BSHES in Human Development and Family Studies

Degree Program Description

The Human Development and Family Studies program is developed from a base 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. Students must choose an emphasis area.

Major Program Requirements

Majors in all of the emphasis areas in HDFS must complete the core courses below:

Grade of 2.0 (C) or better required in these core classes:

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1 Statistics should be taken prior to H_D_FS 2200.

Child Development Laboratory Courses such as H_D_FS 3500, H_D_FS 3700, and H_D_FS 4971 have prerequisites and require the consent of the instructor. Students must have full HDFS status. Because enrollment is limited, students must see the HDFS advisor to be placed on the waiting list a minimum of two semesters before anticipated enrollment. Students in Family and Lifespan Development may substitute another practicum experience with consent of department advisor.

In addition to the required courses, the degree program is completed with courses selected from within the department, from other areas in the College of Human Environmental Sciences, and from the social sciences and allied professional fields such as education, recreation, business and health. For some students, courses in the arts, humanities, or biological sciences may be appropriate.

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 are required to:

- pass multiple criminal background checks
- pass mandatory drug screens
- pass other qualification checks required by the practical or clinical education sites

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

Refer to the Semester Plans designed for each emphasis area.