



## Degree Requirements

We have a total of 6 core courses, offered over a two-year span. In addition to a core curriculum of 18 credits, the master's in human development includes two elective seminars (6 credits) and internship or thesis (6 credits). Below is a typical two-year program of study.

### Fall

- HUD 551 Fundamentals of Human Development
- HUD 552 Professional Practices in Human Development

### Spring

- HUD 554 Legislation and Policy in Human Development
- HUD XXX Elective Course

### Fall

- HUD 553 Program Planning and Evaluation in Human Development
- HUD 556 Research Methods

### Spring

- HUD 555 Grant Development in Human Development
- HUD XXX Elective Course

**HUD 601 or HUD 699:** Second-year internship or thesis in human development.



## To apply

Applications are processed through the graduate school on a rolling basis for Fall admission. However, applicants wishing to be considered for nomination for assistantships and fellowships should have a completed application on file by **January 15**.

Applicants are evaluated on criteria including undergraduate GPA, letters of recommendation and matching program interests.

Graduate school applications are online: [umaine.edu/graduate/apply](http://umaine.edu/graduate/apply).

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## Program Overview

The graduate program in human development is designed to provide advanced training with special emphasis on child development and family relations. This program is designed for those interested in working in the human development field in such leadership positions as center director, director of services, program coordinator, case manager or project manager.

The curriculum is designed to:

- Train students in the fundamentals of professional practice in agencies serving children, adolescents, adults and families
- Provide students with advanced knowledge in one or more research areas (e.g., early childhood, human sexuality, family relationships)
- Provide students with internship opportunities in human service programs or in applied research mentored by a faculty member

A master's degree in human development requires a minimum of 30 credit hours.



## Internship in Human Development

The internship experience entails high-quality, professional placement with an agency or work on a research project with a faculty member in human development.

### Option A:

#### Leadership in an Agency

Leadership in an agency is appropriate for students with an interest in a career in a variety of settings, including federal, state or local governments, and public or private agencies that directly service the needs of children, adolescents, adults or families. In addition to the formal course requirements, students complete a 300-hour internship in a public or private agency in their last semester. If currently employed in a human development field, the employer would need to add new leadership responsibilities to the position.

### Option B:

#### Applied Research

The applied research option is appropriate for students with an interest in pursuing graduate education in a doctoral program (typically in human development and

family studies) or those otherwise interested in a career in research. In addition to the formal course requirements, students complete a research project based on original research supervised by a faculty member. Students complete a research article suitable for submission to an academic journal. Students in this option are encouraged to take one class in statistics or qualitative research design.



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