

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT and FAMILY SCIENCE/SOCIAL WORK

The dual-degree program in human development and family science and social work offers students an integrated knowledge of children, adolescents, adults and families across the life span that will prepare them for careers in the helping professions. Students will gain a broad range of knowledge and skills that will equip them to address the needs and aspirations of people living in a changing world and be eligible for North Dakota licensure as social workers.

The Program

Students are concurrently enrolled in the family science or adult development and aging option of human development and family science (HDFS) at North Dakota State University and the social work major through Minot State University (MiSU). The culmination of these requirements leads to a Bachelor of Science from NDSU as well as a Bachelor of Social Work from MiSU.

Under a cooperative agreement, students remain on the NDSU campus to complete all course work for the dual degree. The courses specific to the social work major are offered on the NDSU campus by MiSU faculty or offered through interactive video.

Together the HDFS degree and the social work degree complement and strengthen the knowledge and skills that students will possess upon completion of this dual degree program. The curriculum combines course work in human development and family science with course work in social work. The curriculum includes a strong liberal arts base, studies in human development, family science, social work practice, social welfare, human behavior and research, and additional course work in economics, psychology, sociology and political science.

Selective Admission

Admission to the dual degree program consists of two separate university applications:

1. Application for admission to NDSU for the human development and family science/social work dual degree prior to beginning the program,
2. After admission and enrollment at NDSU and after meeting with an advisor, application for admission to Minot State University, and
3. Upon completion of specific requirements, application for admission to MiSU social work program.

Field Education

Students are required to complete 465 hours of direct practice with either a public or private human service agency. This supervised field practice enables students to gain valuable hands-on experience working with clients.

The social work program does not give academic credit for life experience or work experience, nor does the program allow such experience to be substituted for field education.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at NDSU makes available grants, loans, scholarships and work-study employment. Scholarships also are available through the College of Human Sciences and Education. For more information visit: www.ndsu.edu/onestop/finaid/scholarships/.

The Facilities

Facilities for the dual degree program are housed in Evelyn Morrow Lebedeff Hall and the Katherine Kilbourne Burgum Family Life, 4-H Center.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Students may enhance their involvement by participating in groups such as the HDFS Club and/or the Student Social Work Organization.

Community Setting

The Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area offers a setting conducive to study. Students have the opportunity to work in a number of community institutions serving children and families.

Accrediting Agency

The social work program is accredited by:
The Council on Social Work Education
1701 Duke Street, Suite 200
Alexandria, VA 22314-3457

Social Work & Human Development and Family Science Plan of Study

Please note this is a sample plan of study and not an official curriculum. Actual student schedules for each semester will vary depending on start year, education goals, applicable transfer credit, and course availability. Students are encouraged to work with their academic advisor on a regular basis to review degree progress and customize an individual plan of study.

Freshman			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 110 College Composition I	4	COMM 110 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
HSE 189 Skills for Academic Success	1	ENGL 120 College Composition II	3
HDFS 242 Couples, Marriages and Families	3	POLS 115 American Government	3
PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology	3	or 215 Problems and Policies in American Government	
Gen Ed MATH Course (depending on placement)	3	SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology	3
Gen Ed Science & Technology	3	HDFS 230 Life Span Development	2
	17		15
Sophomore			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BIOL 126 Human Biology or 111 Concepts of Biology or 150 General Biology I or 220 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	3	ECON 201 Principles of Microeconomics or 202 Principles of Macroeconomics	3
BIOL 100L Non-Majors Biology Lab or 150L General Biology I Lab or 220L Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1	PHIL 215 Contemporary Moral Issues or 101 Introduction to Philosophy or 210 Ethics	3
PSYC 212 Psychological Aspects of Drug Use and Abuse	3	HDFS option course (Family or Aging)**	3
SWK 250: Interpersonal Skills	3	SWK 330: Human Behavior	3
SWK 256: Development of Social Welfare	3	SWK 335: Methods I - Individuals	3
HDFS 250 Introduction to Research Methods in Human Development and Family Sciences	3	CSCI 114 Microcomputer Packages or MIS 116 Business Use of Computers	3
	16		18
Junior			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
PSYC 270 Abnormal Psychology	3	HSE 320 Professional Issues	1
HDFS 300-400 level elective	3	STAT 330 Introductory Statistics	3
HDFS 275 Diversity and Multiculturalism	3	HDFS option course (Family or Aging)**	3
Gen Ed Humanities & Fine Arts	3	HDFS Elective	3
SWK 331 Family Dynamics	3	SWK 426 Methods II - Groups	3
SWK 430 Diversity, Oppression & Social Change	3	SWK Elective	3
	18		16
Senior			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Additional Gen Ed Cultural Diversity	3	HDFS 496 Field Experience	1
ENGL 320 Business and Professional Writing or 325 Writing in the Health Professions or 358 Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences or 459 Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal	3	SWK 490 Field Education	12
HDFS 353 Children, Families and Public Policy	3	SWK 491 Senior Seminar	3
HDFS Option Course (Family or Aging)**	3		
SWK 427 Methods III – Organizations	3		
	15		16
Total Credits: 131			

** Adult Development & Aging option courses are HDFS 360, 480, 482; Family Science option courses are HDFS 341, 357, 462

View NDSU equivalencies of transfer courses at: www.ndsu.edu/transfer/equivalencies

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