

**Human Development & Family Studies Advising Instructions**  
**Child, Youth, & Family Development Concentration**  
**HDF Majors**

1. All HDF majors (students who have both declared the HDFS major AND been admitted to the major) are advised through the HDFS department ([hdfsadv@uncg.edu](mailto:hdfsadv@uncg.edu)). If you need advising assistance, send an e-mail to this address.
2. As an HDF major (formally admitted to the HDF major),
  - a. You may enroll in upper level (courses numbered above HDF 410) HDFS courses.
  - b. You may enroll in HDF 390/407/409 if your GPA is 2.5 or higher at the time of registration.
  - c. If you have not already have completed STA 108, you should do so as soon as possible. It is a prerequisite for HDF 415.
  - d. You should have completed your General Education requirements. If you have not, you should be working to do so as soon as possible.
  - e. You should work on completing non-HDF required courses for the major including PSY 121, SOC 101, NTR 213, and eight courses selected from the “international/diversity” and “specialization” options listed on Degree Works.
3. **What is your GPA?** It is important that you keep your GPA at or above 2.5. HDFS requires a 2.5 GPA in order for students to take HDF 390, 407, and 409. You will not be able to enroll in HDF 499 (required for graduation) if your GPA is below 2.5. If your GPA falls below 2.5, you will need to work with your advisor and/or the Students First office using the online GPA calculator to determine if you will be able to raise your GPA in time to take these courses and continue to progress in the HDFS major. All students with GPAs below 2.5 should be actively considering alternative majors in the event that they are unable to raise their GPAs to 2.5 allowing them to complete the HDFS major.
4. Students will not be permitted to register for HDF 390, 407, and 409 unless they have the required 2.5 GPA at the time of registration. Please do not register for these courses if your GPA is below 2.5 at the time of registration. If you do register, you will be removed from the course(s) due to not meeting the GPA requirement. If your GPA rises to 2.5 before the start of classes, you may then register for these courses if there are seats available. Please do not contact the instructor or other departmental representatives requesting an exception to this policy, as there will be no exceptions made.
5. You will receiving advising during two special advising days each semester. Watch your e-mail for more information about these advising days.
6. Identify your registration window and register IMMEDIATELY after it opens! Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. Be sure you are first!

7. HDF 415 is a prerequisite for HDF 445, HDF 455, HDF 428, HDF 464, and HDF 465. Enroll in HDF 415 as soon as possible after being admitted to the major – this course should be completed no later than second semester of your junior year. There will be an electronic waiting list for this course. If the course is full when you try to register, do not contact the instructor. Instead, add your name to the electronic waiting list.
8. HDF 445/455 is Writing Intensive; HDF 477 is Speaking Intensive. These are required courses for you, so you will automatically meet university requirements for within-major WI and SI requirements.
9. You must take HDF 477 prior to taking HDF 499, NO exceptions! Also, Banner will not allow you to register for HDF 499 without instructor's permission.
10. Remember, you must have a 2.5 overall GPA in order to complete your internship (HDF 499). If your GPA drops below 2.5 between the time you are admitted to the major and the time you plan to take HDF 499, you will not be able to complete your internship until you have raised your GPA to the required level. GPAs are NOT rounded up! You do not have to receive grades of C or better in your upper level HDFs courses. However, you must have the required 2.5 GPA in order to enroll in HDF 499 during your final semester.
11. Graduation is right around the corner! Be sure to attend to the following important issues related to graduation.
  - a. Check your audit carefully each semester to make sure you will meet all university and departmental graduation requirements. Making sure that you meet these requirements is YOUR responsibility. Some requirements you should be aware of are:
    - i. 122 semester hours
    - ii. All General Education requirements completed, including WI, SI, GL and GN markers
    - iii. 36 hours of coursework at the 300 level or above
    - iv. All departmental requirements completed
  - b. You must apply for graduation first thing during the semester in which you plan to graduate (if not before). You will do this through the [Registrar's website](#). Check out this website early and frequently to make sure you understand deadlines and procedures for applying to graduate.