

# BS in Human Development and Family Science with Emphasis in Early Childhood Education in a Mobile Society

## Degree Program Description

This online bachelor's of science degree prepares students to work in the field of early childhood education. This program emphasizes the following areas: Child development, growth, and learning; Early education curricula and frameworks; Learning activities, technology use, and other experiences for young children; Family and community influences on children; Challenges facing families in today's world; Assessment of children and environments; Professional and ethical standards; Hands-on experiences and clinical practice. Upon completion of the program, students are qualified to work in various early education and care settings serving children from birth through eight years in a wide variety of community and military settings, including early education centers and preschools, family and home care settings, Head Start and Early Head Start programs, and before/after school programs.

## Major Program Requirements

The program is offered by Human Development and Family Science faculty in conjunction with other university partners as part of the Great Plains IDEA. Interested applicants will apply for admission to this program through the undergraduate admissions office at the University of Missouri and to the Department of Human Development and Family Science. Courses will be taught by University of Missouri faculty and by scholars from other Great Plains IDEA institutions, including Iowa State University, Michigan State University, Oklahoma State University, South Dakota State University, Texas Tech University, and University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Your degree will be awarded by the University of Missouri. Students in the Early Childhood Education in a Mobile Society program have amended College of Education course requirements due to the availability of online course options.

**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.**<sup>1</sup> **All students must earn a grade of C- or higher, and a minimum 2.0 GPA overall in all HDFS courses taken to meet the HDFS degree requirements.**<sup>2</sup> **A minimum of 120 credit hours is required to earn the degree.**

### REQUIRED COURSES

H_D_FS 1600	Foundations of Family Science <sup>3</sup>	3
H_D_FS 2200	Research Methods in Human Development and Family Science	3
H_D_FS 2300	Multicultural Study of Children and Families	3
H_D_FS 2400W	Principles of Human Development - Writing Intensive	3-4

or H_D_FS 2400	Principles of Human Development	
H_D_FS 3050	Child Development: Infancy and Toddlerhood	3
H_D_FS 3150	Child Development: Preschool to Pre-Adolescence	3
H_D_FS 3250	Introduction to Early Childhood Education in a Mobile Society	3
H_D_FS 3350	Child Guidance and Classroom Environments	3
H_D_FS 3450	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
H_D_FS 3550	Technology and Young Children	3
H_D_FS 3650	Diversity in the Lives of Young Children and Families	3
H_D_FS 3750	Working with Families	3
H_D_FS 3950	Practicum I: Child Observations in Classroom Environment	3
H_D_FS 4150	Development of Curriculum for Children Ages Birth to 3	3
H_D_FS 4250	Development of Curriculum for Children 4-8	3
H_D_FS 4350	Assessing Young Children and their Environments	3
H_D_FS 4450	Understanding and Adapting for Developmental Differences	3
H_D_FS 4550	Practicum II: Curriculum Development and Implementation	3
H_D_FS 4650	Administration/Supervision in Early Childhood Settings	3
H_D_FS 4750	Practicum III: Capstone Experience	6
<b>ELECTIVES</b>		<b>36</b>

Students must choose a minimum of 36 elective course credits.<sup>4</sup>

### OTHER DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Lower-Level (1000-2000) Writing Intensive Course - See HDFS advisor for list of approved courses

Upper-Level (3000+) Writing Intensive Course - See HDFS advisor for list of approved courses

- This program includes experiences and/or courses in which live observation, guidance, and instruction of young children in early childhood environments is required.
- Some courses may require a higher grade than C- to advance in the program.
- H\_D\_FS 1600 should be taken before H\_D\_FS 2300 and any 3000/4000-level H\_D\_FS course.
- Consult with an HDFS academic advisor to select appropriate elective courses.

## Semester Plan

Below is a sample plan of study, semester by semester. A student's actual plan may vary based on course choices where options are available.

First Year						
Fall	CR	Spring	CR	Summer	CR	
ENGLSH 1000 <sup>1</sup>	3	H_D_FS 2300	3	FINPLN 2183		3
H_D_FS 1600		3 Gen ED Science		3		
H_D_FS 2400		3 Humanities		3		

American History or Government	3	General Elective	3		
Math Pathway	3				
	<b>15</b>		<b>12</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Second Year</b>					
<b>Fall</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>Summer</b>	<b>CR</b>
H_D_FS 2200	3	H_D_FS 3150	3	H_D_FS 3450	3
H_D_FS 3050	3	H_D_FS 3650	3	H_D_FS 3750	3
H_D_FS 3250	3	Humanities	3		
H_D_FS 3550	3	Humanities	3		
Lower Level Writing Intensive <sup>1</sup>	3	Gen Ed PHYS or MATH Science	3		
	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Third Year</b>					
<b>Fall</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>Summer</b>	<b>CR</b>
H_D_FS 3950	3	H_D_FS 3350	3	H_D_FS 4250	3
H_D_FS 4150	3	H_D_FS 4350	3	H_D_FS 4650	3
H_D_FS 4450	3	3000+ level Writing Intensive <sup>1</sup>	3		
Gen Ed BIO or PHYS Science w/ lab	3	General Elective	3		
	<b>12</b>		<b>12</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>					
<b>Fall</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>CR</b>		
H_D_FS 4550	3	H_D_FS 4750	6		
General Elective	3	General Elective	3		
General Elective	3	General Elective	3		
General Elective	3				
	<b>12</b>		<b>12</b>		
<b>Total Credits: 120</b>					