

School Psychology

Recommended Courses for HDFS Majors

HDFS students planning to apply to a school psychology program after earning their B.S. in HDFS should elect the Child and Adolescent Development concentration. They should also study the entry requirements of a range of graduate programs and complete elective courses that will meet those requirements and enhance their professional skills. The following courses can help you prepare for a graduate program in school psychology:

PSYC 201	Social Psychology
PSYC 238	Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 250	Psychology of Personality
CHLH 206	Human Sexuality
CHLH 243	Drug Use & Abuse
EPS 201	Foundations of Education
EPSY 201	Educational Psychology
SPED 117	The Culture of Disability

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 school psychology 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
PSYC 201 – Social Psychology	3
SPED 117 – The Culture of Disability	3
CHLH 206 – Human Sexuality	2

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
PSYC 238 – Abnormal Psychology	3

Year 3

Fall Semester hours

HDFS 301 – Infancy & Early Childhood	4
HDFS 340 – Gender, Relationships & Society	3
HDFS Applied Development elective	3
EPSY 201 – Educational Psychology	3
Humanities (General Education)	3

Spring Semester hours

HDFS 305 – Middle Childhood	3
PSYC 250 – Psychology of Personality	3
EPS 201 – Foundations of Education	3
CHLH 243 – Drug Use & Abuse	2
Humanities (General Education)	3
Open elective	3

Year 4

Fall Semester hours

HDFS 401 – Socialization and Development	4
Western Cultural Studies (General Education)	3
HDFS 425 – Critical Family Transitions	4
Open electives	6

Spring Semester hours

HDFS 405 – Adolescent Development	
HDFS Family Studies elective	
Open electives	