

# Department of Human Development and Family Science

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## Department Information

- [www.ndsu.edu/hdfs](http://www.ndsu.edu/hdfs/) (<http://www.ndsu.edu/hdfs/>)

## Undergraduate Programs of Study

- Human Development and Family Science (major, minor)
  - With options in Child and Adolescent Development, Family Science, and Adult Development and Aging
  - With combined/accelerated 5-year B.S./M.S. programs in each option for qualified students
- Human Development and Family Science & Elementary Education (major)
- Human Development and Family Science & Social Work (major)
  - With options in Family Science and Adult Development and Aging

## Graduate Programs of Study

- Family Financial Planning, Financial Counseling, Gerontology, Youth Development, and Youth Program Management and Evaluation (Graduate Certificate)
- Human Development and Family Science (M.S.)
  - With options in Family Financial Planning, Youth Development, and Gerontology
- Developmental Science (Ph.D.)

## Degrees Offered

- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
- Graduate Certificate
- Master of Science (M.S.)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

## Department Description

The mission of the Department of Human Development and Family Science (HDFS) is to provide a comprehensive, integrated knowledge of families and individuals across the life span that will equip students for careers in the helping professions and to enter graduate programs. The curriculum emphasizes practical application, acknowledging individuals and families as developing and changing entities within a larger societal context.