# HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY STUDIES, PHD

**for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Human Development & Family Studies**

The HDFS doctoral program prepares students to be researchers, educators, policy developers, or professionals who develop, evaluate, and implement programs for children, families, and communities. Those entering the doctoral program without a master’s degree will complete one within their first two years in the doctoral program. Students entering with a non-thesis master's will be required to complete a "thesis equivalency" paper within the first two years of their doctoral program. Requirements for the Ph.D. include 64 graduate hours beyond the M.S. degree, completion of the written qualifying examination, defense of the written dissertation proposal, and a final thesis defense upon completion of the dissertation. Doctoral students may also complete a supporting program in "applied HDFS." This 16 graduate hour option includes 4 hours in program development or policy studies, 4 hours in program evaluation, and two 4 hour internships. The applied optional supporting program prepares students to enter careers in administration, human services, social policy, international aid agencies, and government, as well as traditional careers in teaching and research.

## Code | Title | Hours
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**Theory Courses**
HDFS 501 | Human Development Theories | 12
HDFS 521 | Family Theories | 12
HDFS 533 | Community In American Society | 12

## Substantive Courses

Select four of the following: 8-16

- HDFS 503 | Social-Emotional Development |
- HDFS 505 | Advanced Adolescence |
- HDFS 523 | Ethnic Families |
- HDFS 525 | Family Interaction |
- HDFS 526 | Intimate Partner Violence |
- HDFS 527 | Family Resiliency |
- HDFS 528 | Parenting |
- HDFS 540 | Gender & Sexuality |
- HDFS 534 | Neighborhoods and Human Dev |
- HDFS 539 | Youth, Culture and Society |
- HDFS 543 | Ethnography Urban Communities |
- WGGP 581 | Gender Relations & Intl Dev |

## Quantitative Methods
- HDFS 590 | Advanced Research Methods |
- HDFS 594 | Intermed Statistical Analysis |

an advanced statistics course

## Qualitative Methods
- HDFS 591 | Qualitative Methods |

## Professional Development
- HDFS 500 | Professional Development |
- HDFS 599 | Thesis Research |

### Elective Courses (required hours depend upon content of M.S. degree) 0-16

### Total Hours 64

### Other Requirements

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<td>MS equivalent, or student will earn MS in first two years of PhD program</td>
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1. For additional details and requirements refer to the department's Graduate Program Information (http://hdfs.illinois.edu/graduate/handbook) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

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