

Family and Human Development, BS

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Do you have a passion for helping children and families succeed? Learn foundational concepts related to the stages of human development and relationships. With these skills, you'll be prepared to improve lives and promote healthy relationships in a human-centered career.

Program description


The BS degree program in family and human development focuses on helping children and families thrive in the modern world by encouraging healthy relationships and tackling contemporary societal issues.

Students study the stages of human development throughout the life span and gain a deep understanding of the complex dynamics of human relationships in families, workplaces and communities. They also become proficient in written communication, research methodology and data analysis.

Elective courses provide a specialized skill set in areas such as infancy, adolescence and aging. Students may also participate in learning experiences outside the classroom, such as working in the Child Development Lab, working as a research assistant and completing an internship.

In addition to reviewing the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent or second baccalaureate degrees in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit [The College's website](#) for more information and requirements.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#) or [Online](#), [ASU Local](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(on-campus\)](#)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(online\)](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

ASU Local

It is now possible to earn an ASU degree with [ASU Local](#), an integrated college experience in which students take advantage of in-person success coaching and programming experiences on site while

completing one of 130+ undergraduate online degree programs, all of which come with online faculty interaction and tutoring support.

Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Apply developmental theory to the stages and domains of human development over the lifespan.
- Describe theory and research on relational and family processes and the contexts in which they occur.
- Analyze variations in family communication and relational patterns across different contexts.
- Analyze social science research to determine the quality of the findings.

Global opportunities

Global experience

Through study abroad, students can explore different cultures and social dynamics while developing in-demand professional skills, including teamwork and problem-solving. Opportunities available include homestays, which enable students to make connections with families in other countries. Students can stay on track academically while earning ASU credit over winter or spring break trips. More information is available on the [Global Education website](#).

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends [these programs](#) to students majoring in family and human development.

Career opportunities

A bachelor's degree in family and human development prepares students for a rewarding career in:

- business

- child and family advocacy
- education
- government
- social services

This program also provides excellent preparation for future graduate work in:

- counseling
- health-related professions
- law
- social work

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<u>Advocate</u> ☀️	8.6%	\$38,520
<u>Family and Consumer Sciences Professor (FACS Professor)</u>	3.9%	\$76,440
<u>Government Programs Specialist</u>	2.2%	\$49,230
<u>Guidance Counselor</u> ☀️	5.4%	\$60,140
<u>Human Resources Specialist (HR Specialist)</u> ☀️	5.9%	\$64,240
<u>Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT)</u> ☀️	14.9%	\$56,570
<u>Mental Health Counselor</u> ☀️	18.4%	\$49,710
<u>Preschool Teacher</u>	3.4%	\$35,330
<u>Social Services Director</u> ☀️	9.1%	\$74,240
<u>Social Worker</u> ☀️	5.3%	\$50,820

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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