

George Mason University
College of Education and Human Development
College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Human Development and Family Science

HDFS 498 (001) - Internship and Analysis in Human Development and Family Science
3 Credits, Fall 2017
Days: NA Location: NA

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Prerequisites/Corequisites

HDFS 300

University Catalog Course Description

First course in a two-course series that supports students in their internship and in transitioning from student to professional. Enables students to discuss work-related experiences within the context of developmental and family theories and research. Fosters and promotes professional development through class and small group discussions, activities, lectures, guest speakers, and practical assignments.

Course Overview

See the *Handbook for Internships in HDFS* following this syllabus for internship procedures, policies, requirements, and evaluations.

Course Delivery Method

This course will be delivered using an internship format.

Learner Outcomes or Objectives

This course is designed to enable students to do the following:

1. Gain practical field experience and apply learned knowledge, skills, and abilities in an HDFS setting.
2. Prepare students for post-baccalaureate opportunities to include gainful employment or graduate study in an HDFS-related field.
3. Provide an opportunity for students to build their resumes and develop their career pathways.

Professional Standards

See Handbook.

Required Texts

The Handbook for Internships in Human Development and Family Science.

Course Performance Evaluation

Students are expected to submit all assignments on time in the manner outlined by the instructor (e.g., Blackboard, Tk20, hard copy).

- **Assignments and Examinations**
See Handbook.
- **Other Requirements**
See Handbook.
- **Course Performance Evaluation Weighting**
See Handbook.
- **Grading Policies**

97-100	A+	87-89	B+	77-79	C+	60-69	D	Below 60	F
93-96	A	83-86	B	73-76	C				
90-92	A-	80-82	B-	70-72	C-				

Professional Dispositions

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times.

Core Values Commitment

The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles: <http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/>.

GMU Policies and Resources for Students

Policies

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see <http://oai.gmu.edu/the-mason-honor-code/>).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (see <http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/>).
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their Mason email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly.

All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students **solely** through their Mason email account.

- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see <http://ods.gmu.edu/>).
- Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be silenced during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

Campus Resources

- Support for submission of assignments to Tk20 should be directed to tk20help@gmu.edu or <https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/tk20>. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to <http://coursesupport.gmu.edu/>.
- The George Mason University Writing Center staff provides a variety of resources and services (e.g., tutoring, workshops, writing guides, handbooks) intended to support students as they work to construct and share knowledge through writing (see <http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/>).
- The George Mason University Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff consists of professional counseling and clinical psychologists, social workers, and counselors who offer a wide range of services (e.g., individual and group counseling, workshops and outreach programs) to enhance students' personal experience and academic performance (see <http://caps.gmu.edu/>).
- The George Mason University Office of Student Support staff helps students negotiate life situations by connecting them with appropriate campus and off-campus resources. Students in need of these services may contact the office by phone (703-993-5376). Concerned students, faculty and staff may also make a referral to express concern for the safety or well-being of a Mason student or the community by going to <http://studentsupport.gmu.edu/>, and the OSS staff will follow up with the student.

For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, please visit the website <https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/>. For the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, please visit the website <https://chss.gmu.edu/>.

Class Schedule

See Handbook.

Assessment Rubric(s)

See Handbook.