

HDFS Major Requirements and Courses

Academic Standards

- A minimum **2.0 GPA** and a grade of **C or better** in all HDFS major, pre-major, and required statistics courses are needed for admission, continued enrollment, and graduation.
- Major courses **cannot be taken pass/fail**.
- To advance from the pre-major to the major, you must successfully complete the required pre-major courses.

Pre-Major Courses (10-12 credits)

- HDFS 1500 - Human Development Across the Lifespan (3 credits)
- HDFS 2000 - Careers in Human Development and Family Studies (1 credit)
- HDFS 2400 - Couple and Family Relationships (3 credits)
- **Choose one:**
 - STAT 1040 - Introduction to Statistics (3 credits)
 - STAT 1045 - Introduction to Statistics with Elements of Algebra (5 credits)

Note: Completing STAT 1040 or 1045 satisfies the Quantitative Literacy (QL) requirement.

Core Courses (21 credits)

- **Statistics Requirement (Choose one):**
 - PSY 3010 - Psychological Statistics (3 credits)
 - SOC 3120 - Social Statistics (3 credits)
- **Required Core Courses (18 credits):**
 - HDFS 2660 - Parenting and Child Guidance (3 credits)
 - HDFS 3100 - Abuse and Neglect in Family Context (3 credits)
 - HDFS 3110 - Human Sexuality (3 credits)
 - HDFS 3130 - Research Methods (QI) (3 credits)
 - HDFS 3210 - Families and Cultural Diversity (CI) (3 credits)
 - HDFS 3350 - Family Finance (3 credits)

Note: HDFS 3130 satisfies the Quantitative Intensive (QI) requirement. HDFS 3210 and HDFS 4900 together satisfy the Communications Intensive (CI) requirement.

Student-Selected Courses (16-18 credits)

Students must select at least 6 HDFS courses, of which at least 4 must be upper-division (3000-5000 level).

Lower-Division Courses (1000-2000 level)

- HDFS 1010 - Balancing Work and Family
- HDFS 2100 - Family Resource Management
- HDFS 2200 - Special Topics
- HDFS 2600 - Seminar in Early Childhood Education
- HDFS 2630 - Practicum in Early Child Education

Upper-Division Courses (3000-5000 level)

- HDFS 3450 - Consumer Credit Problems
- HDFS 3500 - Infancy and Childhood
- HDFS 3570 - Youth and Adolescence
- HDFS 3540 - Adult Development and Aging
- HDFS 3700 - Mental Health
- HDFS 4220 - Family Crises and Interventions
- HDFS 4230 - Family and Social Policy
- HDFS 4240 - Social and Family Gerontology
- HDFS 4250 - Addictions and the Family
- HDFS 4260 - Family Life Education Methods
- HDFS 4350 - Advanced Family Finance
- HDFS 4550 - Preschool Methods Curriculum
- HDFS 4460 - Financial Counseling and Coaching
- HDFS 5340 - Housing Finance and Regulations
- HDFS 5460 - Financial Counseling Certification

Professional Development & Applied Experience (Minimum 6 credits)

Required Course:

- HDFS 4900 - Professional Development & Pre-Practicum (CI) (3 credits)

Choose at least one work experience (minimum 3 credits):

- HDFS 4980 - Practicum in Human Development and Family Studies
- HDFS 4920 - Research Experience in HDFS
- HDFS 4960 - Practice Teaching in Child Development Laboratories
- HDFS 4970 - Gerontology Practicum

Note: Some work experiences may have prerequisites that require careful planning.