



Fall 1	Credits	Success Marker
ENGL 103*	3	*C or better
COMS 100	3	
GE: Creativity & Critical Analysis	3	
STAT 100*	3	*C or better
SOCI 170*	3	*C or better
UNIV 101	1	
Total hours	16	
Notes/Comments:		

Spring 1	Credits	Success Marker
ENGL 203*	3	*C or better
Elective	3	
GE: Nature & Technology	3	
PSYC 102*	3	*C or better
HDFS 280*	3	*C or better
Total hours	15	
Notes/Comments:		

Fall 2	Credits	Success Marker
HDFS 284*	3	*C or better
HDFS 230*	3	*C or better
BIOS 103 or 109	3	
Elective	3	
HDFS 231	3	
Total hours	15	
Notes/Comments: Students must earn a C or better in ENGL 203 or 204, PSYC 102, HDFS 230 or EPS 307, HDFS 280, HDFS 284; and successfully complete the NIU math core competency requirement or have a C or better in STAT 100 or MATH 110, and a cumulative NIU GPA of 2.4 after completion of 45 credit hours.		

Spring 2	Credits	Success Marker
GE: Creativity & Critical Analysis	3	
Area of Study	3	*C or better
Elective	3	
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ENGL 350, HSCI 350, MATH 155, 201, 210, 211, 229, PHIL 105, or PSYC 305	3	
Total hours	15	
Notes/Comments: 1.		

Summer 2	Credits	Success Marker
Total hours	0	* Work on volunteer hours

Fall 3	Credits	Success Marker
Elective	3	
HDFS 330/HDFS 330A*	4	*C or better
HDFS 332/HDFS 332A*	4	*C or better
HDFS 432*	3	
Total hours	14	
Notes/Comments: 1. Attend required Child Development Meeting		

Spring 3	Credits	Success Marker
HDFS 331/HDFS 331A*	4	*C or better
Elective	3	
Area of Study	3	
HDFS 384 or 488	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	16	
Notes/Comments: 1. Attend required Child Development Meeting		

Summer 3	Credits	Success Marker
Total hours	0	

Fall 4	Credits	Success Marker
Area of Study	3	Course chosen in consultation with Area of Study advisor
HDFS 482	3	
HDFS 399*	3	
Elective or Area of Study	3	
Elective or Area of Study	3	
Total hours	15	
Notes/Comments: 1. Attend required Child Development Meeting 2. Apply for graduation (2/1 for May or 9/1 for December)		

Spring 4	Credits	Success Marker
HDFS 490	9	
Elective: Major, Minor or Other	3	
Elective or Area of Study	3	
Elective: Major, Minor or Other	1	
Total hours	14	
Notes/Comments: Students must have a cumulative NIU GPA of 2.4 and complete the mandatory requirements listed in the NIU Catalog to complete the practicum.		

Notes/Comments: This plan is an example of what a four year plan could look like for a typical student. Placement exam scores in math as well as the completion of coursework may change the plan. It should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor each semester to discuss course scheduling. All requirements are subject to change by NIU.