HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

The Department of Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) serves undergraduate and graduate students by offering a bachelor of science in human development and family studies and a Ph.D. in human ecology: human development and family studies. Students and faculty in HDFS are dedicated to improving the quality of life for children, adolescents, and adults by discovering, integrating, applying and disseminating knowledge about lifespan human development, relationships, families, and communities, all in their larger social contexts. The application of human ecological and interdisciplinary perspectives to solve societal problems and strengthen the well-being of children, adults, and families is a distinctive feature of the department.

DEGREES/MAJORS/CERTIFICATES


PEOPLE

For more information, visit the School of Human Ecology Human Development and Family Studies faculty and staff directory. [Link](https://humanecology.wisc.edu/staff/uw_staff_type/faculty-staff/sohe-department/hdfs/)

RESOURCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

ADVISING & CAREER CENTER

The Advising & Career Center (ACC) fosters undergraduate students’ personal, academic, and professional development. Through advising, academic planning, and career education, we support students as they navigate the college experience—from exploring our majors as prospective students to becoming SoHE alumni.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Each SoHE student is assigned to an academic advisor in the Advising & Career Center. SoHE academic advisors support academic and personal success by partnering with current and prospective SoHE students as they identify and clarify their educational goals, develop meaningful academic plans, and pursue their own Wisconsin Experience.

To explore academic advising resources or schedule an appointment with a SoHE academic advisor, visit Advising in SoHE [Link](https://go.wisc.edu/acc_office/).

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Active engagement in the career development process is a vital component of a student’s personal growth in college and future success as a lifelong learner, professional, and global citizen. SoHE career advisors help prepare students for life post-graduation through advising and integration of career readiness throughout our curriculum.

To explore career development resources or schedule an appointment with a SoHE career advisor, visit Career Development [Link](https://advising.humanecology.wisc.edu/careers/scheduling/).

SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The School of Human Ecology awards many merit and need-based scholarships each year. The deadline to apply for scholarships is typically late January. To be eligible for these awards, scholarship recipients must be registered as full-time SoHE students.

Students who experience emergency financial situations may inquire about the availability of short-term loans through the SoHE Advising & Career Center. In addition, university scholarships, loans, and employment are available through the Office of Student Financial Aid [Link](https://financialaid.wisc.edu/) (333 East Campus Mall; 608-262-3060).