The dual-degree program in human development and family science and social work offers students an integrated knowledge of children, adolescents, adults and families across the life span that will prepare them for careers in the helping professions. Students will gain a broad range of knowledge and skills that will equip them to address the needs and aspirations of people living in a changing world and be eligible for North Dakota licensure as social workers.

The Program
Students are concurrently enrolled in the family science or adult development and aging option of human development and family science (HDFS) at North Dakota State University and the social work major through Minot State University (MiSU). The culmination of these requirements leads to a Bachelor of Science from NDSU as well as a Bachelor of Social Work from MSU.

Under a cooperative agreement, students remain on the NDSU campus to complete all course work for the dual degree. The courses specific to the social work major are offered on the NDSU campus by MiSU faculty or offered through interactive video.

Together the HDFS degree and the social work degree complement and strengthen the knowledge and skills that students will possess upon completion of this dual degree program. The curriculum combines course work in human development and family science with course work in social work. The curriculum includes a strong liberal arts base, studies in human development, family science, social work practice, social welfare, human behavior and research, and additional course work in economics, psychology, sociology and political science.

Selective Admission
Admission to the dual degree program consists of two separate university applications:

1. Application for admission to NDSU for the human development and family science/social work dual degree prior to beginning the program,
2. Application for admission to Minot State University, and
3. Upon completion of specific requirements, application for admission to MiSU social work program.

Field Education
Students are required to complete 465 hours of direct practice with either a public or private human service agency. This supervised field practice enables students to gain valuable hands-on experience working with clients.

The social work program does not give academic credit for life experience or work experience, nor does the program allow such experience to be substituted for field education.

Financial Aid and Scholarships
The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at NDSU makes available grants, loans, scholarships and work-study employment. Scholarships also are available through the College of Human Development and Education.


The Facilities
Facilities for the dual degree program are housed in Evelyn Morrow Lebedeff Hall and the Family Life Center.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities
Students may enhance their involvement by participating in groups such as the HDFS Club and/or the Student Social Work Organization.

Community Setting
The Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area offers a setting conducive to study. Students have the opportunity to work in a number of community institutions serving children and families.

Accrediting Agency
The social work program is accredited by:
The Council on Social Work Education
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**3** ENGL 110 - College Composition I
**3** ENGL 120 - College Composition II
**3** Upper Division Writing
**3** STAT 330 - Introductory Statistics
**4** BIOL 111, 111L - Concepts of Biology and Lab or BIOL 126, 126L - Human Biology and Lab
**3-4** CSCI 114 - Microcomputer Packages or CSCI 116 - Business Use of Computers
**2-3** Science and Technology Electives
**3** PHIL 101 - Introduction to Philosophy or PHIL 215 - Contemporary Moral Issues
**3** Humanities and Fine Arts Elective
**3** Social & Behavioral Sciences
**3** PSYC 111 - Introduction to Psychology
**3** SOC 110 - Introduction to Sociology
**3** HD&S 242 - Couples, Marriages and Families
**3** Cultural Diversity
**3** HDFS 475 - Children and Families Across Cultures
**-** Global Perspective
**-** ECON 105 - Elements of Economics or ECON 201 - Principles of Microeconomics or ECON 202 - Principles of Macroeconomics

**39 TOTAL**

**3** SWK 331 - Systems Theory and Family Dynamics
**3** SWK 335 - Social Work Methods I
**3** SWK 426 - Social Work Methods II
**3** SWK 427 - Social Work Methods III
**3** SWK 430 - Diversity, Oppression, and Social Change
**15** SWK 490, 491 - Field Education, Senior Seminar
**3** Cultural Diversity Elective
**3** HDFS Elective

**83 TOTAL**

**127 Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate**

*HDFS 196, 242 and 496 cannot be used to meet the HDFS elective requirements. At least one of the electives needs to be a 300 or 400 level course.

This sample curriculum is not intended to serve as a curriculum guide for current students, but rather an example of course offerings for prospective students. For the curriculum requirements in effect at the time of entrance into a program, consult with an academic advisor or with the Office of Registration and Records.

[https://bulletin.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/programs/](https://bulletin.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/programs/)

**Transferring Credits**

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