PATHWAYS | Human Development & Family Studies

Bachelor of Science in Human Development & Family Studies

CONCENTRATIONS IN
- Child Life (separate Pathways guide)
- Middle Childhood/Adolescence
- Family Life Education
- Infancy/Preschool
- Adult Programs

FRESHMAN
- HDFS 2000: Marriage and Family in a Global Context
- HDFS 2010: Lifespan Human Development

SOPHOMORE
- HDFS 2030: Professional Development and Ethics
- HDFS 3010: Child Development in the Family and/or HDFS 3030: Adolescent and Adult Development in the Family (based on chosen concentration)

JUNIOR
- HDFS 3080: Development of Interpersonal Relationships

SENIOR
- HDFS 4920: HDFS Internship

COURSE SELECTION

ASK FOR ASSISTANCE
- Meet regularly with your academic advisor and consult them when you have concerns about admission to particular classes or need more information about class requirements.
- Talk with your advisor to decide your HDFS concentration.
- Attend mandatory HDFS internship meeting.
- Complete background check. Visit 203 Spidle Hall.
- Meet with someone in the Career Center to explore career options and receive individualized assistance.
- Identify your reference letter writers early for graduate school or the job search and provide them with plenty of notice.

GAIN EXPERIENCE
- Use LinkedIn (linkedin.com/alumni) to identify past graduates in your major.
- Contact professional in your field of interest to set up informational interviews and shadowing opportunities to gain further understanding of your major in the world of work.
- Volunteer with the population you intend to concentrate your studies.
- Attend HDFS Internship and Professional Day.
- Use Handshake to explore employers actively hiring in your field and search part-time jobs that can add experience to your resume (handshake.auburn.edu).
- Complete a service learning experience. Work with the college to explore/discover opportunities.
- Attend HDFS Internship and Professional Day.
- Complete your required internship. Be sure to coordinate with your advisor to ensure awarding of credit.

GET INVOLVED
- Follow the College of Human Sciences on Facebook and Twitter
- Spring Semester: Apply for Student Ambassadors
- Utilize AUInvolve (auburn.edu.auinvolve) to identify organizations of interest to attend meetings and enhance your resume
- Apply for undergrad research opportunities
- Volunteer with the Alabama Healthy Relationship Education Initiative
- Participate in the HDFS undergraduate mentoring program
- Apply to be a Peer Advisor
- Kappa Omicron Nu is a national honor society for the human sciences. If invited, join.
- Pursue leadership roles in the student organizations in which you participate.
- Connect with AU alumni and stakeholders to enhance professional opportunities

HEADSTART TEACHER
- Minimum Education: B.S.
- Entry Level: $26.4K - $46.1K

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST
- Minimum Education: M.S./MA/M.Ed./Ph.D.
- Entry Level: $30.7K - $43.0K

YOUTH DIRECTOR
- Minimum Education: B.S.
- Entry Level: $21.3K - $35.3K

These are just three options out of many that human development & family studies majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out “What Can I Do With a Major In...” on auburn.edu/career.

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