HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE MINOR (CHSS)

Banner Code: HDFS

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This highly relevant and contemporary minor is a 15-credit interdisciplinary program designed especially for students who are interested in how individuals develop and how to improve the quality of life for families and communities. You'll explore the psychological, social, cultural, and biological development of individuals from conception through adulthood and aging, within the contexts of their families, communities, and the broader society.

The minor is an excellent complement to many majors at Mason. And, because it is offered as a collaboration between the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS), you'll have the opportunity to learn from outstanding faculty from both colleges who are dedicated to teaching and involved in cutting-edge research.

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

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<td>HDFS 200</td>
<td>Individual and Family Development</td>
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<td>Advanced Family Processes (Mason Core)</td>
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Electives

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<td>Select at least one course from each of the two component areas (development and diversity) below</td>
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<td>A third elective may be selected from any component or with permission of an HDFS advisor</td>
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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).