**Human Development and Family Science / Social Work**

**MAJOR MAP**

**B.S. or B.A.**

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**1ST YEAR**

**Navigate Coursework**
Start HDFS and pre-social work coursework designed to introduce you to the major and establish fundamental competencies in the field. Pair with relevant GE courses. [Link to Bulletin](#)

**Develop Skills Through Experience**
Explore careers associated with HDFS and social work. Identify and begin to develop key skills needed in the field (such as time management, organization, and problem-solving).

**Seek Out Connections**
Consider volunteering with a community organization engaged in social services.

**Understand Broader Perspectives**
Explore self, including personality, strengths, interests, and skills (through HDE 189).

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**2ND YEAR**

**Navigate Coursework**
Start social work classes and continue with HDFS coursework (maintain C or better). Apply to MSU Social Work program in Spring. Complete remaining GE requirements. [Link to Bulletin](#)

**Develop Skills Through Experience**
Complete required volunteer experiences for social work.

**Seek Out Connections**
Attend career fairs and non-profit fairs to connect with potential future employers.

**Understand Broader Perspectives**
Volunteer with a community organization that helps others in need.

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**3RD YEAR**

**Navigate Coursework**
Develop professional specialization through 300- and 400-level coursework in HDFS and SW majors. Request degree audit. [Link to Bulletin](#)

**Develop Skills Through Experience**
Consider pursuing a leadership position in a student club or organization.

**Seek Out Connections**
Do some targeted networking with professionals (alumni) working in careers of interest.

**Understand Broader Perspectives**
Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with diverse cultures.

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**4TH OR FINAL YEAR**

**Navigate Coursework**
Complete coursework for HDFS and SW majors. Complete SW field education in Spring. Apply for graduation. [Link to Bulletin](#)

**Develop Skills Through Experience**
Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest. Assess experiences you are lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships.

**Seek Out Connections**
Network with professionals and interview with potential internship agencies in the fall. Follow professional organizations on Social Media. Visit the Career Center and prepare for career fairs.

**Understand Broader Perspectives**
Pursue position types that fit your career goals and relevant skills.

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**Where could I go after graduation?**

Social Worker in:
- Hospitals and medical clinics
- Nursing homes
- Community mental health clinics
- Private practices
- Schools
- Substance abuse clinics
- Military bases and hospitals
- Correctional facilities
- Child welfare agencies
- Community-based organizations
- Refugee and immigrant serving agencies
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker*
- Extension / Community Outreach
- Family Therapy/ Counseling*
- Parent Education / Support
- Non-profit Agency Director
- Consultant in Human Development
- Child or Elder Advocate

*Some careers may require additional training

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**Consider an HDFS-related summer job or experience**

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