

Human Development and Family Science

Department Information

- **Department Location:**
E. Morrow Lebedeff Hall
- **Department Phone:**
701-231-8268
- **Department Web Site:**
www.ndsu.edu/hdfs/
- **Degrees Offered:**
B.S.; B.A.
- **Plan Of Study Sample:**
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Major Requirements

Major: Human Development & Family Science

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.

Required Degree Credits to Graduate: 120

University Degree Requirements

1. Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the curriculum in which one is enrolled.
2. Earn a minimum total of 120 credits in approved coursework. Some academic programs exceed this minimum.
3. Satisfactory completion of the general education requirements as specific by the university.
4. A minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
5. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses number 300 or higher.
6. Transfer Students: Must earn a minimum of 60 credits from a baccalaureate-degree granting or professional institution.
 - a. Of these 60, at least 36 must be NDSU residence credits as defined in #7.
 - b. Within the 36 resident credits, a minimum of 15 must be in courses numbered 300 or higher and 15 credits in the major field of study.
7. At least 36 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Residence credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2018-19/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation>) section of this Bulletin.

University General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Communication (C)		12
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing [†]		
Quantitative Reasoning (R) [†]		3
Science and Technology (S) [†]		10
Humanities and Fine Arts (A) [†]		6
Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) [†]		6
Wellness (W) [†]		2
Cultural Diversity (D) ^{*†}		
Global Perspectives (G) ^{*†}		
Total Credits		39

* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.

† General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review major requirements to determine if specific courses can also satisfy these general education categories.

- A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2018-19/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

Major Requirements

A grade of 'C' or better is required for all HDFS prefix courses for graduation.

Code	Title	Credits
Human Development & Family Science Core Requirements		
CSCI 114 or MIS 116	Microcomputer Packages (May satisfy general education category S) Business Use of Computers	3
Select one of the following: (May satisfy general education category C)		3
ENGL 320	Business and Professional Writing	
ENGL 325	Writing in the Health Professions	
ENGL 358	Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences	
ENGL 459	Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal	
HD&E 189	Skills for Academic Success ¹	1
HDFS 135	Family Science (May satisfy general education category B)	3
HDFS 230	Life Span Development (May satisfy general education category B)	3
HDFS 250	Introduction to Research Methods in Human Development and Family Sciences	3
HDFS 353	Children, Families and Public Policy	3
HDFS 475	Children and Families Across Cultures (May satisfy general education category B and D)	3
Select one of the following:		5
HDFS 496	Field Experience ²	
HDFS 496 & HDFS 491	Field Experience and Seminar (and Senior Thesis) ²	
HD&E 320	Professional Issues	1
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology (May satisfy general education category B)	3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology (May satisfy general education category B)	3
STAT 330	Introductory Statistics (May satisfy general education category R)	3
Option Selection: Select one option from the three listed below.		18
Minor Plan of Study: A minor plan of study is required outside of the HDFS department for all options.		
Total Credits		55

Adult Development and Aging Option

Code	Title	Credits
HDFS 360	Adult Development and Aging	3
HDFS 480	Community Resources of Later Life	3
HDFS 482	Family Dynamics of Aging	3
HDFS 300-400 Level	Major Electives (cannot include HDFS 496)	9

Child and Adolescent Development Option

Code	Title	Credits
HDFS 320	Prenatal, Infant and Toddler Development	3
HDFS 330	Child Development	3
HDFS 340	Adolescent Development	3
HDFS 300-400 Level	Major Electives (cannot include HDFS 496)	9

Family Science Option

Code	Title	Credits
HDFS 242	Couples, Marriages and Families	3
HDFS 357	Personal and Family Finance	3
HDFS 462	Methods of Family Life Education	3
HDFS 300-400 Level	Major Electives (cannot include HDFS 496)	9

- ¹ HD&E 189 is only required for first-time, first-year students--A first-time, first-year student is defined as a student who has not yet completed a college course as a college student. Students that are not first-time, first-year students that either transfer into the university or change their major are not required to take HD&E 189.
- ² In the semester prior to taking field experience credits, students are required to attend an informational meeting during advising week. Students should NOT take all field experience credits in one semester.

Degree Requirements and Notes

- A 2.50 cumulative GPA is required in major courses for graduation.
- Courses taken *Pass/Fail* will not be used to satisfy any requirement other than total credits.

Accelerated Program in HDFS

- A combined/accelerated program will allow high-achieving students to complete both a bachelor's and master's degree in HDFS in five years.
- Only students with a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.50 and who have completed at least 60 credits are eligible to apply. Interested students should speak with an HDFS advisor about how to proceed.
- 15 credits at the master's level may be used to meet the requirements for a bachelor's degree.
- The programs will map as follows:
 - BS-HDFS program with an option in Adult Development and Aging may enter the master's option Gerontology.
 - BS-HDFS program with an option in Child and Adolescent Development may enter the master's option in Youth Development.
 - BS-HDFS program with an option in Family Science may enter the master's option in Family Financial Planning

Minor Requirements

Human Development & Family Science Minor

Minor Requirements

Required Credits: 18

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
HDFS 135	Family Science	3
HDFS 230	Life Span Development	3
Elective Courses *		
HDFS	Elective	3
HDFS 300-400	Level Electives	9
Total Credits		18

* No more than 3 credits may be a field experience, practicum, or student teaching.

Minor Requirements and Notes

- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU.