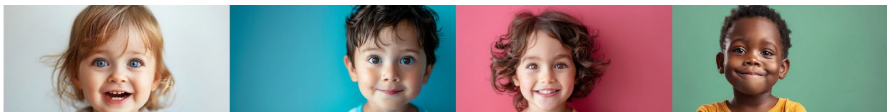


Human Development and Family Studies, B.A.



2026-2027
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Department of Psychological Sciences, 303-615-0699, Plaza 220

HDFS Core: 18 credits

Take **ALL** the following courses:

PSY 1001 - Introductory Psychology
PSY 2210 - Psychology of Human Development
PSY 2310 - Statistics for the Social and Behavioral Sciences
PSY 3010 - Research Methods in Psychological Science
PSY 3340 - Cognitive Development and Learning
PSY 3350 - Psychology of Social Development

Senior Experience: 3 credits

Choose 1 option:

PSY 4650 - Advanced Internship in Psychology
PSY 4700 - Senior Experience in Human Development and Family Studies

Developmental Specialization: 6 credits (Choose two)

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

Applied Developmental Courses: 9 credits (Choose three)

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 the Family Context

Applied Developmental Courses: 6 credits (Choose two)

PSY 2001 - Careers and Professional Development in Psychology	PSY 4450 - Advanced Psychological Data Science
PSY 3030 - Cultural Psychology	AAS 3550 - The Black Family
PSY 3050 - Psychology of Gender	COMM 3210 - Family Communication
PSY 3060 - Psychology and Racism (meets ESSJ requirement)	HSP 2040 - Family Systems
PSY 3370 - Undergraduate Research Assistant	NUT 3050 - Concepts of Lifecycle Nutrition
PSY 3390 - Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Training	SOC 3410 - The Family and Society
PSY 3400 - Child Psychopathology	SWK 1010 - Introduction to Social Work
PSY 3490 - Child Life Theory and Practice	SWK 3010 - Social Work Practice with Children and Youth
PSY 3980 - Internship in Psychology	SWK 3030 - Social Work with Older People
PSY 4100 - Clinical/Counseling Psychology: Treatment, Practice, and Skills	SWK 3150 - Social Work and Child Maltreatment

* *Transfer students must have completed both semesters of any 2-semester Introductory/General Psychology courses to earn credit for PSY 1001. If a student has taken only 1 semester of a 2-semester Introductory/General Psychology course sequence, they must take PSY 1001 at MSU Denver.*

***No more than 6 credits each can be applied from Research Assistant, Teaching Assistant, or Internship courses*

Program Requirements

- A total of 120 semester hours are required for graduation.
- A grade of “D-” or better is required for each course in this program to count toward the bachelor’s degree. Students should note that programs differ in the minimum grade required.
- HDFS majors must have a GPA of 2.00 in their major and an overall GPA of 2.00 to graduate.
- All students must complete a minimum of 15 semester hours of upper-division in the HDFS major.
- In meeting the requirements for the HDFS major, transfer students must take a minimum of 15 semester hours of HDFS major coursework at MSU Denver, of which at least 9 must be upper-division credits.
- The Department of Psychological Sciences does not accept correspondence study courses toward the total number of semester hours required for a major or minor.
- Transfer students must have completed both semesters of a two-semester introductory psychology course for equivalence to exist. Three semester hours will count toward the major or minor; three semester hours will count as general electives (i.e., PSY8888) to graduate. If a student has taken only one semester of a two-semester introductory course and takes PSY 1001 at MSU Denver, the transfer introductory credits will not count toward the degree. If a student has taken only one semester of a two-semester introductory course, it will transfer in as PSY 8888 and will count as a general elective. The student must complete PSY 1001 to meet the major or minor requirement.

Summary of Requirements

33 credits of General Studies
42 credits Human Development Major
0 – 27 credits for a minor (A minor is not required for graduation)
0 – 57 credits of General Electives (General Electives needed will vary. See advisor)

Required courses for the major may also count for General Studies and ESSJ requirements, so the total credits listed may be greater than the number required to complete the degree.

Therefore, it is important that you work with your advisor to make sure you are meeting requirements for your degree.

