HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY STUDIES

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Major: Human Development and Family Studies
Degrees offered: M.S. and Ph.D.

Joint Degree Program: Doctor of Philosophy in Human Development and Family Studies and Master of Public Health (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/community-health/ms-public-health)
Degrees Offered: Ph.D. and M.P.H.

Graduate Degree Programs

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 January 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 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/directory/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))
Pampered 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/index.html)

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 and 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 www.osfa.illinois.edu/ (http://www.osfa.illinois.edu).

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A doctoral student terminating our program early and without a master’s thesis, must complete 36 hours rather than 32.

Minimum GPA: 2.75

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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

#### Theory Courses
HDFS 501  Human Development Theories  12  
HDFS 521  Family Theories  
HDFS 533  Community In American Society  

#### 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
12  
HDFS 590  Advanced Research Methods  
HDFS 594  Intermed Statistical Analysis  
an advanced statistics course  

#### Qualitative Methods
8  
HDFS 591  Qualitative Methods

### Professional Development  24  
HDFS 500  Professional Development  
HDFS 599  Thesis Research  

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

Total Hours  64  

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Master of Public Health and Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/aces_ahs/joint-degree/human-development-family-studies-phd-public-health-mph)

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