HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY STUDIES, BS

for the Bachelor of Science Major in Human Development & Family Studies

**department website:** https://hdfs.illinois.edu/
**department faculty:** Human Development & Family Studies Faculty (https://hdfs.illinois.edu/directory/faculty/)
**overview of college admissions & requirements:** Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences (http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/aces/academic-units/#text)
**college website:** https://aces.illinois.edu/

Students pursuing this major select one of two concentrations:

- Child and Adolescent Development Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/aces/human-development-family-studies-bs/child-adolescent-development/)
- Family Studies Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/aces/human-development-family-studies-bs/family-studies/)

The Human Development and Family Studies program prepares students for graduate/professional education or employment in areas such as pediatric services in hospitals, medicine and allied health fields, marriage and family therapy, family law, human resources, child care services, family life education, social work, counseling, human services, and business activities related to children and families. Students select course work according to their interests in human development, such as infancy, early childhood or adolescence, or family studies, such as the marital relationship, parent-child interaction, family change or conflict and conflict management in the family. Basic courses in these areas are linked to practical experiences in educational and community settings, and most courses emphasize issues related to cultural diversity and gender. Students select one of two concentrations within this major: Child and Adolescent Development or Family Studies. Completion of the Family Studies option may qualify some graduates for provisional certification as a Family Life Educator by the National Council on Family Relations. Additional information is available at the NCFR website.