

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCES (BA)

Requirements

Students in the Human Development and Family Sciences major must complete the following requirements:

Course	Title	Credits
HDFS 1070	Individual and Family Development	3
PSYC 1100	General Psychology I	3
PSYC 1103 or PSYC 1101	General Psychology II (Enhanced) General Psychology II	4
HDFS 1060	Close Relationships Across the Lifespan	3
STAT 1000Q or STAT 1100Q	Introduction to Statistics I Elementary Concepts of Statistics	4

Note: These courses may also fulfill University General Education requirements.

Students must meet the information literacy and writing competency requirements through satisfactory completion of:

Course	Title	Credits
HDFS 2004W	Research Methods in Human Development and Family Sciences	4
Select one of the following:		3
HDFS 4007W	Professional Communication in HDFS	
HDFS 4087W	Honors Thesis	
HDFS 4181W	Early Childhood Development and Education: Supervised Teaching Practicum	

The major in Human Development and Family Sciences requires 43 credits at the 2000 level or above including 31 credits in Human Development and Family Sciences and 12 credits in courses related to but outside the major department. A student completing requirements for a major must have a grade point average of 2.0 or better in the credits that count toward the major in Human Development and Family Sciences. Students are allowed much flexibility in tailoring their major to meet their particular interests and educational goals. Working with their advisors and other faculty, students can develop their HDFS plan of study to reflect inter-related areas of expertise in areas such as Early Childhood Education, Child and Adolescent Development; Adulthood, Aging, and Gerontology; Couples, Parents, and Families; Health, Wellbeing, and Prevention; and Diversity and Culture.

Required Courses

Course	Title	Credits
HDFS 2001	Diversity Issues in Human Development and Family Sciences	3
HDFS 2004W	Research Methods in Human Development and Family Sciences	4
HDFS 2100	Human Development: Infancy Through Adolescence	3
HDFS 2200	Human Development: Adulthood and Aging	3
HDFS 2300	Family Interaction Processes	3
Select one of the following:		3

HDFS 3520	Legal Aspects of Family Life	
HDFS 3530	Public Policy and the Family	
HDFS 3540	Child Welfare, Law and Social Policy	
HDFS 3550	Comparative Family Policy	
Select one of the following courses as a second W:		3
HDFS 4007W	Professional Communication in HDFS	
HDFS 4087W	Honors Thesis	
HDFS 4181W	Early Childhood Development and Education: Supervised Teaching Practicum	
Select at least nine credits from the following courses:		9
HDFS 2095	Special Topics	
HDFS 2120	Introduction to Programs for Young Children	
HDFS 2142E	Exploring Conservation and Sustainability with Preschoolers	
HDFS 2620	Human Development, Digital Media, and Technology	
HDFS 3042		
HDFS 3083	Foreign Study ¹	
HDFS 3092	Research Practicum in Human Development and Family Sciences ²	
HDFS 3095	Special Topics	
HDFS 3098	Variable Topics in Human Development and Family Sciences	
HDFS 3101	Infant and Toddler Development	
HDFS 3102	Early and Middle Childhood Development	
HDFS 3103	Adolescent Development	
HDFS 3110	Social and Community Influence on Children in the United States	
HDFS 3122	Integrated Curriculum Methods and Materials for Infants and Toddlers	
HDFS 3123	Integrated Curriculum Methods and Materials for Preschool and Kindergarten	
HDFS 3127	Professional Development and Advocacy in Early Childhood	
HDFS 3141	Developmental Approaches to Intergroup Relations and Victimization	
HDFS 3249	Gender And Aging	
HDFS 3250	Disabilities: A Lifespan Perspective	
HDFS 3251	Biotechnology, Disability and the Family	
HDFS 3252	Death, Dying, and Bereavement	
HDFS 3261	Men and Masculinities	
HDFS 3268		
HDFS 3277	Issues in Human Sexuality	
HDFS 3310	Parent Child Relations in Cross-Cultural Perspective	
HDFS 3311	Parenthood and Parenting	
HDFS 3319	Risk and Resilience in Individuals and Families	
HDFS 3340	Individual and Family Interventions	
HDFS 3342	Family Resource Management	
HDFS 3343		
HDFS 3420	Abuse and Violence in Families	
HDFS 3421	Low Income Families	

HDFS 3423	History of the Family
HDFS 3425	Food and the American Family
HDFS 3430	The Family-School Partnership
HDFS 3431	Families and Work
HDFS 3442	Latino Health and Health Care
HDFS 3473	
HDFS 3510	Planning and Managing Human Service Programs
HDFS 3520	Legal Aspects of Family Life ³
HDFS 3530	Public Policy and the Family ³
HDFS 3540	Child Welfare, Law and Social Policy ³
HDFS 3550	Comparative Family Policy ³
HDFS 4004	Senior Seminar in Research Methods
HDFS 4007W	Professional Communication in HDFS
HDFS 4255	Living with Chronic or Life-Threatening Illness
Total Credits	31

¹ No more than six credits can be counted toward the nine selected credits.

² No more than three credits can be counted toward the nine selected credits.

³ If not applied to satisfaction of the foregoing requirements.

Minors

Minors in Culture, Health, and Human Development, Gerontology, and Human Development and Family Sciences are offered. Please refer to their descriptions in the "Minors" section of this *Catalog*.

Honors Program

The Human Development and Family Sciences Honors Program offers motivated students a way of enhancing their studies while providing distinction to their academic records through more in-depth study and the opportunity for independent projects or research. Human Development and Family Sciences majors with an overall GPA that meets the University Honors minimum and a GPA in the major of 3.5 or higher are eligible to apply to the Honors Program in Human Development and Family Sciences. Students should apply as early as possible, and applications will not be accepted after the first semester of a student's junior year. Honors Scholars who complete the required honors course work and an approved honors thesis project, as well as maintain the required GPA, will graduate with a degree with Honors. For more information on this program, contact the Human Development and Family Sciences Honors Advisor.

Concentration in Early Childhood Development and Education

Students with a GPA of 2.7 or above through their third semester and experience working with young children are eligible to apply to the Early Childhood Development and Education concentration.

Early Childhood Development and Education (EC) concentration requirements replace nine credits of electives toward the HDFS major. Students take their second "W" course requirement within the concentration coursework, meeting that major requirement. EC

concentration students must complete an additional five courses beyond their minimum requirements for the major.

Early Childhood Development and Education Concentration Required Courses

Course	Title	Credits
HDFS 2120	Introduction to Programs for Young Children	3
HDFS 3101	Infant and Toddler Development	3
HDFS 3102	Early and Middle Childhood Development	3
HDFS 3122	Integrated Curriculum Methods and Materials for Infants and Toddlers	3
HDFS 3123	Integrated Curriculum Methods and Materials for Preschool and Kindergarten	3
HDFS 3127	Professional Development and Advocacy in Early Childhood	3
HDFS 3182	Observing Early Childhood Development	1
HDFS 3192	Early Childhood Development and Education: Supervised Fieldwork Practicum	4
HDFS 4181W	Early Childhood Development and Education: Supervised Teaching Practicum	9

University General Education Requirements

Every student must meet a set of core requirements to earn a baccalaureate degree, in addition to those required by the student's major course of study and other requirements set by the student's school or college. For more information about these requirements, please see General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.uconn.edu/undergraduate/gen-ed-requirements/>).

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Degree Requirements

Students must meet a set of requirements established by the college in addition to the University's General Education requirements. For more information, see the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (<https://catalog.uconn.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts-sciences/#requirementstext>) section of this catalog.