

Interested in HDFS?
~ How to get started in Stamford ~

What is HDFS? What careers do HDFS grads pursue?

Many questions about the major are answered on the hdfs website, as follows. This document is best viewed online because it contains many weblinks.

Main pages for the HDFS undergraduate program:

<http://www.familystudies.uconn.edu/undergraduate/> and for the major at Stamford:
<http://www.stamford.uconn.edu/hdfs/index.html>

Careers relating to HDFS: [http://www.stamford.uconn.edu/hdfs/pdf/Careers in HDFS05.pdf](http://www.stamford.uconn.edu/hdfs/pdf/Careers%20in%20HDFS05.pdf)

More on what you can do with an HDFS major:

<http://www.familystudies.uconn.edu/undergraduate/what.html>

Note that there are (optional) concentrations within the major. These are areas of focus within the department. You may select one and choose from among recommended courses, but the concentration itself does not appear on your degree or transcript. If you complete a reasonable number of courses within a concentration, you can list it on your resume, however.

See the list of **concentrations and recommended courses**:

http://www.familystudies.uconn.edu/undergraduate/pdf/brochures/Undergraduate4_08.pdf

http://www.familystudies.uconn.edu/undergraduate/pdf/brochures/SuggestedCourses4_08.pdf

Application to become and HDFS major & HDFS **plan of study (POS)**:

<http://www.familystudies.uconn.edu/undergraduate/forms.html>

Transferring in?

If you are transferring to UConn HDFS from ACES, another major, another school within UConn (for example, the School of Business), or another institution (college or university), it is important to consider how much of your study to date will "count" toward completion of the degree and the major. The best way to make an initial assessment is to download the most current HDFS plan of study (POS) and fill it in to the best of your ability. The POS also gives you a nice snapshot of the major requirements and serves as a road map for planning your future coursework.

NOTE: This process is more complicated for individuals transferring from outside of UConn. Be sure to contact the Stamford Admissions office (<http://www.stamford.uconn.edu/admissions.html>) and see the FAQs on the HDFS Stamford website for more information about the transfer process (<http://www.stamford.uconn.edu/hdfs/faq.html>).

The HDFS plan of study form covers all requirements for graduation. Page 1 lists University and College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (CLAS) requirements and page 2 relates specifically to HDFS:

- UConn's **General Education (Gen Ed) requirements** (all students in the University are subject to these: <http://www.geoc.uconn.edu/Studentguide.htm> (Page 1 of POS)

- **Gen Ed requirements of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences** (students with majors in CLAS, including HDFS, are subject to these additional requirements in addition the university-wide Gen Eds): <http://services.clas.uconn.edu/gened.html> The CLAS Gen Eds include all of the university's and more. For example, the second language requirement in CLAS is more substantial than in the university-wide Gen Eds. So, you should follow and meet the CLAS Gen Ed requirements; if you do, you will automatically fulfill the university-wide Gen Eds. (Page 1 of POS)
- **HDFS major requirements** (HDFS majors only, Page 2 of POS):
Where courses appear on pages 1 *and* 2, that means they meet either a University Gen Ed or a CLAS requirement in addition to HDFS. For example, HDFS requires two "W" courses within the major; taking them fulfills obligations at the department (HDFS), school (CLAS), and university (UConn) level. The HDFS Diversity course also counts as a Gen Ed.

Page two of the HDFS plan of study lists all HDFS requirements. This link takes you to the 2008-09 plan; be sure to use the form that corresponds to your catalogue year (the academic year in which you declare HDFS as your major):

<http://www.familystudies.uconn.edu/undergraduate/pdf/PlanofStudy2008-2009.pdf>

The **UConn HDFS catalogue** is located at: <http://www.catalog.uconn.edu/hdfs.htm>

When considering courses to take, be sure to check the catalogue for requirements and prerequisites. If you wish to enroll in an HDFS course without having qualified (e.g., have the prerequisite courses, have sufficient number of credits to be eligible, etc.) you *must* get permission from the instructor. Contact the instructor directly because no one else can give permission to enroll under those circumstances.

What's next?

If you'd like to **meet** with an HDFS Stamford faculty member, email either Dr. Anne Farrell (http://www.stamford.uconn.edu/profile_FarrellAnne.html) or Dr. Annamaria Csizmadia (http://www.stamford.uconn.edu/profile_CsizmadiaAnnamaria.html).

If you wish to **apply** to transfer in to HDFS, you must complete an application, which can be found on the HDFS website. Bring the completed form to a meeting with a faculty member or send it to Storrs, but be sure to contact a Stamford HDFS faculty as part of this process. A gpa of at least 2.0 (acceptable academic standing) is required to transfer in to HDFS. (<http://www.familystudies.uconn.edu/undergraduate/pdf/TransferApplication.pdf>).

When your application is accepted, you will see a change in your unofficial transcript and academic progress report on Peoplesoft student administration system. Log in from <http://go.uconn.edu/>.

Scholarship information is also available on the HDFS website:

<http://www.familystudies.uconn.edu/undergraduate/scholarships.html>