

BS in Human Development and Family Science with Emphasis in Child Development and Education

Degree Program Description

The Child Development and Education emphasis provides instruction and experiences to help students gain competence in understanding, guiding, and teaching young children. Coursework includes hands-on learning through the Child Development Lab, a full-day, full-year teacher-training lab school located on the MU campus. Graduates are prepared for positions of responsibility and leadership in public and private nursery schools, child care centers, infant-care programs, after-school programs, and other educational and social service facilities for children. Additional job opportunities include group homes, shelters, child care and provider training agencies, Parents as Teachers, and YMCA/YWCA.

Major Program Requirements

Students must complete all university requirements (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>), including general education (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>), in addition to the degree requirements below, and must achieve a grade of C (2.0) in all HDFS courses taken to meet degree requirements. A minimum of 120 credit hours must be completed.

A. Requirements in HDFS

H_D_FS 1600	Foundations of Family Science ¹	3
H_D_FS 2200	Research Methods in Human Development and Family Science ²	3
H_D_FS 2300	Multicultural Study of Children and Families	3
H_D_FS 2400W	Principles of Human Development - Writing Intensive	4
H_D_FS 2510	Observation, Assessment, and Curriculum Planning	4
H_D_FS 3050	Child Development: Birth to 3 (Infant/Toddler)	3
H_D_FS 3150W	Child Development 4-8 (Early Childhood) - Writing Intensive	3
H_D_FS 3450	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
H_D_FS 3500	Infant-Toddler Practicum	6
H_D_FS 3600	Partnering with Parents and Families	3
H_D_FS 3700	Preschool Practicum	6
H_D_FS 4420	Environmental Influences on Lifespan Cognition	3
H_D_FS 4570	Administration of Programs for Children and Families	3
H_D_FS 4610 or H_D_FS 4700	Stress and Resilience in Families Children and Families in Poverty	3
H_D_FS 4720	Child and Family Advocacy	3
H_D_FS 4971	Child Development and Education Capstone	9

B. Requirements in Related Areas

FINPLN 2183	Personal and Family Finance	3
NEP 1034	Introduction to Human Nutrition	3
PSYCH 1000	General Psychology	3
SOCIOL 1000	Introduction to Sociology	3
SPC_ED 4300	Introduction to Special Education	3

C. Supporting Coursework - Choose courses from HDFS and related areas. See HDFS academic advisor for list of appropriate supporting courses.

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D. General Electives 4-6

- H_D_FS 1600 should be taken before H_D_FS 2300 AND any 3000/4000-level H_D_FS course.
- Statistics is *recommended* prior to H_D_FS 2200. Consult with advisor for appropriate course options.

Semester Plan

A semester-by-semester sample plan of study is listed below. A student's actual plan may vary based on course choices where options are available.

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
General Elective		1 Math Pathway	3
ENGLSH 1000		3 H_D_FS 2400W	4
H_D_FS 1600		3 Bio Science w/ lab	5
PSYCH 1000		3 SOCIOL 1000	3
Humanities		3	
General Elective		3	
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Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
COMMUN 1200		3 H_D_FS 2200	3
H_D_FS 3050		3 H_D_FS 2300	3
H_D_FS 3450		3 H_D_FS 2510	4
Humanities		3 H_D_FS 3150W	3
Gen Ed PHYS or MATH Science		3 NEP 1034 or 2222	3
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Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
H_D_FS 3500		6 General Elective	3
American History or Government		3 H_D_FS 4610 or 4700	3
H_D_FS 4420		3 H_D_FS 3700	6
Supporting Course		3 FINPLN 2183	3
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Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
H_D_FS 3600		3 H_D_FS 4971	9
H_D_FS 4570		3 H_D_FS 4720	3
SPC_ED 4300		3 Science	1
Supporting Course		3	

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Total Credits: 120