HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY STUDIES, MS

for the degree of Master of Science in Human Development & Family Studies

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department website: https://hdfs.illinois.edu
department faculty: https://hdfs.illinois.edu/www/faculty
teaching assistantships available and encourage students to pursue a
variety of teaching experiences as well as mentorship from experienced
instructors. We also encourage our students to utilize the variety of
teacher training resources that are available across campus.

Faculty Research Interests
Faculty information is available on our department website at http://
hdfs.illinois.edu/www/faculty.

Centers, Programs, and Institutes
Child Care Resource Service (http://ccrs.illinois.edu/)
Child Development Lab (www.cdl.illinois.edu (http://www.cdl.illinois.edu))
Panpered Chef Family Resiliency Program
(www.familyresiliency.illinois.edu (http://
www.familyresiliency.illinois.edu))
Family Resiliency Center (www.familyresiliency.illinois.edu (http://
www.familyresiliency.illinois.edu))
University of Illinois Extension (http://web.extension.illinois.edu/state/
directory/faculty).

Facilities and Resources
Bevier Hall
Child Development Lab
Doris Kelly Christopher Hall
Early Child Development Lab

Financial Aid
We are committed to funding all of our students who are making timely
progress. The duration and amount of our commitment varies by
program. Funding may include fellowships, research assistantships, and/
or teaching assistantships. These opportunities typically include stipends
tuition waivers. In some cases, fees are also waived. All applicants
are automatically considered for all department funding opportunities;
there is no separate application process. Federal and state financial aid
is completely separate from the support provided by our department.
For information regarding federal and state financial aid, please refer to
http://www.osfa.illinois.edu/ (http://www.osfa.illinois.edu).

Graduate Degree Programs in Human Development &
Family Studies

Graduate Majors:

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Human Development and Family Studies, PhD (http://
catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/aces/human-development-
family-studies-phd)
The Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) focuses
on positive development and resilience of diverse children, youth,
and families in everyday life contexts. Our doctoral concentration is
interdisciplinary, drawing upon the canons of anthropology, economics,
education, family studies, human development, psychology, and
sociology. Further, we value qualitative, quantitative, and mixed
methodologies.

Students who enter the doctoral program without a master's will
complete one as the first part of their doctoral requirements.

Admission
Admission is based upon both academic record and the applicant’s
fit with faculty research programs. We examine grade point average
(GPA), Graduate Record Examination (GRE, we will accept MCAT scores
for Medical Scholar applicants) scores, letters of recommendation,
and a personal statement. International applicants from non-English
speaking countries must have an official paper Test of English as a
Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of at least 103 on the internet based
test. We will not admit anyone with a GPA less than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
All applicants are required to submit official GRE scores (MCAT in the
case of Medical Scholar applicants) and to have previous coursework in
a relevant area of social or behavioral sciences. GRE, MCAT and TOEFL
scores should be taken no more than two years prior to application. Our
application deadline is December 15 for possible admission the following
fall semester. We admit students for fall enrollment only. Please refer to
our department website for further information.

Graduate Teaching Experience
We do not require our students to teach but recognize the importance
of teacher development for their future marketability. Thus, we make
teaching assistantships available and encourage students to pursue a

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### Other Requirements

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<td>Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall</td>
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<td>A doctoral student terminating our program early and without a master's thesis, must complete 36 hours rather than 32.</td>
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