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Undergraduate

• BSHES in Human Development and Family Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/humandevelopmentandfamilystudies/bshes-human-development-family-studies)
  • with emphasis in Child Development and Education (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/humandevelopmentandfamilystudies/bshes-human-development-family-studies-emphasis-child-development-education)
  • with emphasis in Child Life Specialist (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/humandevelopmentandfamilystudies/bshes-human-development-family-studies-emphasis-child-life-specialist)
  • with emphasis in Family and Consumer Sciences Education (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/humandevelopmentandfamilystudies/bshes-human-development-family-studies-emphasis-family-consumer-sciences-education)
  • with emphasis in Family and Lifespan Development (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/humandevelopmentandfamilystudies/bshes-human-development-family-studies-emphasis-families-lifespan-development)

• Minor in Human Development and Family Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/humandevelopmentandfamilystudies/minor-human-development-family-studies)

The Department of Human Development and Family Science (HDFS) combines basic understanding of human development with preparation for professional service to individuals and families. Career opportunities are primarily found in human service agencies serving children, adolescents, older adults, parents and families. The human development and family studies major also prepares the student for graduate study in HDFS and related fields.
The department offers the BS HES with a major in Human Development and Family Science. The student working with children and/or adults is encouraged to maximize the resources offered by the family. The student concerned with the quality of family life must also recognize the intricate spiral of changing needs in the developing individual. Students in the HDFS major must select one of the emphasis areas listed above. (Note: Emphasis areas appear on transcripts but not on diplomas.)

Graduate

- **MA in Human Development and Family Studies**
  (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/
  collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/
  humandevelopmentandfamilystudies/ma-human-development-family-studies)
  - with emphasis in Early Childhood Development
    (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/
    collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/
    humandevelopmentandfamilystudies/ma-human-development-family-studies-emphasis-early-child-dev)
  - with emphasis in Family Studies
    (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/
    collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/
    humandevelopmentandfamilystudies/ma-human-development-family-studies-emphasis-family-studies)
  - with emphasis in Gerontology
    (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/
    collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/
    humandevelopmentandfamilystudies/ma-human-development-family-studies-emphasis-gerontology)
  - with emphasis in Lifespan Development
    (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/
    collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/
    humandevelopmentandfamilystudies/ma-human-development-family-studies-emphasis-lifespan-dev)
  - with emphasis in Youth Development
    (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/
    collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/
    humandevelopmentandfamilystudies/ma-human-development-family-studies-emphasis-youth-development)

- **MS in Human Development and Family Studies**
  (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/
  collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/
  humandevelopmentandfamilystudies/ms-human-development-family-studies)
  - with emphasis in Early Childhood Development
    (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/
    collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/
    humandevelopmentandfamilystudies/ms-human-development-family-studies-emphasis-early-child-dev)
  - with emphasis in Family and Community Services
    (Great Plains IDEA) (http://catalog.missouri.edu/
    undergraduategraduate/collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/
    humandevelopmentandfamilystudies/ms-human-development-family-studies-emphasis-fam-commun-services)
  - with emphasis in Family Studies
    (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/
    collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/
    humandevelopmentandfamilystudies/ms-human-development-family-studies-emphasis-fam-studies)

- **PhD in Human and Environmental Sciences**
  (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/
  collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/phd-human-environmental-sciences-emphasis-human-development-family-studies)
  - with emphasis in Developmental Family Studies
    (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/
    collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/grad-certificate-development-family-studies)
  - with emphasis in Gerontology
    (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/
    collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/grad-certificate-gerontology)
  - with emphasis in Youth Development Program Management and Evaluation
    (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/
    collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/grad-certificate-youth-development-program-management-evaluation)
  - additional minors and certificates
    - Geriatric Care Management
      (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/
      collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/grad-certificate-geriatric-care-management)

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The College also offers a PhD in Human and Environmental Studies with an emphasis Human Development and Family Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/
collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/humandevelopmentandfamilystudies/ma-human-development-family-studies-emphasis-family-studies) with emphasis in Lifespan Development (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/
collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/humandevelopmentandfamilystudies/ma-human-development-family-studies-emphasis-lifespan-dev)

The Department of Human Development and Family Science offers Master of Arts (applied emphasis) and Master of Science (research emphasis; on-campus only) degrees. The MA and MS degrees prepare students for positions in junior college or college teaching and leadership in public and private human service institutions. The MS degree also provides research training toward the PhD degree.

Selected in 2002 and again in 2007 as the Most Outstanding Graduate Department on campus, we have a nationally recognized faculty whose research productivity consistently has been ranked in the top 5% of the 235 family studies programs across the country. Our department houses former journal editors as well as a past president of the National Council of Family Relations.

We have a well-established mentoring program, which begins as soon as the student is accepted into HDFS. We actively prepare our students to become successful academic scholars both in terms of research and teaching. The range of careers for which we prepare our students is unparalleled. Since 2000, our program has placed more faculty into research extensive family studies departments than any other program in the U.S. We also prepare PhDs and master’s students for applied careers in administration, program evaluation, and program development. Our alumni have positions with universities and colleges in the United States, Canada, and Korea. We have developed an outstanding reputation as a place to study individual and family diversity and multiculturalism across the life course. Because we define diversity and multiculturalism broadly, our focus is on the multitude of ways that individuals and families
may differ, including, but not limited to race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, age, family structure, nationality, geographic location, and sexual orientation.

Financial Aid from the Department

All applicants for the on-campus program are automatically considered for assistantships, fellowships, and other funding packages. Check the HDFS website or ask the program contact for additional details.

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Areas of Study

On-campus students selecting the MA or MS degree may specialize in family studies, child life, early childhood development, life span development, family mediation, human services program (emphasis in administration or policy), or a dual-degree program in HDFS and the School of Law. Online students may select an MA specializing in gerontology, youth development, or family and community services.

Master's Plan of Study Options

Programs are structured to provide students with an integration of theoretical perspectives, empirical research training, and practical experiences. The number of hours required for each master's degree is as follows:

- Family Studies: 36 hours
- Child Life: 30 (fast track) or 36 hours
- Early Childhood: 36 hours
- Life Span: 36 hours
- Human Services Administration: 36 hours
- Gerontology: 36 hours
- Youth Development: 36 hours
- Family and Community Services: 36 hours
- Dual MSorMA/JD: approximately 113 hours

About the PhD

The Department of Human Development and Family Science PhD degree prepares students for careers in research, college or university teaching, or leadership positions in public and private human service institutions.

PhD Plan of Study

Students selecting the doctoral degree work with members of their doctoral committee to create an individualized plan of study tailored to their specific research interests. Over the course of their degree program, all doctoral students will complete coursework in theory, research methods, HDFS content, statistics, and a collateral area. (The collateral area consists of 9-15 credit hours taken in other academic units to complement and enhance their studies in HDFS). In addition, all doctoral students are required to enroll in six credit hours of research practicum, three credit hours of teaching practicum, and a minimum of 12 credit hours of research for their dissertation. A sample plan of study can be found on the HDFS website (http://hdfs.missouri.edu/).

About the Online Certificate Programs

The Department of Human Development and Family Science offers four online graduate certificates with specialization in youth development, youth development program management and evaluation, gerontology, and geriatric care management.

Note: Courses taken for any of the above certificate programs may be applied toward the related online MA degrees in youth development and gerontology. Up to 12 credits of coursework from the courses taken for any of the certificate programs may be applied toward their related online MA degrees described above.

For more information please follow the link to the certificate of interest (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofhumanenvironmentalsciences/additionalminorsandcertificates).