

# Social Work & Human Development and Family Science

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## Department Information

- **Department Web Site:**  
[www.ndsu.edu/hdfs/](http://www.ndsu.edu/hdfs/) (<http://www.ndsu.edu/hdfs/>)
- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.; B.A.
- **Official Program Curriculum:**  
[catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/social-work-human-development-family-science/](http://catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/social-work-human-development-family-science/) (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/social-work-human-development-family-science/>)

The dual-degree program in human development and family science and social work offers students an integrated knowledge of children, adolescents, adults and families across the life span that will prepare them for careers in the helping professions. Students will gain a broad range of knowledge and skills that will equip them to address the needs and aspirations of people living in a changing world and be eligible for North Dakota licensure as social workers.

## The Program

Students are concurrently enrolled in the family science or adult development and aging option of human development and family science (HDFS) at North Dakota State University and the social work major through Minot State University (MiSU). The culmination of these requirements leads to a Bachelor of Science from NDSU as well as a Bachelor of Social Work from MiSU.

Under a cooperative agreement, students remain on the NDSU campus to complete all course work for the dual degree. The courses specific to the social work major are offered on the NDSU campus by MiSU faculty or offered through interactive video.

Together the HDFS degree and the social work degree complement and strengthen the knowledge and skills that students will possess upon completion of this dual degree program. The curriculum combines course work in human development and family science with course work in social work. The curriculum includes a strong liberal arts base, studies in human development, family science, social work practice, social welfare, human behavior and research, and additional course work in economics, psychology, sociology and political science.

## Selective Admission

Admission to the dual degree program consists of two separate university applications:

1. Application for admission to NDSU for the human development and family science/social work dual degree prior to beginning the program,
2. After admission and enrollment at NDSU and after meeting with an advisor, application for admission to Minot State University, and
3. Upon completion of specific requirements, application for admission to MiSU social work program.

## Field Education

Students are required to complete 400 hours of direct practice with either a public or private human service agency. This supervised field practice enables students to gain valuable hands-on experience working with clients.

The social work program does not give academic credit for life experience or work experience, nor does the program allow such experience to be substituted for field education.

## Financial Aid and Scholarships

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at NDSU makes available grants, loans, scholarships and work-study employment. Scholarships also are available through the College of Human Sciences and Education. For more information visit Scholarships (<https://www.ndsu.edu/onestop/scholarships-grants-and-tuition-waivers/>) on the One Stop website.

## The Facilities

Facilities for the dual degree program are housed in Evelyn Morrow Lebedeff Hall and the Family Life Center.

## Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Students may enhance their involvement by participating in groups such as the HDFS Club and/or the Student Social Work Organization.

## Community Setting

The Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area offers a setting conducive to study. Students have the opportunity to work in a number of community institutions serving children and families.

## Accrediting Agency

The social work program is accredited by: Council on Social Work Education, 1701 Duke Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314-3457.

## Sample Program Guide

IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER: A Sample Program Guide provides an unofficial guide of program requirements and should be used by prospective students who are considering attending NDSU in the future. It is NOT an official curriculum and should NOT be used by current NDSU students for official degree planning purposes. Note that the official curriculum used by current NDSU students can vary from the Sample Program Guide due to a variety of factors such as, but not limited to, start year, education goals, transfer credit, and course availability.

To ensure proper program completion, enrolled students should utilize Degree Map (<https://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/degreetmap/>) and Schedule Planner (<https://www.ndsu.edu/onestop/degree-map-and-planning/>) in Campus Connection and consult regularly with their academic advisor to ensure requirements are being met.

Freshman			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 110		3 COMM 110	3
HDFS 242		3 ENGL 120	3
PSYC 111		3 POLS 115 or 215	3
Science & Technology Gen Ed		3 SOC 110	3
Humanities/Fine Art Gen Ed		3 HDFS 230	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
Sophomore			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
HDFS 250		3 ECON 105, 201, or 202	3
PHIL 210		3 HDFS option course (Family or Aging)**	3
PSYC 212		3 Science & Technology with Lab	4
CSCI 114 or TL 116		3 SWK 330: Human Behavior & Soc Env	3
SWK 250: Interpersonal Skills		3 SWK 335: Methods I - Individuals	3
SWK 256: Development of Social Welfare		3	
		<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>
Junior			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
HDFS 275		3 STAT 330*	3
PSYC 270		3 HDFS option course (Family or Aging)**	3
Humanities/Fine Arts Gen Ed		3 HDFS Any Level Elective	3
SWK 331: Family Dynamics		3 SWK 426: Methods II - Groups	3
SWK 430 or HMS 279		3 SWK 402, 428, 430 or HMS 279	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
Senior			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
HDFS Option Course (Family or Aging)**		3 HDFS 496***	1
HDFS 353		3 SWK 490 Field Education	12

HDFS 390	1	SWK 491 Senior Seminar	3
ENGL 320, 325, 358, or 459	3		
HDFS 300- or 400-level elective	3		
SWK 427: Methods III - Organizations	3		
	<b>16</b>		<b>16</b>

**Total Credits: 126**

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MATH 103/104 is a pre-requisite for STAT 330

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Adult Development & Aging option courses are HDFS 360, 480, 482; Family Science option courses are HDFS 341, 357, 462

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Students should NOT enroll themselves in HDFS 496 via Campus Connection. The NDSU Registration and Records office automatically enrolls students in the course during the student's teaching semester.