

# GETTING STARTED IN THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE PHD IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY SCIENCES PROGRAM 2021

- Connect with your faculty advisor. If they haven't reached out already, they want to hear from you and answer your questions.
- RSVP** by **Friday, February 19** to attend Delaware Day.
- Participate in **Delaware Day** on **Friday, March 5**.
- Accept admission by **April 15** through your application **status page**.
- Access the **UDSIS Portal**. With the UDSIS portal, you can enroll in courses, and later on, access your UD grades and transcript and links to many other resources.
- Register for classes**. Fall course registration begins on April 19 but you can register anytime through the summer though we recommend registering by August 1. The courses planned for your first semester include: (1) HDFS601 Theories of Human Development; (2) HDFS621 Family Studies; (3) HDFS667 Graduate seminar (1cr.); and EDUC812 Regression and Structural Equation Modeling. *(Course options may be updated in the spring.)*
- Watch your UD email in June or July for link to a web form you must to approve to accept your assistantship contract (Graduate Student Contractual Responsibility Form).
- Submit immunization and medical history to the **Student Health Center** and sign up for health insurance.
- Watch for further details about orientation activities that will take place at various times during the week of August 23.
  - **UD Graduate Student Orientation** hosted by the Graduate College is set for **August 23**.
  - **TA Learning Sessions** (only for students serving as first-time Teaching Assistants) is set for **August 24**.
  - **HR Onboarding** when you will bring documents and become established in the UD payroll system is set for **August 25**.
  - **Orientation Program by OISS** for new international graduate students is set for **August 27**.
- CEHD Graduate Student Orientation and welcome dinner is tentatively scheduled for **Monday, August 30**.
- Fall 2021 classes begin on **Tuesday, August 31**.

Learn more: [hdfs.udel.edu/doctoral-program](https://hdfs.udel.edu/doctoral-program)

