

Human Development *and* Family Studies



**A degree preparing
undergraduates with
an interdisciplinary
perspective for a career
dedicated to improving
the lives of children,
youth and families**

At A Glance

Degree Type: Bachelor of Arts in Education (B.A.Ed.)

Program Length: 45 credit hours

Application Deadlines: Spring 2020 – October 13, 2020

Fall 2020 – February 9, 2021 (priority)

April 13, 2021 (final)

The Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) program, a pre-professional major for undergraduates, provides students with essential knowledge and skills to improve the lives of children, youth and families across a variety of contexts and cultures — incorporating a broad interdisciplinary perspective that honors psychological, sociological, economic, medical, education, cultural and biological experiences.

Graduates of the program often pursue careers and graduate programs related to the helping professions at the intersection of education, public health, social services, health services, counseling services, nonprofits and business services — and beyond.

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In the HDFS program — which positions graduates for future endeavors dedicated to the growth of children, families and communities — students gain:

- **Deep understanding** of how children develop in the context of families, schools and communities from faculty members recognized as leaders in their respective fields;
- A **foundation in evidence-based practices** that provides real-world perspective, ensuring graduates leave prepared to engage meaningfully with their communities;
- **Opportunities to combine theory and practice** through service-learning opportunities in which students work with helping professionals;
- A **semester-long internship** in which they gain invaluable real-life experience in potential career settings that include schools, health-care settings, disability services, research, nonprofit and human service organizations, and more.



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How will you propel the world?

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