HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES, PH.D.

The Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies requires 78-84 credit hours for students entering with a bachelor’s degree or 45-51 credit hours for students entering with a master’s degree. Entering doctoral students who have completed a master’s degree at another institution or department must fulfill (or have comparable substitutions for) all of the requirements of the HDFS M.S. degree program; assessment of prerequisite courses occurs at the time of admission to the program. These requirements must be fulfilled in addition to completing the 45-51 credits required for the Ph.D.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see https://grs.uncg.edu/programs/.

In addition to a review of the admission materials required by The Graduate School, applicants must submit:

- A 1-3 page professional statement to explain their:
  - Reasons for pursuing graduate study in HDFS,
  - Previous experience and training in HDFS or related fields,
  - Professional goals,
  - Primary areas of research interest, and
  - Faculty members with whom they are most interested in working.
- An academic writing sample (e.g. senior year paper, literature review paper, honor’s thesis, master’s thesis, or a manuscript published or accepted/submitted for publication).

Based on the review of submitted materials, select applicants are invited to visit campus for an interview day, after which final admissions decisions are made. The HDFS Graduate Committee considers the compatibility of the student’s interest areas with those of the faculty and with curriculum emphasis, as well as the student’s availability for full-time graduate study.

Degree Program Requirements

Required: 78-84 credit hours (direct entry with a bachelor’s degree); 45-51 credit hours (entry with prior master’s degree with a thesis)

Students Entering with a Bachelor’s Degree

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Foundation Required Courses (12 credits)

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Area of Specialization (12 credits)

Development Area

Select one course (3 credits) from the following:

- HDF 703 Contemporary Topics in Human Development and Family Studies
- HDF 713 Social and Emotional Development
- HDF 714 Cognitive Development in Young Children
- HDF 715 Infant Development
- HDF 716 Seminar in Adolescence
- HDF 725 Psychobiology of Human Development and Family Processes

Family Studies Area

Select one course (3 credits) from the following:

- HDF 703 Contemporary Topics in Human Development and Family Studies
- HDF 730 Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Child Development

Structured Electives

Select one course (3 credits) of structured electives from 600- or 700-level HDF content courses.

Statistics and Methodology (12 credits)

Select one course (3 credits) in quantitative statistics or methodology

Select one course (3 credits) in qualitative statistics or methodology

Select one additional course (3 credits) in statistics or methodology

Professional Development/Teaching Practicum (9 credits)

Select HDF 745, HDF 750, HDF 765

Dissertation (12-18 credits)

Select one course (3 credits) of structured electives from 600- or 700-level HDF content courses.

HDF 799 Dissertation 12-18

Total Credit Hours 78-84

1 Specific offerings of HDF 703 will be eligible for inclusion in target areas specified by the department.
2 Students may select structured electives from 600- or 700-level HDF content courses with prior approval.
3 All doctoral students will complete a two-semester teaching practicum supervised by a graduate faculty mentor. The practicum requires the
Students Entering with a Master's Degree (with Thesis)

Enter doctoral students who have completed a master's degree at another institution or department must fulfill (or have comparable substitutions for) all of the requirements of the direct entry Ph.D. program. Assessment of prerequisite courses occurs at the time of admission to the program. These requirements must be fulfilled in addition to completing the course work and dissertation requirements shown below.

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Required Milestones*

- Residency (Immersion)
- Plan of Study
- Research Competency
- Comprehensive Exam (Written & Oral)
- Dissertation Proposal
- Admission to Candidacy
- Dissertation Defense
- Filing the Final Approved Dissertation

* General information about milestones for doctoral programs is available in Section III (https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/graduate-policies/#sectioniiisummaryofgraduateschoolregulationsforallcertificatesanddegreestext) of the Graduate Policies (https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/graduate-policies/) page in the University Catalog. For information about how milestones are accomplished for a specific program, please refer to the doctoral program's handbook.