

Human Development and Family Studies

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The **Department of Human Development and Family Studies** (HDFS) aims to make a positive impact on the quality of life for individuals, families, schools, and communities through research, teaching, extension and outreach, and service

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Child, Adult, and Family Services
- B.S. in Early Childhood Education
- B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Studies
- B.S. in Financial Counseling and Planning
- Minors in Child, Adult, and Family Services; Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Studies; Financial Counseling and Planning; Gerontology (interdisciplinary program)

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Master of Science (M.S.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Human Development and Family Studies
- Master of Family and Consumer Sciences (non-thesis) with focus areas in Financial Counseling and Planning (web-based), Youth Development (web-based)
- Certificates: Developmental and Family Sciences Advanced Research Design and Methods, Family Well-being in Diverse Society, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, and Lifespan Development

STUDENT BODY

- 583 undergraduate students
- 145 graduate students
- 600 students per year participating in supervised practica or supervised internships

ON THE CUTTING EDGE

- HDFS offers an excellent learning environment in the state-of-the-art Child Development Laboratory School, a five-star program as rated by Iowa's Quality Rating System. Preparing future teachers of children from birth through grade three, the early childhood education program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.
- Students in Child, Adult, and Family Services and Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Studies may choose coursework that leads to becoming a Certified Family Life Educator, a program that has been approved by the National Council on Family Relations.
- Required internships provide students with local and regional opportunities to apply knowledge gained in the classroom. In 2014, 146 student interns provided between 46,400 and 52,200 hours of service.
- Experts in HDFS conduct research and provide training for Iowa Department of Human services employees with \$4.5 million in annual funding, improving safety and overall well-being for Iowa's children and families.
- In summer 2014, 14 students and faculty traveled to South Korea to learn about family and social policies, child care, and cultural issues. This study tour was the first one in Human Development and Family Studies.
- The Financial Counseling Clinic, the first of its kind in the nation, conducts research and training on the financial counseling process.