Human Developmental Sciences focuses on issues of growth, development, and behavioral change across the lifespan. The program is divided very broadly into three areas: Biological Development, Cognitive & Linguistic Development, and Socio-Cultural Development. Due to the breadth of the Human Developmental Sciences curriculum, there are many career paths HDS majors can pursue, such as...

BACHELOR OF ARTS
The HDS Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree provides broad-based preparation for many fields with solid grounding in both theory and methodology in the discipline of human development, while providing a great deal of curricular flexibility.
- Lower-Division Requirements (BA): 7 Courses
- Upper-Division Requirements (BA): 12 courses

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
The HDS Bachelor of Science (BS) degree is designed for those considering advanced graduate level study or other professional engagement in the health sciences, therapy, rehabilitation, or research. The BS requires additional coursework.
- Lower-Division Requirements (BS): 8 courses
- Upper-Division Requirements (BS): 13 Courses

HDS MINOR
A total of seven courses are required to complete a minor in Human Developmental Sciences.
- Lower-Division: HDP 1
- Upper-Division: 6 development courses (at least one course must be completed from each area of focus).

INTERDISCIPLINARY AND LIFE-SPAN PERSPECTIVE
Human Developmental Sciences is interdisciplinary. Incorporating the resources of over 12 UCSD Departments.
- Anthropology
- Biology
- Cognitive Science
- Communication
- Education Studies
- Ethnic Studies
- History
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Sociology
- Urban Studies

The curriculum concentrates on development across the life-span, including prenatal development, childhood, adolescence, and late adulthood.

HDSA
Focused on supporting HDS students, the Human Development Student Association (HDSA) provides a wide range of events and enrichment opportunities for majors and minors in Human Developmental Sciences.

HDSA is a student run organization, created for you by you