

**MAJOR: HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY STUDIES (HDFS)**

**EMPHASIS: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

**Minimum HDFS Major Hours: 53** (at least 18 semester hours for the HDFS major must be completed at the University of Utah). **All HDFS major courses must be completed with a letter grade of C- or better.**

**1. DEPARTMENT CORE** (11 Credit Hours)

FCS 3200 Research Methods	4
FCS 3210 Statistics (QB/QI)	4
FCS 3450 Family Economic Issues (QI/BF) --or--	3
FCS 3600 Consumer and Community Studies	3

**2. HDFS CORE** (6 Credit Hours)

FCS 1500 Lifespan Human Development (BF)	3
FCS 2400 Modern Family: A Life Course Perspective (BF)	3

**3. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CORE** (30 Credit Hours)

FCS 2600 Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
FCS 2610 Understanding Children's Behavior	3
FCS 2620 Child Development Practicum <i>co-req or pre-requisite: FCS 2610</i>	3
FCS 3180 Family, School & Community Connections	3
FCS 3215 Beginnings: Development During Infancy and Childhood (BF)	3
FCS 3216 Interacting with Infants & Toddlers	3
FCS 3640 The Science of Play: Creative Planning for Early Learners	3
FCS 5170 Creativity in Young Children	3
FCS 5190 Early Childhood Internship & Capstone <i>pre-req: FCS 2610, 2620, 3216, 3640, &amp; 5170</i>	6

**4. WORKING WITH FAMILIES ELECTIVES** (6 Credit Hours)

Choose 2 courses

FCS 3240 Family Belief Systems (CW)	3
FCS 3270 Parenting	3
FCS 3290 Ethnic Minority Families (DV) (HF)	4
FCS 3370 Parenting Across Cultures (IR)	3
FCS 3630 Intimacy and Love (BF)	3
FCS 5250 Theories of Human Development (CW)	3
FCS 5940 Attachment Theory Across the Lifespan	3

**REQUIREMENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.** Students are encouraged to meet with their advisor on a regular basis. Updated 04/28/15

The Early Childhood Education (ECE) emphasis provides a foundation for a career in working with young children (0-5) in early care and education and other applied settings.

Students who choose the ECE emphasis are expected to develop knowledge and skills in child development and learning, observation and assessment, pedagogy and research through classroom and field experiences. Students will be prepared for employment in a field working with children and families, and may pursue graduate training that leads to careers in education, academia, research, health professions, or social work.

Students needing credits beyond the major are encouraged to consider adding a second major, minors, and/or certifications to increase career options. Students can discuss these options with Advisors.

**DEPARTMENTAL ACADEMIC ADVISOR**

Schedule an appointment: <a href="http://www.fcs.utah.edu/advising">www.fcs.utah.edu/advising</a>	
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**CAREER COUNSELOR:** *What can you do with a Major in HDFS?*

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**If considering Alternative Route Licensure**

be familiar with the requirements found here:

<http://www.schools.utah.gov/cert/Alternative-Routes-to-Licensure.aspx>

and be sure the FCS advisor is aware of your intent to ensure the best advising possible.