

Minor in Human Development and Family Science

Requirements

To earn a minor in HDFS, an undergraduate student must successfully complete 15-16 credit hours of coursework, as indicated in the two groups listed below. Students must earn a grade of C- or better in each course used to satisfy the minor requirements, and a minimum 2.00 GPA overall for the HDFS minor courses taken. Satisfactory/unsatisfactory (pass/fail) graded courses will not be accepted for the purpose of meeting minor requirements.

A total of 6 hours of transfer credit from other colleges or universities outside of the University of Missouri – Columbia will be accepted for the minor in HDFS, provided the transfer courses are a direct equivalent to MU HDFS courses.

A minor must be completed and awarded at the same time as the MU undergraduate degree (i.e., minors cannot be claimed after graduation). Once an HDFS minor is awarded, a student cannot return to MU to complete a second undergraduate major in HDFS.

Students cannot earn a major and a minor in HDFS.

Required Courses		9-10
H_D_FS 1600	Foundations of Family Science	3
H_D_FS 2300	Multicultural Study of Children and Families	3
H_D_FS 2400	Principles of Human Development ¹	3-4
or H_D_FS 2400H	Principles of Human Development - Honors	
or H_D_FS 2400HW	Principles of Human Development - Honors/Writing Intensive	
or H_D_FS 2400W	Principles of Human Development - Writing Intensive	
HDFS Minor Elective Courses		6
Choose any 2 courses from the list below. At least 1 course must be at a 3000 or 4000 level.		
H_D_FS 1234	Successful Adulting	3
H_D_FS 1610	Intimate Relationships and Marriage	3
H_D_FS 2450	Human Sexuality Across the Life Span	3
H_D_FS 3050	Child Development: Infancy and Toddlerhood	3
H_D_FS 3150	Child Development: Preschool to Pre-Adolescence	3
or H_D_FS 3150W	Child Development: Preschool to Pre-Adolescence - Writing Intensive	
H_D_FS 3430	Adolescence and Young Adulthood	3
H_D_FS 3440	Adulthood and Aging	3
H_D_FS 3550	Technology and Young Children	3
H_D_FS 3600	Partnering with Parents and Families	3
H_D_FS 3650	Diversity in the Lives of Young Children and Families	3
H_D_FS 4200	Latino/a Children, Youth, and Families	3
H_D_FS 4300	Black Children, Youth, and Families	3
H_D_FS 4610	Stress and Resilience in Families	3
H_D_FS 4620	Family Interaction	3

H_D_FS 4640	Interpersonal Relationships	3
H_D_FS 4700	Children and Families in Poverty	3
H_D_FS 4720	Child and Family Advocacy	3

¹ H_D_FS 2400W is a 4 credit writing intensive course. Students may elect to take either H_D_FS 2400 (3 credits), or H_D_FS 2400W (4 credits) to satisfy this requirement for the Minor in HDFS.

Some courses on this list may require successful completion of specific prerequisite courses and/or instructor consent. Please see the Enrollment Information and Course Description in myZou for more information. Questions and enrollment permission requests should be directed to the HDFS Minor Advisor (http://hdfs.missouri.edu/ug_minor.html).

Application for Minor

Undergraduate students interested in obtaining a minor in HDFS should contact the Human Development and Family Science department office (<https://hdfs.missouri.edu/>) for advising and instructions for declaring Minor in HDFS.

Students must meet the minor requirements in place at the time of application, thus the application should be submitted when they begin taking courses for the minor in HDFS, and before all of the required courses are complete.