

# Human Development and Family Studies

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### Where It Can Take You

Social work, geriatric care, and counseling exemplify the type of work pursued by graduates with a Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies. Consider a graduate program and earn professional credentials in psychology, family therapy, or education. With the issues facing individuals at every stage of life, there is no shortage of work to be done.

### Become a Leader

adult day care service provider  
advocacy, non-profit organizations  
autism agency staff member  
counseling, life skills specialist  
crisis center staff  
domestic violence shelter advocate  
education, teaching,  
college admissions  
health care  
human service agency case manager  
research  
social work

### Learn More

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## B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies

Study the full range of human stages, from infancy to adolescence to the elderly, and explore family relationships that shape the individual. You'll gain a framework that empowers you to help others improve their quality of life. This interdisciplinary, human development major connects you with new knowledge in psychology, family therapy, anthropology, and other fields exploring the individual, and society.

### What You'll Study

"Life-Span Human Development" is one foundational course that captures the essence of the human development and family studies major. Investigate the earliest stages of life and the final stages leading to death—and everything in between. An application course challenges you to research or practice your talents in the community.

### How You'll Learn More

Nova Southeastern University's (NSU) strong emphasis on comprehensive health care gives you a holistic and empathetic perspective. More than 20 NSU clinics serve the community's physical and mental health needs. You'll glean from a range of dedicated research programs, such as those for early childhood, substance abuse, and technology. Connect with current authors visiting campus, or become an author and present your research at NSU—and beyond.

### Unique Opportunities

- local, national conferences: attend or present your work based on your interests
- national honor societies: join based on your academic achievement
- mock trial team: practice simulation of courtroom trials; open to students of any major
- distinguished speakers series: attend discussions by renowned authors, scientists, political figures, and artists



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## Human Development and Family Studies Major Curriculum 2015–2016

Students are required to complete 30 credit hours as part of the General Education Program.

### HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (45 CREDITS)

Required Courses (30 credits)		Credits
GERO 2000	Introduction to Gerontology	3
<b>OR</b>		
PSYC 2390	Adulthood and Aging	3
HDFS 3000	Research Methods in Human Development and Family Studies	3
HDFS 4880	Senior Seminar in Human Development and Family Studies	3
PSYC 1020	Introduction to Psychology	3
<b>OR</b>		
PSYC 1020H	Introduction to Psychology Honors	3
PSYC 2350	Lifespan Human Development	3
PSYC 2360	Adolescent Psychology	3
PSYC 2370	Early Childhood Growth and Development	3
PSYC 2630	Ethical and Professional Developments	3
SOCL 2130	Family Relationships	3
SOCL 3800	Family Life Cycle	3

### Application Courses (3 credits) Credits

Select 3 credits from the following courses:

HDFS 4800	Community Practicum in Human Development and Family Studies	3
HDFS 4990	Independent Study in Human Development and Family Studies	3

### Major Electives (12 credits) Credits

Select 12 credits from the following courses,  
9 credits of which must be at the 3000/4000 level:

GERO 2030	Gerontology and the Law	3
HDFS 3200	Child Welfare, Law, and Social Policy	3
HDFS 3400	Legal Aspects of the Family	3
HDFS 3500	Children with Special Needs	3
HDFS 4900	Special Topics in Human Development and Family Studies	3
PSYC 2470	Loss, Grief, and Bereavement	3
PSYC 3280	Child and Adolescent Psychopathology	3

This publication should not be viewed as a substitution for official program requirements and outcomes. A student is responsible for meeting the curriculum and program requirements in the *Undergraduate Student Catalog* that are in effect when the student enters the program.

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