Advising Recommendations for HDFS

Career Interest (CI) Option: Early Childhood or Elementary Education

*Students must earn a “C” or better in courses to count towards the career interest requirement. CI courses may NOT double-count for AUCC or other HDFS requirements.

These lists are to assist students who started the HDFS major prior to FALL 2015 in choosing courses relevant to their career goals. Students must select at least 5 courses consisting of a minimum of 14 credits total, selected from approved lists including at least one Career Interest (CI) and one Lifespan Option (LO) course. Students should take all of the courses specifically required for Director Qualification or the Early Childhood Education Major (ECE) if one plans to pursue one of those options.

Courses listed here are often useful for students pursuing careers in education:

- D 324 – Teaching Creative Movement for Children (2 cr.)
- EDUC 275 – Schooling in the United States (3 cr.)
- FSHN 150 - Survey of Human Nutrition (3 cr.)
- HDFS 217 - Creative Experiences for Children (3 cr.)
- SPCM 200 – Public Speaking (3 cr.)
- HDFS 286 – Practicum (3 cr.)
- HDFS 317 – Early Childhood Special Needs (3 cr.) offered through CSU Online only
- HDFS 318 – Infancy and Toddlerhood (3 cr.) (spring only course on campus)
- HDFS 320 - Cognitive and Language Development (3 cr.) (spring only course on campus)
- HDFS 351 – Promoting Early Socioemotional Competence (3 cr.) offered through CSU Online only
- HDFS 375 - Programming for Children & Families (3 cr.) (fall only course on campus)
- HDFS 401 - Childhood Socialization (3 cr.)
- HDFS 439 – Administration of Childhood Programs (3 cr.) (fall only course on campus)
- HDFS 445/FSHN 445 – Early Childhood Health, Safety, and Nutrition (3 cr.)
- OT 355 – The Disability Experience in Society (2 cr.)
- PSY 352 – Psychology of Learning (3 cr.)
- PSY 460 – Child Exceptionality and Psychopathology (3 cr.) (spring only course on campus)
- SOWK 371A - Children and Families (3 cr.)
- IE 471 – Children and Youth in Global Context (3 cr.) Currently offered only through CSU Online in spring
- HDFS 484 – Supervised College Teaching (3 cr.)

Students interested in teaching Early Childhood Education (0-8 years) can apply to the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Major offered jointly by HDFS and the Center for Educator Preparation. Students completing the major also fulfill Colorado Director Qualifications. Contact the Jr McGrath at jr.mcgrath@colostate.edu for more information.

*Students who are accepted into the ECE Major are required to take all of the courses below:

- HDFS 217 - Creative Experiences for Children (3 cr.)
- HDFS 318 – Infancy and Toddlerhood (3 cr.)
- HDFS 320 - Cognitive and Language Development (3 cr.)
- HDFS 375 - Programming for Children & Families (3 cr.)
- HDFS 401 - Childhood Socialization (3 cr.)
- HDFS 445/FSHN 445 – Early Childhood Health, Safety, and Nutrition (3 cr.)
- HDFS 439 – Administration of Early Childhood Programs (3 cr.)
- PSY 460 – Child Exceptionality and Psychopathology (spring only course) (3 cr.)

*NOTE: check prerequisites and class level restrictions for all of the above courses.

If interested in Director Qualifications (and not pursuing the ECE major) – visit the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care, website: http://www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com/#director-qualifications/c15f for requirements and application procedures as well as our handout on the HDFS Undergraduate Program website, Forms and Handouts page: http://www.hdfs.chhs.colostate.edu/students/undergraduate/forms.aspx

If applying to post-degree licensure programs, these AUCC and Elective classes may be beneficial:

*See specific program for which you are applying for exact prerequisite requirements/recommendations.

- E 140 - The Study of Literature (3 cr.)
- HIST 150 – US History to 1876 (3 cr.)
- HIST 151 – US History since 1876 (3 cr.)
- POLS 101 – American Government and Politics (3 cr.)
- ECON 101 – Economics of Social Issues (3 cr.)
- GR 100 – Introduction to Geography (3 cr.)

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