Human Development (HDQM) Major - Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

Name: **UID:**

General Education Requirements

Fundamental Studies

Requirements: 15 credits	Course	Credits	Grade
Academic Writing (AW)	ENGL 101	3	
Professional Writing (PW)		3	
Oral Communication (OC)		3	
Mathematics (MA)		3	
Analytic Reasoning (AR)	EDHD 306	3	

Distributive Studies

Requirements: 25 credits	Course	Credits	Grade
Natural Science Lab (NL)		4	
Natural Sciences (NS)		3	
History/Social Sciences (HS)	EDHD 201	3	
History/Social Sciences (HS)	EDHD 320	3	
Humanities (HU)		3	
Humanities (HU)		3	
Scholarship in Practice (SP)		3	
Scholarship in Practice (SP)** Non-Major		3	

Big Question

(Can double count with Distributive Studies coures)

Requirements: 6 credits	Course	Credits	Grade
Big Question		3	
Big Question		3	

Diversity

(overlap permitted with Distributive Studies and/or Big Questions)

Requirements: 6 credits	Course	Credits	Grade
Understanding Plural Soc. (UP)		3	
Understanding Plural Soc. (UP) **or** Cultural Competency (CC)		3	

Experiential Learning- optional

(overlap permitted withother requirements/courses)

Requirements: __credits	Course	Credits	Grade
			n/a
			n/a

General Electives (45 credits)

Requirements for Graduation:
☐ At least 30 credits must be earned at UMD
☐ 15 of the final 30 credits must be earned at the 300-400 level
☐ 12 upper level major credits must be earned at UMD
☐ A minimum 2.00 cumulative UMD GPA and satisfactory completion of all degree requirements are required for graduation
☐ A minimum of 120 credits is required to earn the degree

Students must earn a C- or better in all courses below (unless otherwise stated).

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Benchmark 1 Requirements (by 30 credits)*

Requirements	Credits	Grade
ENGL 101 (AW)	3	
Mathematics (MA)	3	

Benchmark 2 Requirements (by 60 credits)

Requirements	Credits	Grade
EDHD 200* Paradigms and Perspectives in Human Development	3	
EDHD 201* Learning How to Learn (HS)	3	
EDHD 320* Human Dev. Through the Lifespan (HS)	3	

Major Required Courses (43 Credits)

Gateway Courses

Requirements	Credits	Grade
EDHD 200* Paradigms and Perspectives in Human Development	3	
EDHD 201* Learning How to Learn (HS)	3	
EDHD 320* Human Dev. Through the Lifespan (HS)	3	

Statistics Requirements (2 Courses)

Requirements	Credits	Grade
EDHD 306* Research Methods in HD (AR)	3	
QMMS 251* Introduction to Educational Statistics (AR)	3	

A — Choose 3 CORE Courses from the Following

	Credits	Grade
EDHD 411 Child Growth and Dev. (HS)	3	
EDHD 412 Infant Development (HS)	3	
EDHD 413 Adolescent Development (HS)	3	
EDHD 440 Adult Development (HS) *Recommended pre-req: EDHD 413*	3	
EDHD 460 Educational Psychology (HS) *Pre-req PSYC 100*	3	

B — Choose 4 Courses from the Following Human Development Electives

	Credits	Grade
EDHD 221 Aggr & Violence in Everyday Life: Can Violence be Prevented (HS/IS)	3	
EDHD 230 Human Development and Societal Institutions (HS/UP)	3	
EDHD 231 Inside 21st Cent. Creat (HS/IS) *Pre-req PSYC 100*	3	
EDHD 241 Are Two Languages Better Than One: The Science & Controversy (NS/IS)	3	
EDHD 251 The Ecology of Childhood Poverty (SP/IS)	3	
EDHD 310 Your Brain on Education(HS/IS) *Pre-req PSYC 100*	3	
EDHD 400 Developmental and Cultural Perspectives on Aging in Later Life (HS)	3	
EDHD 402 Social Development *Recommended pre-req: EDHD 411*	3	
EDHD 405 Information Weaponization: Thinking Critically in a Changing World (HS) *Recommended pre-req: EDHD 320*	3	
EDHD 414 Development of the Scientific Mind Across the Lifespan *Recommended pre-req: EDHD 32*	3	
EDHD 420 Cognitive Development and Learning	3	
EDHD 421 Developmental Perspectives on Peer Interactions, Relationships, and Groups (HS) *Recommended: EDHD411 and EDHD306.*	3	
EDHD 425 Language Development and Reading Acquisition	3	
EDHD 488 Special Topics in Human Development	3	

C — Pro-Seminar and Internship/Field Experience

	Credits	Grade
EDHD 390* Career Paths & Internship Preparation in Human Development	1	
EDHD 398* Internship in Human Development (6 credits) -or- EDHD 398* (3 credits) + 400-Level Elective (3 credits)	6	

Required

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Human Development 4 Year Academic Plan

Year 1	Fall	Cr.	Spring	Cr.
Benchmark 1 AW with C- or higher MA with C- or higher	ENGL101 (AW)	3	**EDHD 200**	3
	MATH 107 or higher (MA)	3	Humanities (HU)*	3
	Natural Science with Lab (NL)*	4	*Area B Elective*	3
	Natural Science (NS) - *Recommended: PSYC 100*	3	*Area A CORE*	3
			Oral Communication (OC)	3
	UNIV 100	1		
	Total	14	*Total*	15
Year 2	**Fall**	**Cr.**	**Spring**	**Cr.**
Benchmark 2/Gateway Req's EDHD 200 EDHD 201 EDHD 320	**EDHD 201 (HS)**	3	**EDHD 306 (AR)**	3
	EDHD 320	3	*Area B Elective*	3
	Humanities (HU)*	3	Scholarship in Practice (SP) - Non-major	3
	General Education*	3	General Elective	3
	General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	Total	15	*Total*	15
Year 3	**Fall**	**Cr.**	**Spring**	**Cr.**
	QMMS 251	3	*Area A CORE*	3
	EDHD 390	1	General Elective	3
	Area A CORE	3	General Elective	3
	Scholarship in Practice (SP)*	3	General Elective	3
	General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	General Elective	3		
	Total	16	*Total*	15
Year 4	**Fall**	**Cr.**	**Spring**	**Cr.**
	Area C: EDHD 398: Internship/Field Experience	3	**Area C: EDHD 398: Internship/Field Experience -or- 400-Level Elective**	3
	Area B Elective	3	*Area B Elective*	3
	Professional Writing (PW)	3	General Elective	3
	General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	Total	15	*Total*	15
			Total Credits:	**120**

*All students must complete two Distributive Studies courses that are approved for Big Questions courses. Students must complete Understanding Plural Society and Cultural Competence courses that may also fulfill a Distributive Studies category.

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Benchmarks

45-credit review

Completion of Fundamental Studies Academic Writing (FSAW) with a C- or better
Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00

60-credit review

EDHD 200 with grade of C- or better
EDHD 201 with grade of C- or better
EDHD 320 with grade of C- or better
Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00

90-credit review:

Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00
EDHD 306 with grade of C- or better
QMMS 251 with grade of C- or better
EDHD 390 with grade of C- or better

105-credit review:

Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00
3 credits of EDHD 398: Internship/Field Experience -or- 400-Level Elective

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