Human Development and Family Studies

IMAGINE you can...

✦ Make a difference in the world.
✦ Address complex questions.
✦ Develop innovative solutions to solve some of the world’s critical challenges.
✦ Find your future in the College of ACES!

CONCENTRATIONS

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT
Combine coursework with practical experience to gain broad knowledge of the emotional, social, health, and cognitive development of children and adolescents. Learn how families, peer groups, schools, and communities influence the well-being of youth. Students in this concentration go on to diverse careers, including early childhood teachers, parent educators, child life specialists, adoption caseworkers, and daycare center directors.

FAMILY STUDIES
Learn how a diversity of families operate, develop, and change in response to the challenges of modern life. Course options for students in the family studies concentration include a focus on families with children with special needs, Asian and Latino/a families, and gender diversity. Students are prepared for a variety of careers, including family counselors, human resource specialists, caseworkers, and family services coordinators.

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Most students pursue advanced degrees or certification after completing their bachelor’s degree. A human development and family studies major offers excellent preparation for advanced degrees in a wide range of disciplines: medicine, nursing and allied health, social work, law, community outreach, and education.

Becoming a child life specialist, a fast-emerging profession, is the choice of many recent graduates. Professional certification is required.

Other graduates accept positions with preschools, child care providers, and non-profit or government agencies serving families and children. Though starting salaries are often not generous, U of I grads tend to advance quickly, with many becoming supervisors and managers.

**AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT**

- Adoption and Foster Care Services
- Child Care Center Management
- Child Life Specialist
- Child Welfare
- Children and Family Social Services
- Counseling and Therapy
- Early Childhood Education
- Extension and Community Education
- Human Resources
- Medical and Health Services
- Parent Education
- Public Health
- Social Work
- Youth Development

**AREAS OF ADVANCED STUDY**

- Child Development
- Clinical Psychology
- Community Studies and Outreach
- Counseling
- Education and Teaching
- Extension Education
- Human Development and Family Studies
- Human Resource Education
- Industrial and Organizational Behavior
- Law
- Marriage and Family Therapy
- Medicine and Allied Health
- Nursing
- Social and Public Policy
- Social Work
- Urban Planning

**COLLEGE OF ACES OPPORTUNITIES**

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Students in the College of ACES receive more than $2 million in scholarships every year.

**STUDY ABROAD:** More than one-third of students in the College of ACES include at least one international learning experience in their curriculum.

**LEADERSHIP:** Student organizations, internships, and community service opportunities teach students important leadership skills.

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