

# Human Development Minor • *Minor*

## Why Choose the Human Development Minor?

Does your career require you to work with people of various ages? Perhaps you need to communicate effectively with people much older than you are. Perhaps your job requires you to understand the needs of young children. Maybe you plan on having children of your own and you wish to understand how they grow and change.

Virtually all careers (including parenting) require successful human interaction. Humans differ, however, in many ways. One of the most important ways we differ is development across the years. We all know that 3-year-olds are different from 10-year-olds who are different from 20-, 50-, and 80-year-olds. Successful human interaction demands understanding of these kinds of differences.

The Human Development minor provides an examination of the psychological and social aspects of human development across the life span. Graduates will develop practical knowledge of people in different life stages. Because every career deals with human beings, this knowledge will help students become more effective within their chosen field. Eighteen credits are required for the minor.

The Human Development minor will provide students with a solid foundation for understanding these differences. This foundation will help students become more effective workers in a wide variety of careers.

## Admission Requirements

This Human Development minor is open to any student admitted to Ferris State and pursuing a baccalaureate degree except those pursuing the B.S. in Psychology degree. The minor is designed to complement any Ferris major program.

## Graduation Requirements

An academic minor may only be awarded upon completion of a baccalaureate degree at Ferris State. This minor requires a minimum of 18 credits with a minimum 2.0 grade average in these courses.

Also, 50 percent of the credits for a minor must be taught by Ferris State University.

## Required Courses

## Credit Hours

PSYC 226	Lifespan Human Dev* RS	3
PSYC 341	Child Psychology* RS	3
PSYC 342	Psychology of Adolescence * RS	3
SOCY 345	The Field of Aging* RS	3
Choose two from the Social Sciences List or one from the Social Sciences List and one from the Non-Social Sciences List		
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PSYC 241	Psych-Exceptional Children* RS	3
SOCY 225	Marriage & the Family *GRS	3
Non-Social Sciences List		
BIOL 101	Genetics - Human Aspects*Z	3
BIOL 370	Developmental Biology*Z	3
BIOL 375	Principles of Genetics*Z	3
CAHS 205	Child Care Food & Nutrition	3
CRIM 260	Delinquency Prevention & Control	3
EDCD 110	Child Development 1	3
LITR 326	Children's Literature * WC	3
LITR 327	Adolescent Literature * WC	3
RMLS 245	Camp Leadership & Programming	3
SCWK 261	Soc Service for Children/Youth	3
THTR 255	Educational Theatre*C	3



## More Information

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