Program Offered

Bachelor of Arts in Human Development is a Multidisciplinary liberal arts program that focuses on growth and development across the human life course, the underlying processes and structures that support that growth, and the relationship between the individual and the complex familial, social, and cultural environments in which growth is situated.

The Human Development major is designed to provide students with a comprehensive grounding in complementary theoretical approaches to human development across the life course. Students gain expertise in how the life course varies across species, cultures, and social positions such as gender, sexuality, class, and race. Students must receive a C or better in all courses applied to the major.

Careers in Human Development

A B.A. in Human Development will help prepare students for professional, managerial, service, and educational careers in human development and human services serving infants, children, adolescents, families, and elders. This degree will complement students’ preparation for graduate studies in traditional fields such as psychology, sociology, anthropology, counseling and human development.

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Prerequisites to the Major

1. Sophomore standing.
2. 2.50 overall GPA
3. Completion of the following required GE categories with a C or better:
   - A2
   - A3
   - B2
   - MATH 165 Elementary Statistics, or equivalent from another institution
   - ANTH 203 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, PSY 250 Introduction to Psychology, or SOCI 201 Introduction to Sociology, or equivalent from another institution
   - ENGL 203 Introduction to Linguistic Studies or ANTH 200 Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology, or equivalent from another institution

Total units required for B.A. in Human Development

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* This is the minimum number of units; more units may be required for certain course choices. Students must earn a C or better in all courses applied to the major.

Major Core Requirements (20 units)

Applicants to the Human Development major should expect it to take three (3) semesters to complete the Major Core Requirements.

HD/ANTH 318 Human Development: Sex & the Life Cycle (GE E) 3
HD 350 Topics in Human Development 4
(3 4-unit courses or 4 3-unit courses with different topics) 12
HD 450 Research Methods in Human Development 4
HD 490 Senior Seminar 1

Topical Areas (12-20 units)

Four courses, one from each topical area, taken from at least three different departments. EDXX count as one department and cross-listed courses count as the same department (e.g., GERN = SOCI).

Childhood and Adolescence (1 course)

EDEC 220 Observing Child Development in the First 8 Years 4
EDEC 420 Child Development in the Family, School & Community (GE E) 3
EDEC 435 Advocating for Children and Families 4
EDEC 437 Integrated Curriculum in Early Childhood Classrooms 4
EDSS 418 Development in Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood (GE E) 3
HD 325 Topics in Human Development: Childhood and Adolescence 3-4
Human Development is an impacted major and students must meet all of the prerequisites before they can apply to the major (prerequisites can be found under ‘Prerequisites to the Major’). Students who are interested in the major are encouraged to use the Freshman and Sophomore Years in this sample program as a guide for completing the prerequisites in order to apply to the major by the end of Sophomore year. Students who have not met the prerequisites for the major by the beginning of their Junior Year are strongly discouraged from taking courses that count toward the major until after they are admitted. ‘HD CA/AL/GS/SCL Course’ refers to courses that make up the Topical Area Requirements for the major: CA=Childhood and Adolescence; AL=Adulthood and Lifespan; GS=Gender and Sexuality; SCL=Society, Culture and Language.