting a small business. The degree will help students prepare for certification by the Board for Certification of Genealogists and the International Commission for Accreditation of Professional Genealogists. This is an online degree only.

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Brigham Young University-Idaho 2013-2014

AAS - Family History (376)

Take required Foundations courses (17 credits)

Major Requirements

No Double Counting of Major Courses - No Grade Less Than C- in Major Courses

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Total Major Credits=38

Additional Elective Credits Required for Graduation=5

This major is available on the following tracks:

Fall-Winter---- YES

Winter-Spring---- YES

Spring-Fall---- YES

Family History Research Minor (240)

Minor Requirements

No Double Counting of Minor Courses - No Grade Less Than C- in Minor Courses

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Total Minor Credits=23

This minor is available on the following tracks:

Fall-Winter---- YES

Winter-Spring---- YES

Spring-Fall---- YES

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Family History Research Certificate (C 107)

Certificate Requirements

No Double Counting of Certificate Courses - No Grade Less Than C- in Minor Courses

Take these courses:

FDREL 261	2
FHGEN 111	3
FHGEN 120	3
FHGEN 130	3
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Take 1 course:

FHGEN 112	3
FHGEN 160	3
FHGEN 211	3
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Program Notes:

Total Certificate Credits=14

This certificate is available on the following tracks:

Fall-Winter---- YES

Winter-Spring---- YES

Spring-Fall---- YES

Family History Pre-approved Clusters

Family History Research 7000

Take these courses:

FDREL 261	Introduction to Family History	2
FHGEN 111	Introduction to Family History Research, Part 1: Record Groups and Methodology	3
FHGEN 120	Internet and Computer Skills	3
FHGEN 130	Paleography	3

Take 1 course:

FHGEN 112	Introduction to Family History Research, Part Two: Analysis of Research Evidence	3
FHGEN 160	Family and the Law	3
FHGEN 211	Research Methodology, Part 1	3
	Total Credits	14

Course Descriptions

Credits*

FHGEN 111 Introduction to Family History Research, Part One: Record Groups and Methodology (3:3:0)

An introduction to basic genealogical research principles and record groups. Students will learn how to:

- Use United States records to solve basic research problems
 - Identify original sources to answer genealogical questions
 - Record genealogical information using professional standards
 - Use key record sources to identify ancestors
 - Organize family history information
- (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FHGEN 112 Introduction to Family History Research, Part Two: Analysis of Research Evidence (3:3:0)

Prerequisites: FHGEN 111

An introduction to genealogical evidence analysis and research methodology. Students will learn how to do the following:

- Use facts, proofs, evidence, and sources to build a case for accurate genealogical conclusions
 - Analyze and weigh evidence to meet genealogical proof standards
 - Cite courses using professional standards
 - Place their ancestors in historical context
- (Fall, Winter, Spring)

FHGEN 120 Internet and Computer Skills (3:3:0)

An introduction to genealogical software, key genealogical resources on the Internet, and the computer search skills essential for genealogical research. This course does not provide instruction in how to use a computer.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FHGEN 130 Paleography (3:3:0)

An introduction to paleography in early United States genealogical records. Students will learn how to do the following:

- Identify key genealogical record types from the Colonial era and 19th century
- Read and interpret key genealogical information, including terms and phrases written in English and Latin

(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FHGEN 140 Genealogical Writing (3:0:3:0)

Principles of effective report writing for genealogical projects, including formatting, documentation, source citations, and presentation of genealogical data. Through case studies, students will learn how to prepare effective genealogical reports for clients.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FHGEN 160 Family and the Law (3:0:3:0)

This course teaches (1) how families interact with the law and government as illustrated in original United States sources and (2) how these interactions produce records that help researchers discover genealogical information.

Students will become familiar with the origins of and purpose for United States record sources used to answer genealogical research questions. They will learn more in-depth information about sources introduced in the first year of study. Students will add family history information to the RootsMagic software.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

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FHGEN 211 Research Methodology, Part 1

(3.0:3:0)

Teaches principles of effective genealogical research methodology. Students will plan strategies to solve research problems. They will use various types of genealogical records and sources to complete research assignments. Through assigned research projects, students will gain experience in describing a research problem, planning and executing a research strategy, compiling and analyzing evidence, assembling documents, citing sources, and producing a professional and well-organized report.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FHGEN 212 Research Methodology, Part 2

(3.0:3:0)

Prerequisites: FHGEN 211

Provides further practice in effective genealogical research methodology. It is a continuation of Research Methodology Part One. Through assigned and self-selected research projects, students will gain experience in using various records and sources to solve genealogical problems and write professional-quality research reports.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FHGEN 251A Geographic Specialization Course 1: U.S. Regions Research, Part 1

(3.0:3:0)

Co-requisites: FHGEN 130 and 212

Focuses on how to do genealogical research in the U.S. Regions. Through case studies and assignments, students will learn about records, including their geographical-historical background, and principles of paleography. They will learn methods for reconstruction of individual families, and understand the development of demographic and family history studies. Students will learn key record types for the area and how to use them to find genealogical information. Students will produce a research report on how they solved an area-specific research problem.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FHGEN 251B Geographic Specialization Course 1: British Isles Research, Part 1

(3.0:3:0)

Co-requisites: FHGEN 130 and 212

Focuses on how to do genealogical research in the British Isles. Through case studies and assignments, students will learn about records, including their geographical-historical background, and principles of paleography. They will learn methods for reconstruction of individual families, and understand the development of demographic and family history studies. Students will learn key record types for the area and how to use them to find genealogical information. Students will produce a research report on how they solved an area-specific research problem.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FHGEN 251C Geographic Specialization Course 1: German Research Part 1

(3.0:3:0)

Co-requisites: FHGEN 130 and 212

Focuses on how to do genealogical research in Germany. Through case studies and assignments, students will learn about records, including their geographical-historical background, and principles of paleography. They will learn methods for reconstruction of individual families, and understand the development of demographic and family history studies. Students will learn key record types for the area and how to use them to find genealogical information. Students will produce a research report on how they solved an area-specific research problem.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FHGEN 251D Geographic Specialization Course 1: Scandinavian Research Part 1

(3.0:3:0)

Co-requisites: FHGEN 130 and 212

Focuses on how to do genealogical research in Scandinavia. Through case studies and assignments, students will learn about records, including their geographical-historical background, and principles of paleography. They will learn methods for reconstruction of individual families, and understand the development of demographic and family history studies. Students will learn key record types for the area and how to use them to find genealogical information. Students will produce a research report on how they solved an area-specific research problem.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FHGEN 252A Geographic Specialization Course 2: U.S. Regions Research, Part 2

(3.0:3:0)

Prerequisites: FHGEN 251A

Focuses on how to do genealogical research in the U. S. Regions. Through case studies and assignments, students will learn about records, including their geographical-historical background, and principles of paleography. They will learn methods for reconstruction of individual families and understand the development of demographic and family history studies. Students will learn key record types for the area and how to use them to find genealogical information. Students will produce a research report on how they solved an area-specific research problem.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FHGEN 252B Geographic Specialization Course 2: British Isles Research, Part 2

(3.0:3:0)

Co-requisites: FHGEN 130 and FHGEN 212

Focuses on how to do genealogical research in the British Isles. Through case studies and assignments, students will learn about records, including their geographical-historical background, and principles of paleography. They will learn methods for reconstruction of individual families and understand the development of demographic and family history studies. Students will learn key record types for the area and how to use them to find genealogical information. Students will produce a research report on how they solved an area-specific research problem.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FHGEN 252C Geographic Specialization Course 2: German Research, Part 2

(3.0:3:0)

Prerequisites: FHGEN 251C

Focuses on how to do genealogical research in Germany. Through case studies and assignments, students will learn about records, including their geographical-historical background, and principles of paleography. They will learn methods for reconstruction of individual families and understand the development of demographic and family history studies. Students will learn key record types for the area and how to use them to find genealogical information. Students will produce a research report on how they solved an area-specific research problem.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FHGEN 252D Geographic Specialization Course 2: Scandinavian Research, Part 2

(3.0:3:0)

Co-requisites: FHGEN 130 and FHGEN 212

Focuses on how to do genealogical research in Scandinavia. Through case studies and assignments, students will learn about records, including their geographical-historical background, and principles of paleography. They will learn methods for reconstruction of individual families and understand the development of demographic and family history studies. Students will learn key record types for the area and how to use them to find genealogical information. Students will produce a research report on how they solved an area-specific research problem.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FHGEN 270 Genealogy as a Business

(3.0:3:0)

Teaches students how to apply their genealogical skills to conduct paid genealogical research for clients. Students will learn how to establish and manage a research business. Students will also learn about other job opportunities for genealogists. Students will learn how genealogists conduct a successful research business. They will prepare a business plan, including a marketing plan that uses various media, including print and electronic. They will create a resume and learn how to conduct a successful job interview.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

FHGEN 299 Capstone: Professional Research

(3.0:3:0)

Prerequisites: FHGEN 140 and FHGEN 252A or FHGEN 252B or FHGEN 252C or FHGEN 252D
Co-requisites: FDREL 261 and FHGEN 112 and FHGEN 140 and FHGEN 160 and FHGEN 212 and FHGEN 270

Practical application of all the skills students have gained in the Family History Applied Associates Degree program. Students will practice evidentiary analysis and writing skills in preparing different types of reports and exploring professional credentialing options in the field of genealogy. Students will learn about real-world environments by interacting with online guest speakers. Students will gain experience in completing research projects for clients. They will choose a client (fellow student, family member, or friend) and conduct research. They will prepare a well-organized client report. Students will add family history information to RootsMagic software.
(Fall, Winter, Spring)