



# Human Development and Family Studies Major BA

Department of Psychology, 303-615-0699, Plaza 220 A

College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences

## **HDFS Core:** 18 Credits, plus 3-credit Senior Experience course

*Students must complete all the following classes:*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 1001 Introductory Psychology                           | <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 3340 Cognitive Development and Learning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 2210 Psychology of Human Development                   | <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 3350 Psychology of Social Development   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 2310 Statistics for the Social and Behavioral Sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 4700 Senior Experience in HDFS          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 3010 Research Methods in Psychological                 | OR   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 4650 Advanced Internship in Psychology  |

## **Developmental Specialization:** 6 credits

*Choose **two** of the following classes*

- PSY 3240 Infancy
- PSY 3250 Child Psychology
- PSY 3260 Psychology of Adolescence
- PSY 3270 Adulthood and Aging

## **Applied Developmental:** 9 Credits

*Choose **three** of the following classes*

- PSY 1800 Developmental Educational Psychology
- PSY 2240 Parenting Across the Lifespan
- PSY 2270 Death, Dying, and Grieving
- PSY 3460 Psychology of Play
- PSY 3580 Development in Family Context

## **Interdisciplinary Applications:** 6 credits

*Choose **two** of the following classes*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 2001 Careers and Prof Dev in Psychology                     | <input type="checkbox"/> AAS 3550 The Black Family                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 3030 Multicultural Psychology (Meet ESSJ Req)               | <input type="checkbox"/> COMM 3210 Family Communication              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 3700 Psych of Group Prejudice (Meets ESSJ Req)              | <input type="checkbox"/> CHS 3210 The Chicano Family                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 3050 Psychology of Gender                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> HSP 2040 Family Systems                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 3370 Undergraduate Research Assistant*                      | <input type="checkbox"/> NUT 3050 Concepts of Lifecycle Nutrition    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 3390 Undergrad Teaching Assistant Training*                 | <input type="checkbox"/> SOC 3410 The Family and Society             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 3400 Child Psychopathology                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> SWK 1010 Introduction to Social Work        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 3490 Child Life Theory and Practice**                       | <input type="checkbox"/> SWK 3010 SWK Practice w/Children and Youth  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 3980 Internship in Psychology                               | <input type="checkbox"/> SWK 3030 Social Work with Older People      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 4100 Clinical/Counseling Psychology                         | <input type="checkbox"/> SWK 3080 Social Work with Families          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 4450 Advanced Statistics                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SWK 3150 Social Work and Child Maltreatment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 4970 Psychology of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning |  |

### **Notes:**

\* In order to take PSY 3370, 3390 or 4970, students need permission from the instructor.

\*\* PSY 3490 is a course for students interested in pursuing the field of Child Life Specialists. Contact Dr. Hagan (lkindleb@msudenver) for more information about this competitive career and the additional coursework, GPA, volunteer work, and practicum needed to enter it.

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## GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

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### **Total credits      120 minimum**

General Studies	33 credits
Major Courses	42 credits
Minor Courses	18-27 credits
Additional Courses	18-27 credits*

### **Other Graduation Requirements**

- Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Major GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Minor GPA of 2.0 or higher
- 40 Upper-Division credits\*\*
- 15 Upper-Division credits in the HDFS major\*\*

\* Number of additional course (i.e. General Elective) credits varies depending on chosen minor

\*\*Upper Division refers to 3000 or 4000 level courses; or credits transferred at the 9000 level

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### **General Studies Courses (33 credits)**

- Written Communication (6 credits)
- Oral Communication (3 credits)
- Quantitative Literacy (3 credits)
- Arts and Humanities (6 credits)
- Historical (3 credits)
- Natural and Physical Science (6 credits)
- Social and Behavioral Science (6 credits)
- Global Diversity (3 credits)
  - May be satisfied by one of the General Studies courses taken above
- Ethnic Studies & Social Justice Graduation Requirement (3 credits)
  - May be satisfied by one of the General Studies courses taken above; or by taking PSY 3030 or PSY 3700 in Interdisciplinary Applications area of the major

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### **Minor (18-27 credits)**

All HDFS majors are required to complete a minor course of study.

Some popular minors include:

Communication Studies  
Criminal Justice  
Health Care Management  
Human Services and Counseling  
Integrative Health Care  
Marketing

Nutrition  
Psychology  
Spanish  
Sociology  
Social Work

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