DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

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Undergraduate Majors

• Major in Early Childhood Education
• Major in Human Development and Family Studies
  • Early Childhood Professions Concentration
  • Human Development and Family Studies Concentration
  • Leadership and Entrepreneurial Professions Concentration
  • Pre-Health Professions Concentration
  • Prevention and Intervention Sciences Concentration

Online Degree Programs

The major in Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) is offered in two formats, both leading to a Bachelor of Science degree. We offer on-campus classes to local degree-seeking students, and we offer distance students the HDFS degree through CSU Online (http://www.online.colostate.edu/degrees/hdfs). The major in Human Development and Family Studies offered through CSU Online provides a flexible, convenient, and accessible format for busy, working, or distance students. The online program of study is the same as the on-campus version, is fully accredited, and is indistinguishable on student transcripts from the on-campus version. The Gerontology Interdisciplinary Minor and courses required to pursue a variety of certifications are also available online.

Gerontology Interdisciplinary Minor

The Gerontology Interdisciplinary Minor is a 21-23 credit program housed in HDFS and available on-campus as well as online, that provides students with the opportunity to earn an undergraduate minor in gerontology. The Gerontology Interdisciplinary Minor prepares students to work in a variety of fields where it is critical to understand the aging process, including the biological, psychological and social aspects of adult development and aging. Admission is ongoing throughout the year. The full program may be found under University-Wide Instructional Programs.

Graduate

Graduate Programs in Human Development and Family Studies

The Department of Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) offers a Master of Science degree with two specializations and one doctoral program in Applied Developmental Science. The focus of the department is on the study of individual and family development across the lifespan; the development, implementation, and evaluation of intervention and prevention programs for individuals and families at risk; and the influence of social institutions such as schools and communities on development. Our graduate programs advance students' understanding of human behavior and development, as well enable them to contribute to scholarship and professional practice.

Students interested in graduate work should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin and the Department of Human Development and Family Studies (http://www.hdfs.chhs.colostate.edu/students). (http://hdfs.chhs.colostate.edu/students/masters)

Master's Programs

There are two specializations offered under the Master of Science in HDFS: Prevention Science and Marriage and Family Therapy. Curricula in both programs include core courses in individual development, family theories, current research and issues in HDFS, and research methods. A research thesis is also required.

• Master of Science in HDFS, Marriage & Family Therapy Specialization
• Master of Science in HDFS, Prevention Science Specialization

Ph.D.

The program in Applied Developmental Science builds upon coursework completed in a master’s program, yet allows for more advanced, tailored, and personalized learning. Doctoral training also emphasizes mentorships with faculty in order to apply coursework to research in students’ areas of specialization.

• Ph.D. in Applied Developmental Science

Courses

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