Critical Family and Kinship Studies is a field of study offered by the Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition. We are a unique, interdisciplinary academic unit focused on integrating research and practice.

The field of Critical Family and Kinship Studies (CFKS) offers a MSc which involves a combination of course work and a research thesis.

Research Capacity
The innovative CFKS field emphasizes critical theories and creative methodologies to understand diverse expressions of family and kinship. Graduate students have opportunities to focus their research interests and build an individualized program of study that challenges dominant discourses through critical, poststructural, and decolonized approaches.

Admission Requirements
- An honours bachelor’s degree, or equivalent
- A minimum 75% average in the last 2 years of study
- Grade of at least 75% in a social science research methods course

Eligibility
We welcome students with diverse backgrounds such as psychology, sociology, anthrozoology, critical animal studies, cultural and Indigenous studies, sexuality and gender studies, education, family studies, and human development.

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Dr. Kimberly Anderson
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To determine if your research interests are compatible with those of one or more of the department’s graduate faculty please see their research pages at https://family.uoguelph.ca/faculty.

We strongly recommend that you contact faculty prior to your application to discuss shared interests and to include these in your statement of research interest.

Application Deadline:
January 5, 2024

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:
- Indigenous studies
- sexuality and gender studies
- human-animal relationships
- critical disability studies
- critical and arts-based methodologies
- land-based education

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:
- research and evaluation
- program development
- education
- community and human services

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