

PATHWAYS | HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY STUDIES



COLLEGE OF
HUMAN
SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science in Human Development & Family Studies
concentrations in

- Child Life (separate Pathways guide)
- Middle Childhood/Adolescence
- Family Life Education
- Infancy/Preschool
- Adult Programs

COURSE SELECTION

FRESHMAN

- HDFS 2000: Marriage and Family in a Global Context
- HDFS 2010: Lifespan Human Development

SOPHOMORE

- HDFS 2030: Professional Development and Ethics
- HDFS 3010: Child Development in the Family and/or HDSF 3030: Adolescent and Adult Development in the Family (based on chosen concentration)

JUNIOR

- HDFS 3080: Development of Interpersonal Relationships

SENIOR

- HDFS 4920: HDFS Internship

ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

- Meet regularly with your academic advisor and consult them when you have concerns about admission to particular classes or need more information about class requirements.



Spidle Hall, home of the College of Human Sciences student advising.

- Talk with your advisor to decide your HDFS concentration
- Academic Support provides several *free* resources to improve performance including Study Partners, Supplemental Instruction and academic coaching. (auburn.edu/academicsupport)

- Attend mandatory HDFS internship meeting
- Complete background check. Visit 203 Spidle Hall.
- Meet with someone in the Career Center to explore career options and receive individualized assistance.

- Identify your reference letter writers early for graduate school or the job search and provide them with plenty of notice.

GAIN EXPERIENCE

- Use LinkedIn (linkedin.com/alumni) to identify past graduates in your major.
- Contact professional in your field of interest to set up informational interviews and shadowing opportunities to gain further understanding of your major in the world of work.



- Volunteer with the population you intend to concentrate your studies.
- Attend HDFS Internship and Professional Day.
- Use Handshake to explore employers actively hiring in your field and search part-time jobs that can add experience to your resume (handshake.auburn.edu).



- Complete a service learning experience. Work with the college to explore/discover opportunities.
- Attend HDFS Internship and Professional Day.
- Complete your required internship. Be sure to coordinate with your advisor to ensure awarding of credit.

GET INVOLVED

- Follow the College of Human Sciences on Facebook and Twitter
- Spring Semester: Apply for Student Ambassadors

- Utilize AUIvolve (auburn.edu/auivolve) to identify organizations of interest to attend meetings and enhance your resume



- Apply for undergrad research opportunities
- Volunteer with the Alabama Healthy Relationship Education Initiative
- Participate in the HDFS undergraduate mentoring program
- Apply to be a Peer Advisor

- Kappa Omicron Nu is a national honor society for the human sciences. If invited, join.
- Pursue leadership roles in the student organizations in which you participate.

- Connect with AU alumni and stakeholders to enhance professional opportunities

CAREER PLANNING

AUBURN UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTER

303 MARY MARTIN HALL | AUBURN.EDU/CAREER

The program educates and trains students to enter into a wide variety of helping roles. It is important for students to have an understanding of the population they wish to serve and should look for opportunities regularly. Graduate education will often be necessary to enter many roles. A degree in HDFS is excellent preparation for graduate school.

HEADSTART TEACHER

MINIMUM EDUCATION: B.S.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$26.4K - \$46.1K

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST

MINIMUM EDUCATION: M.S./M.A./M.Ed./Ph.D.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$30.7K - \$43.0K

YOUTH DIRECTOR

MINIMUM EDUCATION: B.S.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$21.3K - \$35.3K

These are just three options out of many that human development & family studies majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out "What Can I Do With a Major In..." on auburn.edu/career.



Mary Martin Hall, home of the Auburn University Career Center

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