



Department of Human Development and Family Studies Degree Program Requirements for Human Development Specialization Area: Child Development and Education

Degree Program Requirements include General Education courses; HES College requirements; and Professional Program courses. Students must have a **2.50 MU Cum GPA** on or before 60 hours are completed to be admitted to the professional program.

GENERAL EDUCATION

*English: 3 hours

- ENGLISH 1000: Exposition and Argumentation
Two Writing Intensive courses: One must be in the major.
Prerequisite: ENGLISH 1000
- HDFS 2400 Principles of Human Development (3)
- HDFS 3420 Early and Middle Childhood (3)

*Mathematics: 3 hours

- MATH 1120: College Algebra
Math Reasoning Proficiency course. Prerequisite: MATH 1120 with a grade in the C range.
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American History or Government: 3 hours

- HIST 1100, 1200, 1400, 2210, 2440, 4000, 4220, 4230, or POL SC 1100, 1700, 2100

Distribution of Content: 27 hours

- Courses approved for the Distribution of Content may be found at: <http://generaleducation.missouri.edu/requirements/>
- Choose at least one course numbered 2000 or higher in **two** different areas of the distribution.

Biological, Mathematical and Physical Sciences: 9 hours

At least one Biological or Physical Science and its related laboratory. Two different areas of science must be completed. NUTR S 1034 or 1340 may count as Biological Science, but may not 'double count' as an HES Foundation.

(Recommend ESC PS 4170)

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Social and Behavioral Sciences: 9 hours

At least two different departments must be represented. American History or Government course may 'double count.'
(Recommend PSYCH 1000 and SOCIOL 1000.)

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Humanities and Fine Arts: 9 hours

At least one course from two different departments must be represented. COMMUN 1200 may 'double count.' (Foreign language is an exception. A minimum of 12-13 hours of the same foreign language must be taken to fulfill the Humanities requirement.)

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*Capstone Experience

Completed during last two semesters of coursework.

- HDFS 4971 Advanced Child Development Lab (12)

HES COLLEGE

Foundation Courses: 6-7 hours

- GN HES 1100 Intro to Human Environmental Sciences (1)
(Required for freshmen; recommended for transfer students.)
- FINPLN 2183 Personal and Family Finance (3) or
- NUTR S 1034 Nutrition, Concepts and Controversies (3)

Communication: 3 hours

COMMUN 1200 may 'double-count' as Humanities, or COMMUN 3571 may 'double-count' as an upper-level Behavioral Science.

- Choose from COMMUN 1200, 3571, 3575

* Courses in these categories must be completed with a grade of C- or better.



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Super-Script ^a means you must earn a 2.00 or better in that course. Sociology 1000, Psychology 1000, and Anthropology 1000 should be taken to meet the social and behavioral sciences requirement in General Education. HDFS 1600 must be taken before HDFS 2300 or any 3000-level HDFS course.

Required Courses (25 hours)

- PHIL 1100 Intro to Ethics (3)
- STAT 1200 or 1300 or 1400 or ESC PS 4170 Intro. to Educ. Stats. (3)
- ^aHDFS 1600 Foundations of Family Studies (3)
- HDFS 2200 Research Methods in Human Development & Family Studies (3)
- ^aHDFS 2400 Principles of Human Development (4) (WI)
- ^aHDFS 2300 Multicultural Study of Children and Families (3)
- ^aHDFS 3420 Early and Middle Childhood (3) (WI)
- HDFS 3430 Adolescence and Young Adulthood (3)

Specialization (37 hours)

- HDFS 3600 Working with Parents (3)
- ^aHDFS 3500 Infant-Toddler Development and Programs (4)
- ^aHDFS 3510 Curriculum & Activities for the Early Childhood Setting (3)
- ^aHDFS 3700 Child Development Laboratory (6)
- ^aHDFS 3530 Foundation of Community-Based Programs for Children and Youth (3)
- HDFS 4720 Child and Family Advocacy (3)
- ^aHDFS 4570 Dev & Admin of Child Services Programs (3)
- HDFS 4971 Advanced Child Development Laboratory capstone (12)

Requirements in related areas (9 hours)

- C&I 4500 Emergent Language in Early Childhood (3)
- C&I 4510 Assessment in Early Childhood Education (3)
- SPEC Ed 4300 Introduction to Special Education for Regular Educators (3)

Supporting Coursework (3 hours)

Choose from among the following:

HDFS and areas such as Black Studies; Educational, School, and Counseling Psychology; Social Work; Psychology; Sociology; and Women's Studies. **These must be approved by the advisor prior to enrollment.**

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General Electives (4 hours)

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Minimum of 120 credit hours must be completed



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Recommended Course Sequence

Fall I

HES 1100 Intro to Human Envr Sciences	1
HDFS 1600 Foundations of Family Studies	3
NUTR S 1034 Nutrition Concepts & Con	3
English 1000 Exposition & Argumentation	3
PHIL 1100 Intro to Ethics	3
Psych 1000 General Psychology	3
Total	16

Spring I

HDFS 2400 Principles of Human Develop.	4
SOC 1000 Intro to Sociology	3
Biological Science w/Lab	5
MATH 1120 College Algebra	3
Total	15

Fall II

HDFS 2200 Research Methods	3
HDFS 3420 Early and Middle Childhood	3
HDFS 3510 Curriculum and Activities	3
FINPLN 2183 Personal and Family Plan	3
Supporting course	3
Total	15

Spring II

HDFS 2300 Multicultural Study Child./Famil	3
HDFS 3530 Found. Comm.-Based Programs	3
American History/Government	3
Statistics	3
General elective	3
Total	15

Fall III

HDFS 3500 Infant-Toddler Dev & Prog	4
Anthro 1000 General Anthropology	3
General elective	3
COMM 1200 Intro to Speech Comm	3
C&I 4510 Assessment in EC	3
Total	16

Spring III

HDFS 3430 Adol. & Young Adulthood	3
Science	1
General elective	3
HDFS 3600 Working with Parents	3
C&I 4500 Emergent Lang. In Early Child	3
Total	13

Fall IV

HDFS 3700 Child Development Lab	6
HDFS 4570 Dev & Admin of Child Services	
Programs	3
SPC ED 4300 Intro to Spec Education	3
Humanities	3
Total	15

Spring IV

HDFS 4971 Adv Child Development Lab	12
HDFS 4720 Child and Family Advocacy	3
Total	15



Human Development & Family Studies

Examples of Careers Pursued by Graduates of the Program

HDFS opens the door to exciting and varied opportunities with families, children, adolescents, and adults, across the nation. The following lists gives examples of the types of careers for which HDFS majors are prepared.

Examples of graduates' positions:

- ◆ Child Life Specialist at Tchildren's hospitals, Houston, Chicago Columbia and Kansas City
- ◆ Director of Outpatient Services at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE
- ◆ Director of Women's Shelter, Little York, NY
- ◆ Area Human Development Specialists with University of Missouri Extension in various cities
- ◆ Parent Educator for a Child Oncology Unit at the University of Missouri Medical Center, Columbia, MO
- ◆ Director of Parent Link, resource and referral organization
- ◆ Parent Educator for the National Center of Parents as Teachers Program, St. Louis, MO
- ◆ Employees of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, Houston, TX and Granite City, IL
- ◆ Counselor for Families in Crisis at Community Treatment Center, Farmington, MO
- ◆ Assistant Instructor for the Child Development Laboratory, University of Missouri-Columbia
- ◆ Director of Child Care Center, Ashland, MO
- ◆ Director of Aspen Children's Center, private child care, Independence, MO
- ◆ Supervisor, Community Education, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Jefferson City, MO
- ◆ School-Age Child Care Coordinator, Missouri Voluntary Accreditation, Columbia, MO
- ◆ Youth Program Planner and Evaluator, U.S. Army

Types of Positions Available:

- ◆ Family Divorce Mediator
- ◆ Pre-school, Head Start, or child care program teacher or director
- ◆ School or Head Start program parent coordinator
- ◆ Federal, State, or community agency case worker (e.g., Division of Family Services)
- ◆ Adolescent drop-in center director
- ◆ Family and marriage enrichment program career
- ◆ Foster care or adoption agency counselor or director
- ◆ Family planning counselor
- ◆ Child abuse and neglect counselor
- ◆ Spouse abuse counselor or program director
- ◆ Drug and alcohol abuse counselor or program director
- ◆ Child and family advocate
- ◆ Youth organization or youth leadership director
- ◆ Educational church program director
- ◆ Elderly day care program director
- ◆ Nursing home program director
- ◆ Hospital play group director or teacher
- ◆ Marriage and Family Therapist
- ◆ Genetic Counselor