
COURSES

PDF HUMAN DEV AND FAMILY STUDIES

**HDFS201 Life Span Human
 Development 3 Credits**

Studies human growth over the life span covering the biological influences on development and the processes of intellectual and social development. Reviews the family system and explores major challenges and developmental issues facing families today.

**HDFS202 Introduction to Families 3
 Credits**

Explores the dynamics of development, interaction, and intimacy of primary relationships in contextual and theoretical frameworks, societal issues and choices facing diverse family systems. This course is taught from a bio-psycho-social approach within the family ecological system context. It incorporates issues relevant to international families and diverse family arrangements within North America. Traditional issues of families are reframed, reconstructed, and questioned. Application of ideas to those working with families in a variety of settings including: physical health, mental health, economic and educational arenas.

**HDFS232 Diversity and the Young
 Child - a Multicultural
 Perspective 3 Credits**

Considers the development of young children from the prenatal period through age 8, focusing on diversity among children. Diversity will be explored in cultural, ethnic and linguistic variations as well as differences in ability and typical/atypical development. Students will seek to understand development and its cultural variations so that teaching young children will be more effective, empathic and aware. This course will explore the many ways of growing up and the worldwide diversity of that process.