Mizzou’s HDFS Bachelor of Science Degree in Family and Lifespan Development prepares students to understand and support individuals, families, and relationships throughout the lifespan and in a variety of contexts.

**PROMOTE POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY DYNAMICS**

Identify key relationship processes that contribute to the well-being of children, adults, couples, and families as they interact in various contexts

**ENCOURAGE SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT ACROSS THE LIFESPAN**

Apply research and theory about the influences and variations of development across infancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood, and late life

**ADVOCATE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN DIVERSE CONTEXTS**

Recognize the role of diversity in race, culture, socioeconomic status, health status, and family structure on the lives of individuals and families

**DIVERSE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Relationship and parenting education
- Afterschool/youth development programs
- Cooperative Extension
- Crisis shelters and centers
- Foster care and adoption
- Family/social service agencies
- Child/family policy analysis and advocacy
- Early childhood development and intervention programs

More career information: [https://hdfs.missouri.edu/students/careers/](https://hdfs.missouri.edu/students/careers/)

**HANDS-ON PROGRAM**

- Gain broad knowledge of development and relationships
- Choose coursework that aligns with your interests and career goals
- Apply information and learn first-hand in field training, internships, and practica experiences
- Complete HDFS and MU general education requirements and electives
- Qualify for the Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) credential from the National Council on Family Relations

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HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES
- Experiential learning in community-based field training and internships or in on-campus Child Development Lab
- Build research skills working with faculty on a wide variety of ongoing projects

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
- MU scholarships for first-time, transfer, and continuing undergraduate students
- Federal financial aid eligible
- CEHD and HDFS scholarship opportunities available

ENGAGING COURSEWORK
- Choose elective courses to build focus area
- Courses in development across the lifespan
- Intimate relationships and marriage
- Interpersonal relationships and family dynamics
- Multicultural study of children and families

IMPROVING THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.