Human Development and Family Studies

The Learning Community is designed to promote your success as a freshman in:
Child, Adult, and Family Services
Early Childhood Education
Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Studies
Financial Counseling and Planning

Students enroll in **HDFS 110: Learning Community Orientation**. A one credit course specifically designed to help you build connections with other freshmen students in HDFS, develop strategies for academic and personal success, and facilitate a smooth transition to Iowa State.

**Student Peer Mentors** help students adjust to the first year demands of college and organize social activities and study sessions.

Learning Community students enroll in **common courses** for fall 2017:
- Individual and Family Development, Health, and Well-being (HDFS 102)
- Freshmen Learning Community Orientation (HDFS 110)
- Introduction to World Religions (RELIG 205)

Here’s what students have to say:

“*It helped me to meet new people, become more involved, and realize what college is all about. I felt like I wasn’t going into my first year alone because the other students were feeling the same way as me.*”

“*Being in classes together helped me be accountable to go to class and get my work done.*”
Benefits of the HDFS Learning Community include:

- Making a big campus feel smaller to help you make a fast, smooth, and easy transition to ISU.
- Making friends and getting to know other students in your major right away.
- Developing a supportive network with other freshmen students in common courses.
- Having the learning community peer mentors available to answer your questions and assist in your college adjustment.
- Participating in social events and out-of-class activities with students and faculty.