Human Development and Family Studies

The Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) undergraduate curriculum is designed to prepare students for a variety of careers that contribute to the success of individuals and families across the life span. Career directions include, but are not limited to, teaching and administering programs to young children in pre-school or hospital settings, counseling teens in residential treatment facilities or church programs, providing supportive services to adult and elderly populations, implementing family education in the broader community, and advocating for family policy within government settings. Students also gain excellent preparation for graduate school. Majors select one of five concentration areas; Infancy/Preschool, Child Life, Middle Childhood/Adolescence, Adult Programs or Family Life Education. The capstone course for students is the undergraduate internship where classroom learning and real life come together to enhance professional competence. The HDFS curriculum draws upon the knowledge of many academic disciplines to promote understanding of current issues for individuals and families in modern society, and it is approved by the National Council on Family Relations to offer the Provisional Certified Family Life Education (CFLE) designation. The Department also operates the Marriage and Family Therapy Center, the Auburn University Early Learning Center as well as the Harris Early Learning Center in Birmingham, Alabama. Both early learning programs are accredited by the National Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation.

**Fingerprint/Criminal Background Checks are required of all HDFS majors. Students who do not obtain the required background check clearing letters will not be allowed to enroll in courses.**

Dual Objective Program: The Dual Objective Program with Human Development and Family Studies and the Early Childhood Education program in the College of Education is open to students in Human Development and Family Studies. Students completing this dual objective program earn the bachelor of science in the declared major from the College of Human Sciences and are eligible for an Alabama Class B teachers certification. Transferring into a teacher education program requires a minimum 2.5 GPA on all college coursework attempted and on all coursework attempted at Auburn.

Academic Standards and Policies: Students must earn a grade of C or better on all 3000 and 4000 level required HDFS major core to complete graduation requirements.

**Major**

- Human Development and Family Studies (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofhumansciences/departmentofhumandevelopmentandfamilystudies/humananddevelopmentandfamilystudies_major)

**Minor**

- Human Development and Family Studies (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofhumansciences/departmentofhumandevelopmentandfamilystudies/humananddevelopmentandfamilystudies_minor)