

## Why Human Development?

Are you interested in understanding human behavior, in learning how people relate to one another and about how to make a difference in their lives? Then consider majoring in Human Development. As an HDP major, you will learn about how individuals develop and change from birth to old age, how families and communities influence these processes, and how to apply this knowledge in order to develop, implement and evaluate interventions designed to improve people's lives.

The HDP major provides a foundation for students interested in working in human services with many different types of people—from infants to the elderly—and in many different settings from public and non-profit agencies to business and government. We prepare students to become leaders in human services, to develop new models for preventing and treating social and mental health problems and to become advocates for new social programs and policies. The HDP major is also excellent preparation for graduate school in the social, behavioral, and health sciences or for advanced professional training in clinical and counseling psychology, marriage and family therapy, social work, law, business, medicine and other health professions.

## Careers

Career options within HDP are diverse. The proper combination of academic preparation, internship, and work experience will prepare an HDP graduate in many fields, including

- Health and Medicine
- Therapy and Rehabilitation
- Behavioral Health
- Social Services
- Public Policy
- Communication and Marketing
- Further Education & Graduate School

For more information, please visit:

<http://hdp.ucsd.edu/undergraduate-program/career-information/index.html>



## Questions about HDP?

We are happy to answer all questions pertaining to the Human Development major or minor.  
Appointments can be scheduled via phone or email.

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## Human Development Program

The Human Development Program is an interdisciplinary academic program at the critical edge of thought and research in the social sciences. We believe that social life is too complex and too exciting to be left within any single discipline. Consequently, we bring together anthropologists, biologists, linguists, psychologists, sociologists and methodologists whose methods and theories cross individual social science disciplines to look at lifespan human development.

As one of the premier programs of its kind, faculty and students' research focuses on the study of persons over the course of life; on the social, cultural, biological, and ontogenetic processes that jointly influence development; and on growth over time in different social and cultural settings. The study of human development also offers a unique lens through which we consider broad questions relevant to the social sciences, like the processes and impacts of social change, and the interactions of biology and culture.

Given this interdisciplinary scope, HDP provides an excellent preparation for students interested in advanced postgraduate study at the frontiers of several social science disciplines, or in careers and professions that require a broad and integrated understanding of human experience and behavior—e.g., mental health, education, social work, health care, or human resource and organizational work in community or corporate settings.



## UCSD Admissions

UC San Diego's Admissions Office handles all undergraduate admissions to the university for both freshmen and transfer students. Potential transfer students looking for broad-based transfer preparation should review **IGETC Certification for General Education Requirements**

For more information, please visit [admissions.ucsd.edu](http://admissions.ucsd.edu)

## Program Admission

Students who wish to pursue the Human Development (HDP) Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science as their UCSD major must first fulfill a selection of screening courses and then apply for entrance into the HDP major. Students are considered "pre-majors" while completing screening coursework.

Admission into HDP is based on the following conditions:

- All prospective HDP majors must complete the screening prerequisites for either the BA or BS.
- HDP 1 must be taken at UCSD.
- All courses must be taken for a letter grade.
- All lower-division coursework must be completed with a grade of C- or better.
- The GPA for the lower-division screening courses must equal or exceed 2.7.
- Admission to the HDP major is completed before the students' senior year.

## Prerequisite Coursework

*A total of seven screening courses are required for the Bachelor of Arts. Eight courses are required for the Bachelor of Science. For a complete list of courses, please review our major handouts or visit our website at [hdp.ucsd.edu](http://hdp.ucsd.edu)*

*Transfer students are encouraged to complete as many of these courses as possible prior to transfer to UCSD.*

*Please visit <http://assist.org> for articulation agreements.*

### Lower-Division Screening Courses for the HDP Major:

- ◇ **One Statistics Course**
- ◇ **Two Biological Science Courses**
- ◇ **Two Social Science Courses**
- ◇ **Formal Skills Courses**

One course required for the Bachelor of Arts.  
Two courses required for the Bachelor of Science.

- ◇ **HDP 1: Intro to Human Development**

*HDP 1 must be completed at UCSD. Potential Transfer students can complete HDP 1 prior to transferring by participating in UCSD's Cross-Enrollment program. For details: <http://registrar.ucsd.edu/ver2/info/CrossEnrollment.pdf>*

## Human Development Major Curriculum

### HDP Core Series (4 upper-division courses)

*Biological Basis of Human Development  
Social-Cognitive Basis of Human Development  
Linguistic Basis of Human Development  
Socio-cultural Basis of Human Development*

### HDP Development Series (5 upper-division courses)

*Courses selected from Biological Development, Cognitive & Language Development, and Socio-Cultural Development (at least one from each category).*

### Senior Seminar (1 upper-division course)

*Special topics seminars, providing advanced-level study on subfields of human development (must be taken in-residence).*

### HDP Methods of Research (2-3 upper-division courses)

*Courses designed to introduce students to the philosophy and methods of developmental research in both laboratory and real-world settings (HDP 181 and 191 must be taken in residence). Bachelor of Science candidates must complete an additional methods, practicum, internship, or experiential learning course.*



## Hands-On Learning

Our experiential learning courses promote research and practice in the service of individuals and the greater community. The site partnerships developed for these courses give our students the opportunity for practical application of their studies within a fieldwork setting, while simultaneously allowing them to explore various careers. Potential sites include clinical settings, social service organizations, and educational programs.