HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE, BS

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Description

The Department of Human Development and Family Science (HDFS) is a dynamic interdisciplinary program that is informed by research and theory from the fields of anthropology, psychology, sociology, public policy, and education. We take a cross-cultural and life-span approach to the study of development across communities and contexts (e.g., families, schools, work, and hospitals). HDFS provides numerous opportunities for diverse career paths and advanced degree options. HDFS graduates are prepared to pursue careers as service providers, program administrators, human resource specialists in governmental and nongovernmental agencies serving children, youth, adults, and families. Additionally, graduates may work as advocates and researchers in educational institutions, health services, counselling, and family intervention programs. HDFS is a popular major for students interested in careers in law, medical or health related fields.

Students enrolled in the B.S. in Human Development and Family Science not only learn in the classroom but also receive first-hand experience in the community as well. Students complete a 180-hour community practicum that allows them to apply the knowledge gained in the classroom to real life settings. As a result, students have a comprehensive understanding of children, youth, adults, and families in theory and in practice.

The B.S. degree program provides students with a broad foundation covering a range of issues focusing on the healthy development of children, youth, adults, and families across cultural contexts. In addition to liberal arts courses, students are expected to complete 43 credits of Program Requirements.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Explain principles of life span development and family science across diverse contexts and populations.
2. Utilize research to understand human development and family processes.
3. Write effectively about human development and family processes.
4. Demonstrate critical thinking skills on human development and family processes.
5. Apply knowledge of individual and family development to implement developmentally supportive and culturally responsive practices.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
University Requirement		
FYS 101	First Year Seminar	1
Non-HFS Requirements		**12-14**
Statistics		
Select one of the following:		
MAT 121	Probability and Statistics for the Liberal Arts I	
MAT 194	Precalculus	
MAT 221	Elementary Probability and Statistics I	
MAT 285	Life Sciences Calculus I	
MAT 295	Calculus I	
Select one of the following:		
GEO 386	Quantitative Geographic Analysis	
MAT 122	Probability and Statistics for the Liberal Arts II	
MAT 222	Elementary Probability and Statistics II	
MAT 285	Life Sciences Calculus I	
MAT 286	Life Sciences Calculus II	
MAT 296	Calculus II	
MAX 201	Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences	
PSY 252	Statistical Methods II	
Additional Required Courses		**6**
PSY 205	Foundations of Human Behavior	
or PSY 209	Foundations of Human Behavior/ Honors Section	
PHI 191	The Meaning of Life	
or PHI 192	Introduction to Moral Theory	
HFS Required Courses		**43**
Required courses, 34 credits consisting of the following five categories:		
Interpersonal Competence		
HFS 255	Interpersonal Competence	
Life Span Development		
HFS 202	Development of Children	
HFS 363	Midlife Development and Gerontology	
HFS 474	Promises and Problems in Youth and Emerging Adulthood	
Family Science		
HFS 201	Introduction to Family Science	
Select two of the following:		
HFS 325	Children and Families in Health Care Settings	
HFS 395	Risk, Resilience, and Intervention	
HFS 479	Power, Conflict, Violence, and the Family	
HFS 487	Critical Incidents in Family Development	
Research		
HFS 204	Applied Research Methods in Child and Family Studies	
Cross-Cultural Perspectives (1 out of 2)		
HFS 467	Child and Family in Cross-Cultural Perspectives	
or HFS 482	Development in Immigrant & Refugee Families	
Internship		
HFS 391	Introduction to Internship Experience	
HFS 492	Child Internship	
or HFS 493	Youth and Family Practicum	
HFS 494	HDFS Capstone Internship	
Human Development and Family Science Electives		
Take 9 credits of HDFS electives numbered 300 or higher.		9
Only 6 credits from the following courses can be counted as HDFS electives: HFS 470 or HFS 490		

A course may not be counted more than once within the degree for fulfillment of a required course or elective course.

Total Degree Credits: 120

SU Abroad

The College, in cooperation with the Syracuse University Abroad (Syracuse Abroad), strongly encourages students to take advantage of the opportunity to study abroad. Study abroad options include semester, summer, and short-stay programs. It is essential that students begin planning early for study abroad and work closely with their academic advisors.

For further information, contact Syracuse University Abroad, 106 Walnut Place, 315-443-3471.

For the most up to date information VISIT the Syracuse Abroad website (https://suabroad.syr.edu/)

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

For all Arts and Sciences|Maxwell students, successful completion of a bachelor's degree in this major requires a minimum of 120 credits, 96 of which must be Arts and Sciences|Maxwell credits, completion of the Liberal Arts Core (https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/) requirements, and the requirements for this major (30 credits) that are listed above.

Dual Enrollments:

Students dually enrolled in **Newhouse*** and Arts and Sciences|Maxwell will complete a minimum of 122 credits, with at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences|Maxwell coursework and an Arts and Sciences|Maxwell major.

*Students dually enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences|Maxwell as first year students must complete the Liberal Arts Core (https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/). Students who transfer to the dual program after their first year as singly enrolled students in the Newhouse School will satisfy general requirements for the dual degree program by completing the Newhouse Core Requirements.

Undergraduate University Requirements

The following requirements and experiences apply to all Syracuse University Undergraduate matriculated degree programs.

- IDEA Course Requirement (https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/university-requirements/idea-course-requirement/)
- First Year Seminar (https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/university-requirements/first-year-seminar/)