HDFS Seminar Requirements and Information for HDFS Majors
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200 level HDFS Seminar Requirements
• Three approved 200 level HDFS seminar courses are required in the HDFS Major.
• Of these three approved 200 level seminar courses, two must be offerings from the UVM HDFS Program. Students considering a 200 level seminar offered outside of the UVM HDFS Program must submit the course syllabus for program review and approval to count as one of the three required seminars.
• Students cannot take more than TWO 200 level HDFS seminars in a single semester. Taking seminars across two or more semesters provides opportunity for deepening critical thinking and writing skills and applying these skills along with new understandings to subsequent seminar courses.
• Students may take courses numbered “HDFS 295” more than once, provided that each seminar course offering is unique.
• HDFS 290, 292, and HDFS 297 do not count toward the 200 level HDFS seminar requirement.

Seminar Offerings & Course Registration Considerations
• At least two unique HDFS seminars will be offered each fall and spring semester, totaling four unique seminars in an academic year.
• HDFS seminars are not typically offered during summer sessions.

Sample Offerings
  Academic Year 1
  • Fall Semester
    o Contemporary Issues in Parenting (HDFS 264)
    o Adolescent Development in Context (HDFS 285)
  • Spring Semester
    o Advanced Child Development (HDFS 263)
    o Special Topics: Family Theories (HDFS 295)

  Academic Year 2
  • Fall Semester
    o HDFS 268: Close Relationships
    o HDFS 285: Adolescent Development in Context (Repeat #1 from prior year)
  • Spring Semester
    o HDFS 263: Advanced Child Development (Repeat # 2 from prior year)
    o Special Topics: Intimate Partner and Family Violence (HDFS 295)