

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY RELATIONS

Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Relations (B.S.) – Catalog Year 2026 – 2027

FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Human Development and Family Relations (HDFR) program prepares students to effectively serve individuals and families in a wide variety of environments. HDFR is committed to a curriculum rich in family diversity and social justice. This 120-credit-hour interdisciplinary program explores family systems and the ecological development of individuals throughout their lifespans. The HDFR program leads to certification in the field.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The School of Education & Human Development (SEHD) requires all students to meet with their Academic Advisor several times a year to develop and learn more about their own individualized plan of study.

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GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

To receive a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado Denver, students must satisfy all of the requirements below, in addition to completing a Major and fulfilling all of their School or College requirements.

1. A minimum of 120 credit hours is required to graduate from CU Denver with a bachelor's degree.
2. A minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA is required for all University of Colorado coursework.
3. Satisfactory completion of the CU Denver Core Curriculum.

In addition to the general university graduation requirements listed above, all SEHD students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements:

1. Students must earn a final grade of at least a C (2.0) in major courses. Courses/requirements must be repeated if the student fails to earn the grade required.
2. Students must complete all program assessments and professional milestones as outlined in the catalog.
3. Students must complete all requirements associated with their SEHD major.

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The following program requirements are based on degree requirements for the current Catalog year at CU Denver and are subject to change. Students are responsible for completing degree requirements based on the Catalog year for which they are admitted.

Students are responsible for meeting with the academic advisor in the School of Education & Human Development to confirm major requirements. Students completing the Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Relations are required to meet the minimum program requirements listed below.

1. Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester hours for the Human Development Family Relations major.
2. Courses can be "double dipped" - i.e., used to satisfy both a CU Denver core requirement and an HDFR major course. If double-dipping, additional HDFR courses will have to be taken in the Concentration Area, Electives, and/or minor section to reach the 120 major credits required.
3. A minimum GPA of 2.0, grade of C or better, is required for all major courses applying to Human Development and Family Relations.
4. Transfer courses must be approved by faculty and/or advisor to apply to the major.

COURSEWORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION

The following is a "bucket" of requirements students can complete before transferring to CU Denver, including equivalent courses from the Colorado Community College System (CCCS). To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit www.transferology.com. **It is critical that students connect with a CU Denver academic advisor to ensure planned courses will transfer *and* apply to CU Denver degree requirements.** All non-CU Denver coursework must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for transfer.

Students interested in completing an Associate (A.A. or A.S.) Degree or a [Colorado Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement or Degree with Designation \(DWD\)](#) must work with their community/junior college academic advisor to create an academic plan that accounts for all degree or transfer articulation agreement requirements. Colorado Community College Students may also explore the option to complete [Reverse Transfer](#) at CU Denver.

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CU Denver Requirements	CU Denver Credits	CCCS Equivalent Courses & Notes	CCCS Credits
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	31		
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3	ENG 1021	
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3	ENG 1022	
Mathematics	3	GT-MA1	
Arts	3	GT-AH	
Humanities	3	GT-AH	
Behavioral Sciences	3	GT-SS	
Social Sciences	3	GT-HI*	
Natural/Physical Science with lab	4	GT-SC1	
Natural/Physical Science without lab or Math	3	GT-SC2 or GT-MA1 (<i>except the course used for Core Math</i>) or GT-SC1	
International Perspectives	3	Additional GT-AH, HI, SS *(<i>see note below</i>)	
Cultural Diversity		<i>To be completed at CU Denver. This requirement must be completed with an upper-division course and CCCS courses will not apply.</i>	
Human Development and Family Relations Major Courses	6		
HDFR 1010	3	PSY 2440 <i>Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Behavioral Sciences</i>	
HDFR 2080	3	PSY 2107 <i>Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Behavioral Sciences</i>	
Electives	20	Any GT or transferable credits to CU Denver (aside from the courses listed above)	
Minimum Applicable Transfer Credits Recommended:	60	<i>Students completing fewer than 60 applicable transfer credits will need to complete additional credits at CU Denver. Students needing general elective credits should consult a CU Denver SEHD Academic Advisor.</i>	

*The applicability of Guaranteed Transfer (GT Pathways) courses to specific CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements requires completion of a block of five courses: two GT-AH courses; one GT-HI course; one GT-SS course; and one additional GT-AH, GT-HI, or GT-SS course.

SAMPLE PLAN – COURSEWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT CU DENVER

Upon successful completion of 60 applicable transfer credits and the complete “bucket” of requirements outlined above, students would have the following remaining requirements to complete at CU Denver. At CU Denver, students must tailor this plan based on the evaluation of previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, individual preferences related to course load, summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

**some courses can be completed in summer semesters*

Year One at CU Denver

Semester 1	CRS
HDFR 2083	3
HDFR 2200	3
HDFR 3020 - <i>Course fulfills CU Denver Cultural Diversity Core</i>	3
HDFR 3250	3
Family Diversity Course - various options	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Semester 2	CRS
HDFR 4001	3
Human Development & Learning Course - various options	3
HDFR 3400	3
HDFR 4075	3
HDFR Elective Course - various options	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year Two at CU Denver

Semester 1	CRS
HDFR 4002	3
HDFR 3002	3
HDFR 4003	3
HDFR 4010	3
RSEM 4100	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Semester 2	CRS
HDFR 4004	3
HDFR 4080	3
HDFR 4260	3
HDFR 4930	5
RSEM 4120	3
Total Credit Hours	17