

Early Childhood Education

Recommended Courses for HDFS Majors

If you're planning a career in early childhood education after earning your B.S., you should elect the Child and Adolescent Development concentration. If you plan to seek state certification as an early childhood teacher, you'll need to enroll in a post-graduate program leading to certification. Because certification requirements are uniform across the state (though possibly different in other states), you can complete some courses as an undergraduate that will smooth your path to certification. The following courses can help you prepare for early childhood certification:

HDFS 206	Early Childhood Curriculum Development
HDFS 208	Children & Families with Special Needs
HDFS 406	Child Development Class Supervision
ART 140	Introduction to Art
MUS 130	Introduction to the Art of Music
U.S. History:	HIST 171, 172, 270, 271 or 272
PS 101	Intro to US Government & Politics
EPS 201	Foundations of Education
EPSY 201	Educational Psychology
EPSY 401	Children, Language & Education
MATH 103	Theory of Arithmetic

Sample Four-Year Plan for Child & Adolescent Development Concentration

[for students starting the HDFS major in or after Fall 2015]

The four-year plan below shows how to prepare for entering a graduate program in early childhood education while meeting graduation requirements in the HDFS child and adolescent development concentration. Use this plan only as a guide. Consult your academic advisor for suggestions for open electives suited for your career plans, and as you develop, modify and move through your own plan.

Year 1

Fall Semester

	hours
ACES 101 – Contemporary Issues in ACES	2
HDFS 101 – Issues & Careers in HDFS	1
HDFS 105 – Intro to Human Development	3
MATH 124 – Finite Mathematics	3-5
RHET 105 – Writing for Research, or CMN 101 – Public Speaking, or CMN 111 – Oral & Written Comm I	3-4
PSYC 100 – Intro Psych	4

Spring Semester

	hours
ACE 161 – Microcomputer Applications	3
FSHN 120 – Contemporary Nutrition, or CHLH 100 – Contemporary Health	3
HDFS 120 – Intro to Family Studies	3
RHET 105 – Writing for Research, or CMN 101 – Public Speaking, or CMN 112 – Oral & Written Comm II	3-4
Biological or Physical Science (General Education)	3-4

Year 2

Fall Semester hours

ANTH 143 – Biology of Human Behavior	3
Economics	3-4
Statistics	3-4
HDFS 206 – Early Childhood Curric Dev	4
HDFS 208 – Children & Fams w/ Special Needs	3

Spring Semester hours

HDFS 220 – Families in Global Perspective	3
HDFS 290 – Intro to Research Methods	4
SOC 100 – Introduction to Sociology	4
ACE 240 – Personal Financial Planning	3
American History	3

Year 3

Fall Semester hours

HDFS 301 – Infancy & Early Childhood	4
EPSY 201 – Educational Psychology	3
EPSY 220 – Career Theory and Practice	3
MUS 130 – Intro to the Art of Music	3
Open elective	3

Spring Semester hours

HDFS 305 – Middle Childhood	3
PS 101 – Intro to US Gov & Pol	3
EPS 201 – Foundations of Education	3
ART 140 – Intro to Art	3
Open elective	3

Year 4

Fall Semester hours

HDFS 401 – Socialization and Development	4
HDFS 425 – Critical Family Transitions	4
MATH 103 – Theory of Arithmetic	3
Open electives	6

Spring Semester hours

HDFS 405 – Adolescent Development	3
HDFS 420 – Family Diversity in the US	3
HDFS 408 – Child Dev Class Supervision	5
Open elective	3