BS in Human Development and Family Science

Degree Program Description

The Human Development and Family Science program is developed from a foundation of human development and family science courses. It is essential for the student working with children, adolescents or adults to understand and to be able to maximize the resources offered by the family. It is equally important for the student concerned with the quality of family life to recognize the intricate spiral of changing needs in the growing individual.

Major Program Requirements

A student must choose an emphasis area and complete a minimum of 120 credit hours to receive the degree.


Students must achieve a grade of C (2.0) in all HDFS courses taken to meet degree requirements.

Major Program Requirements

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<th>Course Code</th>
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<td>H_D_FS 1600</td>
<td>Foundations of Family Science</td>
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<td>H_D_FS 2200</td>
<td>Research Methods in Human Development and Family Science</td>
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<td>H_D_FS 2300</td>
<td>Multicultural Study of Children and Families</td>
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<td>H_D_FS 2400W</td>
<td>Principles of Human Development - Writing Intensive</td>
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<td>H_D_FS 3150W</td>
<td>Child Development 4-8 (Early Childhood) - Writing Intensive</td>
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1. H_D_FS 1600 should be taken before H_D_FS 2300 and any 3000/4000-level H_D_FS course.
2. Statistics is recommended prior to H_D_FS 2200. Consult with advisor for appropriate course options.
3. Some HDFS students may be able to select H_D_FS 2400 (non-WI) Student should consult with academic advisor prior to course enrollment for appropriate course selection.

Background Checks, Health Screenings and Other Required Elements:

It is essential that HDFS majors develop professional relationships with vulnerable populations, thus during the course of the degree program, and prior to beginning any practical or clinical education experience, students may be required to:

- pass multiple criminal background checks
- pass mandatory drug screens
- pass other qualification checks required by the practical or clinical education sites
- provide proof of health insurance coverage
- provide proof of required immunizations
- provide proof of student professional liability insurance coverage

The student is responsible for all costs incurred with these requirements. Failure to provide appropriate documentation, or pass required checks prior to the beginning of practical or clinical experiences may result in dismissal from the degree program in HDFS.

Semester Plan

family-science-emphasis-family-consumer-sciences-education/),
and Family and Lifespan Development (http://catalog.missouri.edu/
undergraduategraduate/collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/
humandevelopmentandfamilyscience/bs-human-development-family-
science-emphasis-family-lifespan-development/). Please see the
individual emphasis area pages for semester plans specific to the
emphasis area.