

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE MINOR

Banner Code: HDFS

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This 15-credit interdisciplinary minor is available to all Mason undergraduate students and provides background knowledge in human development and family science, specifically addressing how diverse children and adults develop, adapt, and function within the contexts of their families, communities and society.

This minor is a joint program with coursework selected from both the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

Requirements

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 15

Core Course

HDFS 200	Individual and Family Development	3
HDFS 400	Advanced Family Processes (Mason Core)	3
Total Credits		6

Electives

Select at least one course from each of the two component areas (development and diversity) below	6
A third elective may be selected from any component or with permission of an HDFS advisor	3
Total Credits	9

To reflect the interdisciplinary nature of the HDFS minor, two courses must have prefixes from disciplines outside of your major area of study (e.g., for PSYC majors, two courses must come from CEHD prefixes: ATEP, ECED, EDUC, HEAL, PHED; for ECED majors, two courses must come from CHSS prefixes: ANTH, INTS, PSYC, SOCI).

Development

Select at least one from the following:

ECED 401	Developmental Pathways of Diverse Learners, Birth-Adolescence
EDUC 302	Human Growth and Development
INTS 312	Images and Experiences of Childhood: Social Construct, Literature, and Film

INTS 316	Introduction to Childhood Studies
INTS 319	Contemporary Youth Studies
PSYC 211	Developmental Psychology (Mason Core)
PSYC 313	Child Development
PSYC 314	Adolescent Development
PSYC 415	Psychological Factors in Aging
SOCI 360	Youth Culture and Society

Diversity

Select at least one from the following:

ANTH 315	Socialization Processes: Family, Childhood, Personality in Cross-Cultural Perspective
ATEP 205	Cultural Competence
ECED 405	Introduction to Early Childhood Special Education
EDUC 203	Disability in American Culture (Mason Core)
HEAL 350	Interventions for Populations and Communities at Risk
INTS 320	Construction of Differences: Race, Class, and Gender
INTS 336	Poverty, Wealth and Inequality in the US
INTS 362	Social Justice and Human Rights
PSYC 379	Applied Cross-Cultural Psychology (Mason Core)
SOCI 308	Race and Ethnicity in a Changing World
SOCI 355	Social Inequality (Mason Core)