

PATHWAYS | HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY STUDIES - CHILD LIFE CONCENTRATION



COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science in Human Development & Family Studies

COURSE SELECTION

FRESHMAN

- HDFS 2010: Lifespan and Human Development

SOPHOMORE

- HDFS 3010: Child Development in the Family
- HDFS 2030: Professional Development in Ethics
- HDFS 3030: Adolescent and Adult Development in the Family

JUNIOR

- HDFS 4500: Hospitalized Child, HDFS 4950: Advanced Seminar Child Life
- HDFS 4510: Therapeutic Play

SENIOR

- HDFS 4920: HDFS Internship

ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

- Meet regularly with your academic advisor and consult them when you have concerns about admission to particular classes or need more information about class requirements.



Spidle Hall, home of the College of Human Sciences student advising.

- Review www.childlife.org
- Academic Support provides several *free* resources to improve performance including Study Partners, Supplemental Instruction and academic coaching. (auburn.edu/academicsupport)
- Talk with the HDFS Child Life faculty about practicum and volunteer opportunities.

- Attend mandatory HDFS internship meeting at least 2 semester in advance.
- Complete background check. Visit 203 Spidle Hall.
- Meet with someone in the Career Center to explore career options and receive individualized assistance.

- Ask the Career Center for help in preparing your résumé and cover letter.

GAIN EXPERIENCE

- Use LinkedIn (linkedin.com/alumni) to identify past graduates in your major.
- Set up informational interviews and shadowing opportunities to gain further understanding of your major in the world of work.



- Volunteer with well and sick children. You may complete this experience in a medical setting.
- Attend HDFS Internship and Professional Day
- Use Handshake to explore employers actively hiring in your field and search part-time jobs that can add experience to your resume (handshake.auburn.edu).



- Complete a practicum experience (100-150 hours). Work with the college to explore/discover opportunities.
- Attend HDFS Internship and Professional Day
- Complete your required internship. Be sure to coordinate with your advisor to ensure awarding of credit.

GET INVOLVED

- In the spring apply to be a College of Human Sciences Student Ambassador
- Utilize AUIvolve (auburn.edu/auinvolve) to identify organizations of interest to attend meetings and enhance your resume



- Pursue leadership roles in the student organizations in which you participate.
- Participate in HDFS undergraduate mentoring program.

- Join the Child Life Council



- Kappa Omicron Nu is a national honor society for the human sciences. If invited, join.
- Apply to be a College of Human Sciences Peer Advisor.
- If you have not already done so, be sure to seek out undergraduate research opportunities.

CAREER PLANNING

AUBURN UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTER

303 MARY MARTIN HALL | [AUBURN.EDU/CAREER](http://auburn.edu/career)

The program trains specialists in helping children and their families overcome challenging life events. The program provides education in alternative forms of coping, how to provide emotional support, and how to foster child development. Entrance into the field is highly competitive, so applicants will want to take advantage of as many experiential opportunities as possible.

Mary Martin Hall, home of the Auburn University Career Center

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CHILD LIFE SPECIALIST

MINIMUM EDUCATION: B.S.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$32.4K - \$48.0K

These are just three options out of many that Child Life Human Development & Family Studies majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out "What Can I Do With a Major In..." on auburn.edu/career.

EARLY INTERVENTION SPECIALIST

MINIMUM EDUCATION: B.S.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$25.0K - \$38.0K

SCHOOL COUNSELOR

MINIMUM EDUCATION: M.S./M.A./M.Ed.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$31.0K - \$52.3K