



**Master of Arts in Learning, Developmental and Family Sciences (LDFS)
Human Development & Family Relations (HDFR) Emphasis**

Program Goals and Description

Students in the Master of Arts in Learning, Developmental and Family Sciences, will:

- Engage in developing their skills to work in and lead community-based organizations including, but not limited to, for-profit and non-profit organizations that are: secular, faith-based, school-based, local, state, federal and international
- Examine the importance of family diversity and social justice throughout the HDFR curriculum through its courses and experiences
- Develop their knowledge in family relations in preparation for doctoral studies in family science and human development, or related areas. This program provides a pathway to pursue a PhD with a concentration in Family Science and Human Development at CU Denver's School of Education & Human Development

Course Plan

Course	Credits	Semester Planned	Semester Completed
Core Courses (9 credits)			
HDFR 6000 Family Theories <i>This key foundational core course should be taken during the fall semester in students' first year in the program</i>	3		
<i>Choose 1 of the following:</i> LDFS 6100 Advanced Child Growth and Development LDFS 6140 Social Contexts of Adolescence and Schooling 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 or Faculty Advisor Approved Advanced Research Methods Course	3		
LDFS 6950 Culminating Capstone Experience** <i>This course is offered in fall semester only and should be taken students' final fall in the program</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> Learning and Development Inventory; Family and Community Inventory Leadership Inventory; 5000+ Level LDFS, HDFR, RSEM, or other courses with advisor approval **Students planning to complete a master's thesis as their capstone experience are encouraged to take RSEM 7110 Intermediate Stats (after RSEM 5100 Basic Statistics), RSEM 6100 Qualitative Inquiry, or another RSEM class related to your intended research method(s) as one of the electives	12		
Total Credits for MA	30		

Suggested electives with HDFR prefix:

HDFR 5003 Leadership & Organizations
HDFR 5004 Grant Writing/Fundraising
HDFR 5075 Family Law & Policy

HDFR 5080 Global Family Resource Mgmt
HDFR 5300 Families in Later Life
HDFR 7260 Family Diversity & Social Justice