

# Human Development Program

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## THE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MAJOR

The scientific study of human development focuses on issues of growth, development, and behavioral change across the lifespan. The Human Development Program is interdisciplinary, incorporating courses from the Departments of Anthropology, Biology, Cognitive Science, Communication, Ethnic Studies, History, Linguistics, Literature, Psychology, Sociology, Education Studies Program, and Urban Studies and Planning Program. The curriculum is designed to emphasize the idea of development as an essential perspective from which to understand human behavior. The courses cover

a broad spectrum of issues in human development: from brain and perceptual development, to reasoning and problem solving, to social interaction and the evolution of cultural systems. The Human Development Program unifies and coordinates the excellent research and teaching resources currently available on campus in this area and profiles the factors that influence the ways in which humans develop and change.

Human development is a very large field, but there is a set of basic questions which serve to define and integrate it: What underlies the development of human knowledge? To what extent is the capacity to know, indeed the concepts themselves, encoded in the genes? How is the role of learning and environmental influences accounted for? How do we learn? What are the ways in which children become competent participants in their social groups? What is the origin and nature of social interaction and organization?

The study of human development has become increasingly central to a wide range of important issues affecting infants, young children, and adolescents, as well as the changing structure of the American family and public policy on children and education. An understanding of the processes that underlie human development is crucial to our evaluation of these issues and to our ability to offer avenues for remediation of the attendant problems. The three major areas of study within the Human Development Program are: Biological Development, Ontogenetic Development, and Socio-Cultural Development. These areas consider issues that pertain to development of specific neural and cognitive processes and development within a larger social and cultural context.

## CAREER GUIDANCE

A degree in human development offers training of special interest to those considering admission to graduate or professional schools and careers in medicine, law, education, counseling, clinical psychology, public health, public policy, public administration, or social work. Students who are interested in these areas are advised to see a Human Development Program advisor for assistance in selecting elective and major courses. A major in human development is designed to impart fundamental skills in critical thinking, comparative analysis, research analysis, and written expression.

A human development major can offer preparation for teaching in elementary schools. However, if you are interested in earning a California teaching credential from UC San Diego, contact the Education Studies Program (EDS) for information about prerequisite and professional preparation requirements. It is recommended you contact EDS as early as possible in your academic career.

## EDUCATION ABROAD

Students are often able to participate in the UC Education Abroad Program (EAP) and UCSD's Opportunities Abroad Program (OAP) while still making progress towards the major. Students interested in studying abroad should see a Human Development Program advisor to discuss curriculum plans and appropriate courses. It is strongly recommended that students obtain HDP pre-approval

for EAP courses that are intended to count toward the major. Information on EAP/OAP is detailed in the Education Abroad Program section of the *UC San Diego General Catalog*. Interested students should contact the Programs Abroad Office in the International Center and visit the Web site at <http://programsabroad.ucsd.edu/>. Financial aid is applicable and special study abroad scholarships are available.

## PREREQUISITES FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MAJORS

A bachelor of arts degree in human development will be given to students who satisfactorily complete the general-education and graduation requirements of Marshall, Muir, Revelle, Roosevelt, Sixth, or Warren College in addition to the Human Development Program requirements. In accordance with UCSD academic regulations, upper-division courses used to satisfy major requirements cannot be applied towards minors (please note there is some overlap permitted for double majors). See college advisor and major advisor for questions and restrictions.

## APPLYING FOR THE HDP MAJOR

Students who wish to declare the Human Development Program major must meet premajor requirements and apply for entrance into the major. All lower-division requirements must be fulfilled before applying for the major. All lower-division courses must be completed with a grade of C or better. The cumulative GPA for the eight lower-division courses must equal or exceed 2.75. Students must meet with an HDP advisor and obtain approval to declare the human development major, no later than the second quarter of the student's junior year.

## GRADE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

A minimum grade-point average of 2.0 is required in the major. Students must receive a grade of C- or better in any course counted toward fulfillment of the major requirements. **All courses taken to satisfy the program's lower- and upper-division requirements must be taken for a letter grade.** *HDP 1, HDP 150, HDP 181, and HDP 191 must be taken in residence.* No substitutions will be approved.

## LOWER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Introduction to Human Development: HDP1**
- 2. One statistics course** selected from the approved list: PSYC 60, COGS 14, BIEB 100, ECON 120A, POLI 30, or MATH 11
- 3. One formal skills course** selected from the approved list: PHIL 10, PHIL 12, LIGN 17, or one course from the MATH 10 sequence or MATH 20 sequence
- 4 & 5. Two biological sciences courses** selected from the approved list: ANTH 2, BILD 1, BILD 2, BILD 3, BILD 7, BILD 10, BILD 12, BILD 18, BILD 20, BILD 26, COGS 11, COGS 17, PSYC 2
- 6 & 7. Two social sciences courses** selected from the approved list: ANTH 1, ANTH 3, CAT 1, CAT 2, COGN 20, COGS 1, (One course from the HILD 7A, B, or C sequence (only one allowed), LIGN 4, LIGN 7 LIGN 8, LIGN 101, MMW 1, MMW 2, PSYC 1, PSYC 3, PSYC 6, PSYC 7, SOCI 1, SOCI 20

8. **One computer literacy course** selected from the approved list: MAE 5, COGS 3, COGS 8, COGS 18, CSE 3, CSE 5A, CSE 11

## UPPER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HDP MAJOR

1. **Two Methods courses**
2. **Four Core Series courses**
3. **Six Development courses**
4. **HDP 150**  
(Full information follows)

### A. Methods Courses

1. **HDP 181** (Students are encouraged to take this course their junior year.)
2. **HDP 191** (Students are encouraged to take this course their junior year.)

### B. Core Series Courses

(Four courses selected from the approved list required, one from each DOMAIN)

Domain 1: The biological basis of human development

HDP 110. Brain and Behavioral Development  
ANBI 111. Advanced Principles of Human Evolution  
BIPN 144. Developmental Neurobiology

Domain 2: Ontogenetic—the social-cognitive and linguistic basis of human development (Two required—one from each area)

#### A. Social-Cognitive Development (One required)

HDP 121/COGS 110. The Developing Mind  
HDP 122. Social Development  
PSYC 187. Development of Social Cognition

#### B. Language Development (One required)

HDP 120. Language Development  
COGS 156. Language Development  
LIGN 171. Child Language Acquisition

Domain 3: The socio-cultural basis of human development

HDP 133. Socio-cultural Foundations of Human Development  
ANSC 126. Childhood and Adolescence  
HITO 126. History of Childhood

### C. Development Courses

(Six courses required; at least one from each area of focus)

#### Biological Development

ANBI 116. The Evolution of Primate Reproduction  
ANBI 140. The Evolution of the Human Brain  
ANBI 159. Biological and Cultural Perspectives on Intelligence  
ANBI 173. Cognition in Animals and Humans  
ANTH 102. Humans are Cultural Animals  
BICD 100. Genetics  
BICD 130. Embryos, Genes, and Development  
BICD 131. Embryology Laboratory  
BICD 134. Human Reproduction and Development  
BIPN 144. Developmental Neurobiology

COGS 115. Neurological Development and Cognitive Change  
COGS 184. Modeling the Evolution of Cognition  
PSYC 168. Psychological Disorders of Childhood  
Ontogenetic Development  
COGS 113. Cognitive Development  
COGS 154. Communication Disorders in Children and Adults  
COGS 156. Language Development  
COHI 100. Introduction to Communication and the Individual  
COHI 114. Bilingual Communication  
COHI 119. Learning to Read  
COHI 121. Literacy, Social Organization, and the Individual  
EDS 119/LIGN 119. First and Second Language Learning: From Childhood through Adolescence  
LIGN 171. Child Language Acquisition  
LIGN 179. Second Language Acquisition  
PSYC 101. Introduction to Developmental Psychology  
PSYC 136. Cognitive Development  
PSYC 146. Language and Conceptual Development  
PSYC 156. Cognitive Development in Infancy  
PSYC 168. Psychological Disorders of Childhood  
PSYC 172. Psychology of Human Sexuality  
PSYC 180. Adolescence  
PSYC 187. Development of Social Cognition  
PSYC 190. Parenting  
Socio-Cultural Development

ANBI 159. Biological and Cultural Perspectives on Intelligence  
ANSC 125. Gender, Sexuality, and Society  
ANSC 126. Childhood and Adolescence  
ANSC 127. Discourse, Interaction, and Social Life  
COHI 123. Children and Media  
EDS 115. Cognitive Development and Education  
EDS 117. Language, Culture, and Education  
HDP 115/COMT 115. Media and Design of Social Learning Contexts  
HDP 135/COMT 116. Practicum in Child Development  
LTWL 114. Children's Literature  
LTWL 116. Adolescent Literature  
PSYC 180. Adolescence  
PSYC 190. Parenting  
SOC 117. Language, Culture, and Education  
SOC 116 / LIGN 174. Gender and Language in Society  
SOC 129. The Family  
SOC 131. Sociology of Youth  
SOC 159. Special Topics in Organizations and Institutions (Only when topic is approved for HDP major)  
SOC 161. Sociology of The Life Course  
USP 145. Aging—Social and Health Policy Issues

### D. HDP 150. Advanced Human Development

(HDP students should enroll in this course in their senior year.)

### ADVANCED HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENT HDP 150

Seminar for graduating HDP seniors. Readings and discussion of special topics in human

development. Provides advanced-level study on subfields of human development. Topics vary quarterly. **Prerequisites:** HDP1, HDP 181, HDP 191, senior standing, and department approval one quarter prior to enrollment.

### FIELD RESEARCH REQUIREMENT HDP 191

This course provides students with the opportunity to participate jointly in a research project in conjunction with a mentor/collaborator from a local service site. This applied research experience allows students to design and conduct research projects in a variety of settings ranging from laboratory research settings to service oriented placements. In addition to literature research and a final paper at the end of the quarter, students will participate at an off-campus site for a minimum of four hours per week. Research sites are prearranged one academic year in advance (see the student affairs office or the HDP Web site for enrollment information). Students' interests and future career plans are considered for site placement. Various research orientations and methodologies are reviewed in class. **Prerequisites:** HDP 1 and department approval one academic year prior to enrollment.

### HONORS IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT HDP 194A-B-C

The Human Development Program offers an honors option for those students who have demonstrated excellence in the human development major. The honors program allows eligible undergraduates to explore advanced issues in the field through an honors thesis on a topic of their choice and under faculty supervision. In order to be admitted to the honors program, students must have 1) junior standing and 2) maintained a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.2, and a 3.5 GPA for courses taken in the human development major. Interested students need to apply for departmental honors in spring quarter of their junior year. Students in the honors program are expected to complete the following additional requirements:

1. An advanced course in statistics or methods design (see the HDP student affairs office for more information).
2. HDP 194A-B-C, a year-long independent research project, which results in an Honors Thesis.
3. Weekly attendance of the Center for Human Development Seminar and participation.

### PETITIONING COURSES

There are three circumstances under which petitions to receive credit for courses not explicitly approved for the major will be considered (all approved courses are detailed in the *UC San Diego General Catalog*, HDP section): Requests from transfer students, requests from students planning to study abroad, and exceptional courses identified by a student. In all cases, students are required to submit a petition **in writing** that clearly describes the course for which they wish to receive HDP major credit, and to attach to the petition as much information as possible about the content of the course (e.g., syllabus, course description, etc.). With the exception of courses petitioned by transfer students, ALL REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL OF COURSES NOT

EXPLICITLY LISTED IN THE UC San Diego General Catalog SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE THE COURSE IS TAKEN BY THE STUDENT.

**Transfer students.** Students transferring from a community college or other university must petition for HDP credit for courses taken at their previous institution. For students transferring from the California Community College System, articulation agreements for many courses have been developed that facilitate the petition process. Transfer students should make an appointment with an HDP advisor to review courses for which they will most likely receive credit and fill out a written petition for each course.

**Education Abroad.** Students planning to study abroad may receive credit toward the major for courses taken in another country. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT STUDENTS RECEIVE PRELIMINARY APPROVAL (BEFORE LEAVING THE COUNTRY) FOR COURSES THEY ARE CONSIDERING TAKING DURING THEIR TIME ABROAD. While the preliminary approval does not guarantee that the actual course will be approved, the great majority of courses for which preliminary approval has been obtained are approved when the actual petition is submitted upon the student's return.

**Other courses.** Occasionally students identify a UCSD course that has the potential to fulfill an HDP requirement. Students may petition **in writing** to request credit for such courses. However, it is important to note that very few such petitions are successful, and students are strongly cautioned to petition and receive approval for such a course BEFORE ENROLLING IN THE COURSE.

**Note:** Courses are not officially approved for credit until the written petition has been approved by the HDP Executive Committee and signed by the HDP director.

## THE MINOR PROGRAM

(Courses must be discussed with and approved by a Human Development academic advisor.) A total of **seven** courses are required to complete a minor in human development. These include **Introduction to Human Development** (HDP 1), and **six** developmental courses, one from each major area of study from the developmental course list. All courses for the HDP minor must be taken for a letter grade.

## Finish-in-Four Plan

Students interested in a particular career field should see the student affairs office for more specific Finish-in-Four plans for their particular college.

## COURSES

*For course descriptions not found in the UC San Diego General Catalog, 2010–11, please contact the department for more information.*

## LOWER-DIVISION

### HDP 1. Introduction to Human Development (4)

This course introduces students to the central issues in the basic areas in human development. The course will explain relationships between biological, cognitive, social, and cultural aspects of development. Offered once per year. (F)

### HDP 87. Freshman Seminar (1)

This seminar is designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic in a small seminar setting. Topics vary from quarter to quarter. Enrollment is limited to fifteen to twenty students, with preference given to entering freshmen.

### HDP 98. Directed Group Study (1-2)

Directed group study, on a topic or in a field not included in the department curriculum, by arrangement with a faculty member. Topics will vary from quarter to quarter. Pass/Not Pass grades only. Enrollment requires prior consent of the instructor; students must have at least thirty units completed and a minimum 3.0 GPA. Student may enroll for no more than a total of two units in one quarter. Cannot be used towards HDP major credit. **Prerequisites:** 3.0 GPA and at least thirty units completed.

### HDP 99. Independent Study in Human Development (2-4)

Independent study and research under the direction of a human development program, or affiliated, faculty member. Pass/Not Pass only. Cannot be used towards HDP major credit. **Prerequisites:** lower-division standing, completion of thirty units of UCSD undergraduate study, a minimum UCSD GPA of 3.0, and a completed and approved Special Studies form: UCSD Application for Enrollment Special Studies Courses 97, 98, 99.

## UPPER-DIVISION

### HDP 110. Brain and Behavioral Development (4)

The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with basic mechanisms of brain and behavioral development from embryology through aging. Multiple levels of analysis will be discussed, including the effects of hormones on behavior, developmental events at the level of cells, structures, and neural systems, and the neural basis of cognition, social, perceptual, and language development. **Prerequisite:** HDP 1 or PSYC 101.

### HDP 115. Media and Design of Social Learning Contexts (6)

(Same as COMT 115) A combined lecture/lab course cross-listed in communication and human development. Students attend lecture, write field notes, and spend three hours per week in specially designed after-school setting working with children and designing new educational media and producing special projects. **Prerequisite:** HDP 1 or COHI 100. (F,W,S)

### HDP 120. Language Development (4)

Examination of children's acquisition of language from babbling to the formation of sentences. Topics covered include: pre-linguistic gestures, relationships between babbling and sound systems, speech perception, linking words with objects, rule overgeneralization, bilingualism, nature vs. nurture, individual differences, cultural differences. **Prerequisite:** HDP 1.

### HDP 121. The Developing Mind (4)

(Same as COGS 110.) This course examines changes in thinking and perceiving the physical and social world from birth through childhood. Evidence of significant changes in encoding information, forming mental representations, and solving problems is culled from psychological research, cross-cultural studies, and cognitive science. **Prerequisite:** HDP 1 or COGS 1.

### HDP 122. Social Development (4)

This course covers topics in social development research. Content will address general principles such as the mutual influences of caregivers and children upon each other and the interplay of person and context. Discussion areas will include attachment, parenting styles, gender differences, aggression, social cognition, social components of achievement motivation, and development of conscience. **Prerequisite:** HDP 1.

### HDP 133. Socio-cultural Foundations of Human Development (4)

This course will provide students with an understanding of the social and cultural foundations of human development. The topics will be explored with both national and inter-

national comparisons from infancy through adolescence. **Prerequisite:** HDP 1 or PSYC 1.

### HDP 135. Practicum in Child Development (6)

(Same as COMT 116) A combined lecture and laboratory course for students in psychology, communication, and human development. Student backgrounds should include a background in general psychology or communication. Students will be expected to spend four hours a week in a supervised practical after-school setting at one of the community field sites involving children. Additional time will be devoted to readings and class prep, as well as six hours a week transcribing field notes and writing a paper on some aspect of the fieldwork experience as it relates to class lectures and readings. **Prerequisite:** HDP 1 or COHI 100 or PSYC 101. (F,W,S)

### HDP 150. Advanced Human Development (4)

Seminar for graduating HDP seniors. Readings and discussion of special topics in human development. Provides advanced-level study on subfields of human development. Topics vary quarterly. **Prerequisites:** HDP 1, HDP 181, HDP 191, senior standing, and department approval. (F,W,S)

### HDP 160. Special Topics Seminar in Human Development (4)

Special topics in human development are discussed. (May repeat when topics vary.) **Prerequisite:** department approval.

### HDP 181. Experimental Projects in Human Development Research (6)

This laboratory course in human development is designed around a variety of intensive experimental projects. With lectures providing background information on research methods and child development, each assignment will include data collection and/or analysis, and a written laboratory report. **Prerequisites:** HDP 1, Statistics, and must be a declared HDP major. (F,W,S)

### HDP 191. Field Research in Human Development (6)

This course combines lectures on research methodology (three hours/week) with an applied field research experience (four hours/week) conducted at a pre-approved study site. Required: Completion of a field notebook, review paper, oral presentation, and final paper. **Prerequisites:** HDP 1. Students must submit the pre-enrollment questionnaire one academic year prior to enrollment. See HDP Web site for details. (F,W,S)

### HDP 193. Advanced Research in Human Development (4)

Specialized research project under the direction of a human development affiliated faculty member. May be taken for one or two quarters of credit. **Prerequisites:** declared HDP major, overall GPA of 2.8, ninety units completed, three HDP core courses completed, and consent of instructor.

### HDP 194A-B-C. Honors Thesis (4-4-4)

Students will take part in a weekly research seminar. In addition, they will plan and carry out a three-quarter research project under the guidance of a faculty member. The project will form the basis for their senior honors thesis. **Prerequisites:** overall GPA of 3.2, and a 3.5 GPA for courses taken in the human development major; an advanced course in statistics or experimental design, and consent of instructor.

### HDP 195. Instructional Apprentice in Human Development (4)

Introduction to teaching within the discipline of human development. Students will attend lecture, be responsible for assisting the instructor with course preparation, and will lead a discussion section of one of the lower-division courses in the human development program. Limited to upper-division students majoring in human development with consent of instructor. Pass/Not Pass only. **Prerequisites:** Declared HDP major, overall GPA of 3.0, 90 units completed, and consent of instructor.

### HDP 199. Independent Study in Human Development (4)

Independent study and research under the direction of a faculty member. Pass/Not Pass only. **Prerequisites:** consent of the instructor, completion of at least ninety undergraduate units with a minimum of 2.5 GPA, and a completed and approved Special Studies Form.