

Moving from Pre-HDFS to HDFS

The pre-HDFS major courses are College Writing I (ENG 11011) and II (ENG 21011), Introduction to Sociology (SOC 12050), General Psychology (PSYC 11762), Introduction to HDFS (HDFS 14027), Interpersonal Relationships and Families (HDFS 24011), and Child Development (HDFS 24012). You must earn a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher in these courses as well as a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in the three HDFS-specific courses in order to move out of the pre-HDFS and into HDFS. These pre-major courses are intended to give you the foundation required to be successful majors in Human Development and Family Studies.

The courses in the pre-major must be completed **and graded** before you may change majors from Pre-HDFS to HDFS. You must be out of the pre-major before you are able to register for several of the senior-level core requirements as well as a few senior-level concentration requirements.

If you are currently taking one of the pre-major courses (e.g., Child Development), you will not be able to declare a major and concentration until your grade is posted. Therefore, you will NOT be able to register for senior-level core requirements even though you may be eligible to take the courses in the semester for which you are trying to register. As a result, it is critical you meet with your professional and pre-major advisors BEFORE you try to register for classes.

Keep in mind, if you are finishing up the pre-major, you will likely have other courses within your concentration you can take before you try to register for any of the senior-level HDFS courses. With your professional or faculty advisor, you will be able to review the courses in the concentration and see if there are any you might be able to take. You might also choose courses from the major electives section or the Kent Core (if you have any courses remaining). Researching Society and the Data Analysis classes are required for HDFS majors so those are also options for many students who are still trying to complete the pre-major courses.

Occasionally, students who are finishing their last class in the pre-major are limited in the courses for which they can register. This is most likely to happen for those students who have changed their majors as juniors or seniors and have completed most of their Kent Core. Your pre-major advisor will work closely with you to identify potential courses for which you can register. If none are available AND you will be eligible to enroll in senior-level courses once your grades are posted, she may place you on what we call the PRE-MAJOR REGISTRATION LIST(s)* for specific course(s). Your pre-major advisor is the only person who can place you on the PRE-MAJOR REGISTRATION LIST for a specific course. It is not a traditional electronic wait list. The PRE-MAJOR REISTRATION LIST guarantees you a seat in the class if you successfully complete the last of the pre-major courses. Once your grades are posted, you can apply to change majors online, move from pre-HDFS to HDFS, and be registered into the appropriate courses:

- Log into FlashFAST.
- Click the tab “Student Tools & Courses”.
- You will see the channel labeled “Graduation Planning System (GPS)”.

- Click on the link “Undergraduate Change of Program”. Then click on “Revise a major/ concentration, certificate or minor”. Pre-major students will then need to select “Change Degree” in order to select a HDFS major. Make sure to select major and then submit.
- Complete the online request. The online request will **first** be sent to the Vacca Student Services Office (304 White Hall) to review your GPA pre-major requirements and will then be forwarded to the Registrar’s Office for final Approval.
- Once your online request has been reviewed, you will receive an email notice that your online request has either been approved or rejected. If your request was approved, you will be able to view the change in either your GPS Audit or KAPS Audit. If your request was not approved, you will need to schedule an appointment with your professional advisor to determine your next steps.
- Once your change of major (HDFS) is reviewed and approved by the Registrar’s Office, you will need to forward the email to Marcia Kibler (mkibler1@kent.edu) indicating that you are now an HDFS major and would like to gain approval to register for those courses for which you are on a PRE-MAJOR REGISTRATION LIST.
- Your student record will then be reviewed along with the requested courses with a response via email advising you have been directly registered into the courses or advised how you need to proceed to register for the courses for the next semester.

To schedule an appointment with your pre-major advisor:

<https://advising.ehhs.kent.edu/index.php?gid=49>

To schedule an appointment with your professional advisor:

<https://advising.ehhs.kent.edu/index.php?gid=1>

*Please note: the Pre-Major Registration List(s) are only created for classes scheduled in the Spring and Fall semesters. Pre-major students who want to enroll in summer classes for which they need to be out of the major will have to wait until their grades have posted and they have changed their major. Summer classes rarely reach closing capacity so for most pre-major students waiting to register until after grades have posted and they have changed major will not be problematic. However, it is important for pre-major students to understand they cannot be guaranteed seats in senior-level HDFS summer classes. Priority will go to students who are already in the major.

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