MAJOR DESCRIPTION

In the human development major, you’ll explore the fundamental questions that underpin education and society. Students will learn about biological, social, emotional and cognitive processes of human development in diverse contexts. Students in the HD Major will participate in an integrated set of educational experiences to acquire a comprehensive body of interdisciplinary scholarly knowledge in human development, learning, and research methodology. Introductory and advanced coursework, as well as laboratory research apprenticeships or field experiences are essential components of the proposed curriculum.

STUDENTS MAJORING IN HD WILL BE TRAINED TO:

- Establish a knowledge base of human development across the lifespan ranging from cognitive, social-emotional, and physiological perspectives and including the influences of the environmental, historical, and cultural contexts
- Develop skills of scientific inquiry and critical thinking
- Foster an awareness of the diversity of cultures, contexts, and abilities within which humans develop and how these differences impact development across the lifespan
- Achieve mastery in the art of communication related to scientific inquiry and theoretical analysis with a critical awareness of the variety of audiences with whom they may be interacting

OVERVIEW OF REQUIREMENTS: (46 CREDITS)

PSYC 100 (INTRO TO PSYCHOLOGY) – 3 CREDITS

3 GATEWAY COURSES: EDHD200 (THE STUDY OF HD), EDHD201 (LEARNING HOW TO LEARN), EDHD320 (HD THROUGH THE LIFESPAN) – 9 CREDITS

2 STATISTICS COURSES: EDHD 306 (RESEARCH METHODS IN HD) AND EDMS 451 (INTRO TO EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS) – 6 CREDITS

PRO-SEMINAR & INTERNSHIP/FIELD EXPERIENCE: EDHD390 (CAREER PLANNING & INTERNSHIP PREP) + EDHD489 – 7 CREDITS

CHOOSE 3 CORE COURSES + 4 ELECTIVE COURSES - 21 CREDITS

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