HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

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Major: Human Development and Family Studies
Degrees offered: M.S. and Ph.D.
Graduate Minor: Gender Relations in International Development

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.

Medical Scholars Program: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Human Development and Family Studies and Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) through the Medical Scholars Program (http://www.med.uiuc.edu/msp)

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.

Medical Scholars Program
The Medical Scholars Program permits highly qualified students to integrate the study of medicine with study for a graduate degree in a second discipline, including Human Development and Family Studies.

Students may apply to the Medical Scholars Program prior to beginning graduate school or while in the graduate program. Applicants to the Medical Scholars Program must meet the admissions standards for and be accepted into both the doctoral graduate program and the College of Medicine. Students in the dual degree program must meet the specific requirements for both the medical and graduate degrees. On average, students take eight years to complete both degrees. Further information on this program is available by contacting the Medical Scholars Program, 125 Medical Sciences Building, (217) 333-8146 or at www.med.illinois.edu/msp (http://www.med.illinois.edu/msp)

Graduate Teaching Experience
We do not require our students to teach but recognize the importance of teaching experiences as well as mentorship from experienced instructors. We also encourage our students to utilize the variety of teaching experiences as well as mentorship from experienced instructors. We also encourage our students to utilize the variety of teaching experiences as well as mentorship from experienced instructors.

Faculty Research Interests
Faculty information is available on our department website at www.hcd.illinois.edu/about/faculty_staff.html (http://www.hcd.illinois.edu/about/faculty_staff.html)

Centers, Programs, and Institutes
Child Care Resource Service (http://ccrs.hcd.uiuc.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))
Lab for Community and Economic Development (http://communitydevelopment.uiuc.edu/webworks/files/index.php)
University of Illinois Extension (http://web.extension.illinois.edu/state/index.html)

Facilities and Resources
Bevier Hall (www.fs.uiuc.edu/ada/0158.html (http://www.fs.uiuc.edu/ada/0158.html))
Child Development Lab (www.fs.uiuc.edu/ada/0062.html (http://www.fs.uiuc.edu/ada/0062.html))
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)
Master of Science in Human Development and Family Studies

Theory
HDFS 501 Human Development Theories 4
HDFS 521 Family Theories 4
HCD 533 Community In American Society 4

Research Methods & Statistics 12
HCD 590 Advanced Research Methods
HCD 591 Qualitative Methods (section E or G)
HCD 594 Interned Statistical Analysis
HCD 599 Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree) 8

Total Hours 32

Other Requirements 1
Other requirements may overlap
Minimum 500-level Hours Required 12 (8 within the unit)
Overall:
A doctoral student terminating our program early and without a master’s thesis, must complete 36 hours rather than 32.
Minimum GPA: 2.75

1 For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s Graduate Program Information (http://www.hcd.illinois.edu/student_information/graduate/grad_handbook.html) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

Doctor of Philosophy in Human Development and 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 66 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.

Theory Courses
HDFS 501 Human Development Theories 4
HDFS 521 Family Theories 4
HCD 533 Community In American Society 4

Substantive Courses
Select four of the following: 8-16
HDFS 503 Social-Emotional Development

Total Hours 64

Other Requirements 1
Other requirements may overlap
MS equivalent, or student will earn MS in first two years of PhD program
Qualifying Exam Required Yes
Preliminary Exam Required Yes
Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required
Dissertation Deposit Required Yes
Minimum GPA: 2.75

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Graduate Minor in Gender Relations in International Development

HCD 571 Gender Relations & Intl Dev 4
One elective at the 500 level from a list approved by the GRID faculty advisory committee.
One elective from a list of 400 & 500 level courses approved by the GRID faculty advisory committee.

Total Hours 12

Other Requirements 1
Other requirements may overlap
For this multi-disciplinary graduate minor, students must select courses from at least two departments or units. In addition to the minor requirements, students must also complete the requirements of their major degree. Hours counted toward completion of a minor may not also be applied toward any other transcripted credential.

1 For additional details and requirements refer to the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

**Master of Public Health and Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies**

The Ph.D. in Human Development & Family Studies can be earned jointly with the M.P.H. In the joint program up to 12 hours of coursework may be applied to both degrees, and the degrees are conferred simultaneously at the completion of the program.

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Area of concentration coursework from approved list (may be met by Ph.D. core courses)

Electives and seminars (may be met by Ph.D. core courses)

**Ph.D. Theory Courses**

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**Ph.D. Substantive Courses**

Select four of the following:

- 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  
- HCD 534 Neighborhoods and Human Dev  
- HCD 539 Youth, Culture and Society  
- HCD 543 Ethnography Urban Communities  
- HCD 571 Gender Relations & Intl Dev

**Ph.D. Quantitative Methods**

An advanced statistics course

**Ph.D. Qualitative Methods**

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<td>HCD 599</td>
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**Total Hours**

100

**Other Requirements**

Other requirements may overlap

- A concentration is required  
- Minimum Number of 500-level: 12 (8 within M.P.H.)

**Hours Required Overall in Program:**

- Approved Masters Degree Required for Admission: No  
- Qualifying Exam Required: Yes  
- Preliminary Exam Required: Yes  
- Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required: Yes  
- Dissertation Deposit Required: Yes  
- Minimum GPA: 3.0

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