

Early Childhood Education

Recommended Courses for HDFS Majors

If you're planning a career in early childhood education after earning your B.S. in HDFS, you should elect the Child and Adolescent Development concentration. If you plan to seek state certification as an early childhood teacher, you'll need to enroll in a post-graduate program leading to certification. Because certification requirements are uniform across the state (though possibly different in other states), you can complete some courses as an undergraduate that will smooth your path to certification. The following courses can help you prepare for early childhood certification:

HDFS 206	Early Childhood Curriculum Development
HDFS 208	Children & Families with Special Needs
ECON	102 or 103
HIST	171, 172, 270, 271 or 272
GEOG	Any course
PS 101	Intro to US Government & Politics
EPSY 201	Educational Psychology
EPSY 401	Child Language and Education
EDUC 201	Identity and Difference in Education
EDUC 202	Social Justice, School & Society
	Earth and Space Science (examples are: ATMS 120, ATMS 140 GEOL 100, GEOL 117, GEOL 118)
	Life Science Gen Ed
	Physical Science Gen Ed

Sample Four-Year Plan for Child & Adolescent Development Concentration

[for students starting the HDFS major in or after Fall 2019]

The four-year plan below shows how to prepare for entering a graduate program in early childhood education while meeting graduation requirements in the HDFS child and adolescent development concentration. Use this plan only as a guide. Consult your academic advisor for suggestions for open electives suited for your career plans, and as you develop, modify and move through your own plan.

Year 1

Fall Semester	hours
ACES 101 – Contemporary Issues in ACES	2
HDFS 101 – Issues & Careers in HDFS	1
HDFS 105 – Intro to Human Development	3
HDFS 120 – Intro to Family Studies	3
RHET 105 – Writing for Research, or CMN 101 – Public Speaking, or CMN 111 – Oral & Written Comm I	3-4
PSYC 100 – Intro Psych	4

Spring Semester	hours
ACE 161 – Microcomputer Applications	3
FSHN 120 – Contemporary Nutrition, or CHLH 100 – Contemporary Health	3
STAT 100 – Intro to Statistics	3
RHET 105 – Writing for Research, or CMN 101 – Public Speaking, or CMN 112 – Oral & Written Comm II	3-4
Life Science (General Education)	3

Year 2

Fall Semester	hours
HDFS 220 – Families in Global Perspective	3
Economics	3
HDFS 206 – Early Childhood Curric Dev	4
HDFS 208 – Children & Families with Special Needs	3
Elective	3

Spring Semester	hours
HDFS 290 – Intro to Research Methods	3
SOC 100 – Introduction to Sociology	4
ACE 240 – Personal Financial Planning	3
Western Cultural Studies (General Education)	3
History	3

Year 3

Fall Semester	hours
HDFS 301 – Infancy & Early Childhood	4
EPSY 201 – Educational Psychology	3
Earth and Space Science	3
Physical Science General Education	3
Open elective	3

Spring Semester	hours
HDFS 305 – Middle Childhood	3
PS 101 – Intro to US Gov & Pol	3
EDUC 201 – Identity and Difference in Education	3
GEOG course	3
Quant II (General Education)	3

Year 4

Fall Semester	hours
HDFS 401 – Socialization and Development	4
HDFS 425 – Critical Family Transitions	4
EDUC – 202 – Social Justice, School & Society	3
Open electives	6

Spring Semester	hours
HDFS 405 – Adolescent Development	3
HDFS 420 – Family Diversity in the US	3
EPSY 401 – Child Language and Education	3
Open elective	6