

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT and FAMILY SCIENCE/SOCIAL WORK

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. After admission and enrollment at NDSU and after meeting with an advisor, 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. For more information visit: <https://www.ndsu.edu/adhm/apparel-retail/scholarships.html>.

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
1701 Duke Street, Suite 200
Alexandria, VA 22314-3457

Social Work & Human Development and Family Science Plan of Study

Please note this is a sample plan of study; actual student schedules will vary depending on start year, individual goals, applicable transfer credit, and course availability. Students are encouraged to work with their academic advisor on a regular basis to review degree progress and customize their own plan of study.

| Freshman | | | |
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| Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits |
| HD&E 189 Skills for Academic Success | 1 | COMM 110 Fundamentals of Public Speaking | 3 |
| ENGL 110 College Composition I | 4 | ENGL 120 College Composition II | 3 |
| PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology | 3 | POLS 115 or 215 American Government or Problems and Policies in American Government | 3 |
| MATH* | 3 | SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| Gen Ed Science & Technology | 3 | HDFS 230 Life Span Development | 3 |
| HDFS 135 Family Science | 3 | | |
| | 17 | | 15 |
| Sophomore | | | |
| Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits |
| BIOL 126, 111, 150, or 220 Human Biology, Concepts of Biology, General Biology I or Human Anatomy and Physiology I | 3 | ECON 105, 201, or 202 Elements of Economics, Principles of Microeconomics, or Principles of Macroeconomics | 3 |
| BIOL 126L, 111L, 150L, or 220L Human Biology Lab, Concepts of Biology Lab, General Biology I Lab, or Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab | 1 | PHIL 215 or 101 Contemporary Moral Issues or Introduction to Philosophy | 3 |
| PSYC 212 Psychological Aspects of Drug Use and Abuse | 3 | HDFS 250 Introduction to Research Methods in Human Development and Family Sciences | 3 |
| HDFS Option Course** | 3 | HDFS option course** | 3 |
| SWK 250: Interpersonal Skills | 3 | SWK 330: Human Behavior | 3 |
| SWK 256: Development of Social Welfare | 3 | SWK 335: Methods I - Individuals | 3 |
| | 16 | | 18 |
| Junior | | | |
| Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits |
| PSYC 270 Abnormal Psychology | 3 | HD&E 320 Professional Issues | 1 |
| CSCI 114 Microcomputer Packages | 3 | STAT 330 Introductory Statistics | 3 |
| HDFS 300-400 level elective | 3 | Gen Ed Wellness | 3 |
| Gen Ed Humanities & Fine Arts | 3 | HDFS option course** | 3 |
| SWK 331: Family Dynamics | 3 | HDFS Elective | 3 |
| SWK 430: Diversity, Oppression & Social Change | 3 | SWK 426: Methods II - Groups | 3 |
| | 18 | SWK Elective | 3 |
| | | | 19 |
| Senior | | | |
| Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits |
| Additional Gen Ed Cultural Diversity | 3 | SWK 490 & 491: Field Education and Senior Seminar | 15 |
| ENGL 320, 325, 358, or 459 Business and Professional Writing, Writing in the Health Professions, Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences, or Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal | 3 | | |
| HDFS 353 Children, Families and Public Policy | 3 | | |
| HDFS 475 Children and Families Across Cultures | 3 | | |
| SWK 427: Methods III - Organizations | 3 | | |
| SWK 428 Crisis Intervention | 3 | | |
| | 18 | | 15 |
| Total Credits: 136 | | | |

* In accordance with North Dakota University System Policy 402.1.2 and Procedure 402.1.2, ACT or SAT Mathematics sub-test scores, as well as COMPASS Mathematics scores and the NDSU Math Placement Test are used to determine placement of students into entry-level Mathematics courses.

** Adult Development & Aging option courses are HDFS 360, 480, 482; Family Science option courses are HDFS 242, 357, 462 (HDFS 242 also satisfies the Wellness course requirement)

View NDSU equivalencies of transfer courses at: www.ndsu.edu/transfer/equivalencies

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