

**BA/MA in Learning, Developmental & Family Sciences (LDFS)
Human Development & Family Relations (HDFR) Program Concentration**

Students in the BS/MA 4+1 Program in LDFS HDFR will have a pathway to **complete a BS and MA in HDFR in 5 years**. Students will also have opportunities for accelerated opportunities to work and lead in community based organizations with culturally and diverse families in community and educational settings

HDFR undergraduate students may apply to the BA/MA program after completing 60+ credits. A holistic admission process will include a comprehensive review of GPA, 2 letters of recommendation, demonstrated leadership experiences, and an interview with HDFR faculty. A minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and 3.3 major GPA will be required and students must have a HDFR faculty mentor who will strongly support their BS/MA application.

Procedures:

HDFR undergraduate students who are granted admission to the BS/MA program and effectively subsequently admitted to MA in LDFS HDFR can substitute undergraduate courses and complete graduate courses:

- *Two (2) HDFR 4000 level courses by completing two (2) HDFR graduate level course (3 credits each, 6 credits total). Course must be approved by faculty advisor.*
- HDFR 4930 Internship (5 credits) must be completed at the undergraduate level of the BSMA.
- *LDFS 6950 Capstone Culminating Experience Thesis or Applied Project must be completed while in the MA level of the BSMA.*

The content knowledge of the courses waived in the undergraduate program is addressed in greater depth and placed in larger scholarly context in the corresponding graduate courses. For any undergraduate course requirement to be waived, the student needs to earn a grade of B (3.0) or better in the corresponding HDFR or SEHD graduate course.

Course Requirements for the MA in LDFS HDFR for BA/MA students

| Course | Credits | Semester Planned | Semester Completed |
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| Core Courses (9 credits) | | | |
| HDFR 6000 Family Theories | 3 | | |
| LDFS 6200 Human Development Over the Life Span | 3 | | |
| LDFS 5110 Human Learning | 3 | | |
| Statistics, Research Methods and Capstone (9 credits) | | | |
| RSEM 5100 Basic Statistics | 3 | | |
| RSEM 5120 Introduction to Research Methods | 3 | | |
| LDFS 6950 Culminating Capstone Experience** <i>This course is offered in fall semester only</i> | 3 | | |
| Inventory (12 credits) | | | |
| <i>Students can select electives from the following inventories available at http://bit.ly/PPMAInventories with faculty mentor or academic advisor approval prior to completing courses</i> | 12 | | |
| Total Credits for MA | 30 | | |

Students will need to identify a faculty advisor and 2 other HDFR/SEHD faculty committee members during their +1 year. This committee will serve as the student's final master's thesis committee or practicum project committee. Courses will be approved by Faculty Advisor.

BA/MA students who wish to continue their graduate education in the PhD HDFS concentration must submit a formal application to the School of Education and Human Development.

For questions about this program please contact Program Leader Dr. Ruben Viramontez Anguiano at ruben.anguiano@ucdenver.edu or 303-315-0089