

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

1. Any student may declare a major in Human Development & Family Studies (HDFS). Declaring the major is different than being admitted to the major (see #3 below). As a pre-HDF major, you are restricted from enrolling in upper level HDFS courses.
2. First year and sophomore HDFS majors are advised through the HHS Advising Center (askhhs@uncg.edu). Junior and senior HDFS majors are advised through the HDFS department (hdfsadv@uncg.edu). If you need advising assistance, send an e-mail to the appropriate address.
3. Admission to the HDFS department is subject to space availability. If space is available, admission to the HDFS major will be granted to students who meet the following minimum criteria:
 - a. Completion of the following group of foundation courses with a C or better (NOT a C-): HDF 211, 212, and 302 or 303 or 304
 - b. 51 s.h. with a minimum overall GPA of 2.50
 - c. Transfer students with 60 s.h. may apply for admission after completing 12 s.h. at UNCG with a minimum overall GPA of 2.50 (please see note about 2+ students below)

To be admitted to the major, a student must meet the requirements specified below and submit an [electronic application](#) to the major. DO NOT submit an application until you meet all requirements for admission.

4. As a pre-HDF student,
 - a. You should enroll in lower level HDFS courses. These include HDF 211, 212, 302, 303, 304, and 321.
 - b. You should also take STA 108, as it is a prerequisite for HDF 415 which you will take your first semester admitted to the major.
 - c. You should work on completing your General Education coursework including one Speaking Intensive and one Writing Intensive course outside of the major. Remember that some HDFS major requirements will count toward your general education requirements. These include HDF 211, HDF 212, STA 108, and NTR 213.
 - d. You should also consider taking 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.
5. **What is your GPA?** HDFS requires a 2.5 GPA in order for students to take HDF 390, 407, and 409. Students may not take any HDF classes numbered above 409 until they have been admitted to the major – which requires a 2.5 GPA. If your GPA is below 2.5, you 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 HDFFS major.

6. If you are a junior or senior HDFFS major, be aware that you will receive advising during two special advising days each semester. Watch your e-mail for more information about these advising days.
7. Identify your registration window and register **IMMEDIATELY** after it opens! Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. Be sure you are first!
8. If you are anticipating being admitted to the program for the upcoming semester, **you may register for upper level courses (specifically HDF 415) for that semester in advance of being admitted.** Please see #9 below for exceptions to this rule. Banner will not prevent you from doing so and you do not need special permission from instructors. However, if you are not admitted to the major by the first day of classes, you will be required to drop all upper level HDFFS classes – no exceptions.
9. 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.
10. 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.