

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES



OUR MISSION

The Department of Human Services prepares students to empower individuals across the lifespan, strengthen families, promote community prosperity, and advocate for intersectional social justice in our globally diverse society through high-impact experiential learning and innovative research and scholarship.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE OPTIONS



**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN HUMAN SERVICES**

EIU.EDU/HSPA

Courses in Human Services embed professional development assignments and activities into each class. Students complete an internship and practicum in an area of interest to them. Internships provide the opportunity to gain professional experience while earning class credit.

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**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN HUMAN SERVICES
ONLINE**

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**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
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EARLY CHILDHOOD
PROGRAM PATHWAY**

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Individuals who work (or have worked) in an early childhood setting and have earned an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education are eligible to pursue a Bachelor's Degree at EIU in the Bachelor of Science in Human Services that will lead to the Gateways to Opportunity Level V Early Childhood Credential.

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GRADUATE DEGREE OPTIONS



**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN HUMAN SERVICES**

EIU.EDU/MHS

The M.S. in Human Services is an applied graduate degree that prepares students to work with individuals, strengthen families, promote community prosperity, and advocate for social justice through direct client services and administrative/leadership roles.

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DEGREE OPTIONS, CONTACT:

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**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN AGING STUDIES**

EIU.EDU/AGINGSTUDIES

The interdisciplinary, online M.S. in Aging Studies degree is a graduate program designed to launch or expand careers in the aging/gerontology field for students interested in working with and on behalf of older adults.



**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN AGING STUDIES:
LONG TERM CARE
ADMINISTRATION**

EIU.EDU/AGINGSTUDIES

The interdisciplinary, online M.S. in Aging Studies: Long Term Care Administration option is a graduate program designed to launch or expand careers in administration and in other leadership positions in residential skilled and rehabilitative healthcare, nursing homes, assisted livings, memory care programs, and independent living programs.

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MINOR OPTIONS



MINOR IN HUMAN SERVICES

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The 18 semester hour minor in Human Services provides foundational information regarding the administration of human services programs across the lifespan.

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MINOR IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

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The 18 semester hour minor in Early Childhood Program Administration provides a comprehensive view of the administration of early childhood care and education programs.

Completion of this minor is required for the Gateways Level V credential.

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MINOR IN AGING STUDIES

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The Aging Studies minor is an 18-hour interdisciplinary program designed to offer students the opportunity to gain expertise on the holistic process of aging and developmentally appropriate and responsive professional practice related to older adults, health, family support, and later life.

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MINOR IN FINANCIAL LITERACY

EIU.EDU/FINLIT

The Financial Literacy Minor offers courses of study focusing on family financial management and well-being of individuals and families. The curriculum is designed to develop skills to educate individuals and families in budgeting and debt management.

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ACCELERATED GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Start your graduate degree while you are still finishing your undergraduate bachelor's degree!



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This time and cost-saving opportunity is open to eligible Human Services majors and those with minors in Human Services, Financial Literacy, and Aging Studies. Students may select up to 9 shared credit hours chosen from the courses listed. Shared coursework will be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees.



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN AGING STUDIES

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This time and cost-saving opportunity is open to all majors. Students may select up to 9 shared credit hours chosen from the courses listed. Shared coursework will be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees.

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